A Lamp for My Steps (Psalm 119)

Psalm 119:1–8 Stephen Dean

REFRAIN: \( \text{= ca. 54} \) 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Soprano
Alto

A lamp for my steps, a light for my path, your word, O Lord, gives joy to my heart. A lamp for my steps, a

Baritone

Gb/D\(\flat\) Gb/\(\flat\)\(\flat\) Ab Db Bm7 Fm Dmaj7

Keyboard

Gb\(\flat\)maj7 Fm7 Em7/D\(\flat\) Gb/\(\flat\)\(\flat\) Ab Db Bm7

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Play Refrain as an Intro.
A LAMP FOR MY STEPS (PSALM 119) (Keyboard/Choral), cont. (2)

(1st time: D.C.)

Fine

light for my path, your word, O Lord, gives joy to my heart.

Fm  D♭7  G♭maj7  Fm7  G♭/D♭  D♭  Fine

VERSES: Freely

Cantor

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God’s law!
2. who never do anything evil but walk in God’s ways.
3. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.
4. I will thank you with an upright heart as I learn your decrees.
5. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, Glor}

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Preview
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(Guitar/Vocal)

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Capo 4:

REFRAIN:

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VERSES: Freely

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5. Glory be to the Father and to the Son,

VERSES:

1. They are happy who do God’s will, seeking God with all their hearts,
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
3. Then I shall not be put to shame as I heed your commands.
4. I will obey your statutes; do not forsake me.
5. and to the Holy Spirit both now and for ever.


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SOLO INSTRUMENT

REFRAIN: (q. = ca. 54) Cantor

VERSES 1-5: Freely

PLAY first Refrain as an Intro.

CLARINET in B♭

REFRAIN: (q. = ca. 54) Cantor

VERSES 1-5: Freely

Play first Refrain as an Intro.
## Assembly Edition

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**Refrain:** 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

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4. I will thank you with an upright heart as I learn your decrees.

5. I will obey your statutes; do not forsake me.

6. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit both now and for ever.

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### Composer Notes

**A Lamp for My Steps (Psalm 119)**

This piece, along with “You Have Laid Down Your Precepts (Psalm 119),” was written to be sung at simple celebrations of Midday Prayer (Prayer during the Day), which I use at parish music workshops to finish the morning session. The verses provided are only a sample of the 176 verses of Psalm 119, which features prominently in Midday Prayer. Other verses can be used, either from Psalm 119 or another psalm, and could be either sung or spoken. The refrain can be sung on its own at meditative prayer services. On the recording, the two Psalm 119 titles have been combined with linking instrumental passages added to provide a festive setting.

—Stephen Dean