Let Us Sing and Be Glad
(And the Father Will Dance)

Based on Zephaniah 3:14–17, 19–20

Carey Landry
Arr. by John Guarino

INTRO \( \text{d} = \text{ca. 134} \)

REFRAIN

Descant (Soprano I/Tenor)

Melody (Soprano II/Bass)

Harmony (Alto)

Time of joy, the Lord is risen today and re-

Day of joy, He will exult over you and re-

The Lord is risen today and re-

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VERSE 1

Melody (Soprano/Tenor)

Verse 1:
Shout for joy, all you, God’s people.

Harmony (Alto/Bass)

Verse 1:
Sing a loud and exult with all your heart, for the Lord, our Blessed Savior, lives!

Melody (SII/B)

Verse 1:
And the Father will dance

Harmony (A)

Verse 1:
Let us sing and be glad
VERSE 2

2. We have no more evil to fear! We have no more evil to

You have no more evil to fear. You have no more evil to

2. fear! We no longer fear the night for the Lord, our

Do not let your hands fall limp, for the Lord, your

2. Blessed Savior, lives!

God is in your midst.

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VERSE 3

Melody (Soprano/Tenor)

3. This is a new day; creation dances for

And when the time comes I will rescue the

Harmony (Alto/Bass)

F F sus4 F C Bb C

(B)

There is a new hope as people oppressed find their

and when the time comes I will gather the

joy!

F F sus4 F C Bb C

People oppress will gather the

(B)

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3. Let us open our hearts to Jesus Christ, our guide.

I will gather you in and give you rest.

F - F\sus4 F C Bb F

3. Light, known who shines among us. among all peoples.

Melody (SII/B) Harmony (A)

C C7 /// Fsus4 F F /// D.S.

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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VERSE 2

We have no more evil to fear! We have no more evil to fear. You have no more evil to fear.

VERSE 3

There is a new song; let everyone rejoice! Let us open our hearts to Jesus Christ, our guide.

Light, renowned among all peoples.
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SOLO INSTRUMENT in C

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VERSE 1

VERSE 2

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Composer Notes

“Let Us Sing and Be Glad” uses the melody of “And the Father Will Dance,” a piece that was published in 1977 in the collection *Abba, Father* (ed. 5522). With Rick Modlin’s insightful help, I matched the rhythm and notation of the original song, and I am delighted with the result.

“Let Us Sing and Be Glad” is a vibrant Easter selection that we have used for Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, and liturgies during the Easter season. It can be used as a gathering song, during Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts, or as a recessional. We lowered the original melody one full step to make it even more accessible to the assembly. The song reaches its full dynamism when led by a choir with harmony and descant on the refrain.

“And the Father Will Dance” is a joyous song of God’s great love, based on Zephaniah 3:14–17, 19–20, proclaiming the restoration of Zion. It can serve as a dynamic choral offering or closing song for celebrations of hope, God’s providence, and God’s rejoicing over his people. It is still difficult for many to accept a God who “dances,” but with the spirit of joy that Pope Francis has brought to so many, there may be greater acceptance as we go forward. It is a delightful song for celebrations of joy, prayer meetings, youth gatherings and retreats, and other occasions that promote the renewal of God’s people.

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Refrain

Let us sing and be glad! This is a time of joy!

Verse 1

1. Shout for joy, all you, God’s people. Sing a
   Shout for joy, all you, His people. Sing a
   loud and exult with all your heart, for the
   2. We have no more evil to fear! We have
   You have no more evil to fear. You have

Verse 2

1. Lord, our Blessed Savior, lives!
   Lord, your God, is in your midst.

Verse 3

3. This is a new day; creation dances for
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   3. Joy! There is a new hope as people oppressed find their
   voice. There is a new song; let everyone returns,
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