From the Depths

Based on Psalm 130

INTRO  Tenderly (q = ca. 84)

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\[ \text{pleading.} \]

\[ \text{O dwelling.} \]

\[ \text{poco rit.} \]

1

\[ \text{Am} \quad \text{Dsus4} \quad \text{D} \]

2

\[ \text{Dsus4} \quad \text{D7sus2} \quad \text{D7} \quad \text{G} \quad \text{Gsus4} \]

Final

poco rit.

a tempo

\[ \text{Dsus2} ,4 \quad \text{D} \]

Final

D/F\text{♯}

Em

Bm/D

G

C

Am7

Dsus2,4

D

G

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1. If you should count our sin, then
2. I wait in hope, O God, to
3. Your word will bring us peace and

1. who could hope for heaven? But you, O Lord, are
2. stand within your temple. As watchmen wait for
3. fullness of redemption. Your love will ever

1. merciful, forever is your love.
2. morning light, my spirit longs for you.
3. hold us near and bring us home to rest.

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Composer Notes

Psalm 130, known as the *De Profundis*, is one of the penitential psalms. It is a lament and was probably composed during the Babylonian exile (587-538 BC). The times of great hardship and sorrow gave way to a profound hope that underlies the words of this psalm, which is sung at compline every Wednesday. It is also one of the fifteen Gradual Psalms, which were sung by Jewish pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem for the holy days.

The lyric melody line of this piece offers an insight into the hope that underlies the text. When singing, one must avoid rushing the groupings of eighth notes. If anything, hold back a bit on the timing so that others don’t push the tempo forward. The refrain should be sung and played more gently than the verses. There is a tenderness, or frailty, that’s expressed in this way. In contrast, there is more energy in the verses. In fact, the tempo can be slightly increased during the verses and slowed back down by the ritardando during the final measure. This piece would work equally well when accompanied by guitar or piano.

The mood and theme of this psalm suggest its use in times of trial, sorrow, and hardship. Prayer, anointing and wake services are good examples. It would also work well for Reconciliation Services during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

—Dan Schutte
Refrain

O Lord, hear my prayer. From the depths, O God, be my hope. May your hand hold me fast till I stand in the courts of your pleading. dwelling.

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