Choral Music
for Women

O God, You Search Me

SSAA Choir, Harp, and Solo Instrument

Based on Psalm 139

BERNADETTE FARRELL
Arranged by Christopher Walker

INTRO  Peacefully (\( \dot{\text{d}} = \text{ca. 80} \))

O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your...

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*Keyboard may be used in place of harp.

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1. gaze. When I walk or lie down you are before me; Ever the

2. You know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from a-

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2. far, And with love ever-lasting you besiege me: In every moment of

life or death, you are.

VERSE 3
Melody (Solo)

3. Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have known its meaning through and

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3. through. You are with me beyond my understanding; God of my

3. present, my past and future, too.

VERSE 4
All

4. Although your Spirit is upon me, still I search for shelter from your
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4. light. There is nowhere on earth I can escape you: Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

5. For you created me and shaped me, Gave me...
5. life within my mother’s womb. For the wonder of who I am, I

5. praise you: Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.
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SOLO INSTRUMENT

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VERSE 1

VERSE 2

VERSE 3

VERSE 4

VERSE 5

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PERFORMANCE NOTES

This Sisters in Song choral arrangement of Bernadette Farrell’s well-loved O God, You Search Me can be enhanced with keyboard, using a gentle string tone to support the voices. The harpist should use arpeggiated chords as desired. Vocalists should sing gently, bringing out the meaning of the text and paying attention to the dynamics and tempo indications.

—Christopher Walker