

Return to Me

Refrain based on Joel 2:12-13

Bob Hurd

Choral arr. by Craig Kingsbury

Keyboard acc. by Rick Modlin

♩ REFRAIN (♩ = ca. 76-80)

Soprano Alto
Re - turn to me, re - turn to me. Rend not your gar - ments;

Tenor Bass

Keyboard
F Dm C C/E F D/F# Gm Gm7

rend your hearts. Re - turn to the Lord, your God. *Fine*

Csus4 C7 A/C# Dm Csus4 C Fsus4 F *Fine*

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Note: Play Refrain once as Intro.

VERSES

Melody

Harmony

1. Know - ing well _____ of what we are made: from earth to earth and
 2. "E - ven now," _____ says _____ the Lord, "re - turn to me with
 3. Now _____ is the ac - cep - ta - ble time, 7 now _____ is the

S
A

4. Lord, you love truth _____ in the heart, then in my deep - est
 5. Let us wait for _____ the Lord as sen - ti - nels a -

T
B

Bbmaj7 C/Bb Am7 Dm Bb

1. dust to _____ dust, _____ the Lord sur - rounds _____ our
 2. your whole _____ heart." _____ For God is bound - less
 3. day of sal - va - tion. 7 Now be rec - on -

4. self teach me wis - dom. Cre - ate in me _____ a
 5. wait the _____ dawn. _____ For with the Lord _____ is

C Fsus4 F F/Eb

D.S.

1. fail - ings _____ with com - pas - sion ev - er - last - ing.
 2. mer - cy, _____ slow to an - ger, rich in kind - ness. } Re -
 3. ciled with God in _____ Christ _____ the _____ Lord. _____

D.S.

4. clean heart and a spir - it that is stead - fast. } Re -
 5. mer - cy and the full - ness of re - demp - tion.

Dsus4 Dm Gsus4 G Csus4 C *D.S.*

Scriptural citations:

- Verse 1. Ps. 103:14, 17
- Verse 2. Joel 2:12ab, 13cd
- Verse 3. 2 Cor. 6:2
- Verse 4. Ps. 51:8, 12
- Verse 5. Ps. 130:6-7

Composer Notes

Performance Suggestion:

Verse 1: Unison

Verses 2, 3: 2-part with alto harmony

Verses 4, 5: SATB

“Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” These words, used as the ashes are placed on our heads, underscore the seriousness of the call to conversion. No matter how far we have traveled with Christ, he calls us to go further in our discipleship. And we only have so much time! Since this call to conversion and our response to it animate the entire season, these are words that can be sung not only on Ash Wednesday but throughout Lent.

“Return to Me” draws upon the Ash Wednesday Scripture readings from Joel, Psalm 51, and the second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. I have also supplemented these texts with verses from Psalms 103 and 130, emphasizing God’s mercy.

Uses: Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent, Gathering, Preparation of the Gifts, or Communion.

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Preview

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (A) (A/C#) (D) (B/D#) (Em) (Em7)
F Dm C C/E F D/F# Gm Gm7

Re - turn to me, re - turn to me. Rend not your gar - ments;

(Asus4) (A7) (F#/A#) (Bm) (Asus4) (A) (Dsus4) (D)
Csus4 C7 A/C# Dm Csus4 C Fsus4 F *Fine*

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VERSES

(Gmaj7) (A/G) (F#m7) (Bm) (G)
Bbmaj7 C/Bb Am7 Dm Bb

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3. Now is the ac - cep - ta - ble time, ¶ now is the
4. Lord, you love truth in the heart, then in my deep - est
5. Let us wait for the Lord as sen - ti - nels a -

(A) (Dsus4) (D) (D/C)
C Fsus4 F F/Eb

1. dust to dust, the Lord sur - rounds our
2. your whole heart." For God is bound - less
3. day of sal - va - tion. ¶ Now be rec - on -
4. self teach me wis - dom. Cre - ate in me a
5. wait the dawn. For with the Lord is

(Bsus4) (Bm) (Esus4) (E) (Asus4) (A)
Dsus4 Dm (let ring) Gsus4 G Csus4 C *D.S.*

1. fail - ings with com - pas - sion ev - er - last - ing. (Ps. 103:14, 17)
2. mer - cy, slow to an - ger, rich in kind - ness. (Joel 2:12ab, 13cd)
3. ciled with God in Christ the Lord. (2 Cor. 6:2)
4. clean heart and a spir - it that is stead - fast. (Ps. 51:8, 12)
5. mer - cy and the full - ness of re - demp - tion. (Ps. 130:6–7)

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SOLO INSTRUMENT in C

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VERSES 1-5

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Assembly Edition

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Refrain



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