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INTRO With majesty (♩ = ca. 80)

Organ

VERSES

Melody *mf*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

Harmony (vs. 3) *mp*

3. Ah _____ Ah _____

1. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

3. Ah _____ My hand will save.

1. I who make the stars of night,
 2. I will break their hearts of stone,
 3. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

f *mf*

3. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

mp

1. I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 2. give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 3. till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

3. till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

rit.

1. light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 2. word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 3. life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

3. life to them. Whom shall I send? _____ *rit.*

rit.
mf molto rit.

REFRAIN

mf *a tempo*

S
 A Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____

mf

T
 B

Ch.
 (or Gt.) *a tempo*

I have heard you call - ing in the night.

rit. I will go, *a tempo* Lord, if you

rubato *a tempo*

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my

rubato *rubato*

Here I Am, Lord

1 *a tempo* *D.S. to Verse 2*

heart.

1 *a tempo* *D.S. to Verse 2*

Ped. *Sw.*

2 *a tempo* *D.S. to Verse 3*

heart.

2 *a tempo* *D.S. to Verse 3*

Sw. & Ch. add stronger foundation stops 8',4',2'. *Ch. (or Gt.)* *ff*

Final *a tempo* *molto rit.* *Fine*

heart.

Final *a tempo* *molto rit.* *Fine*

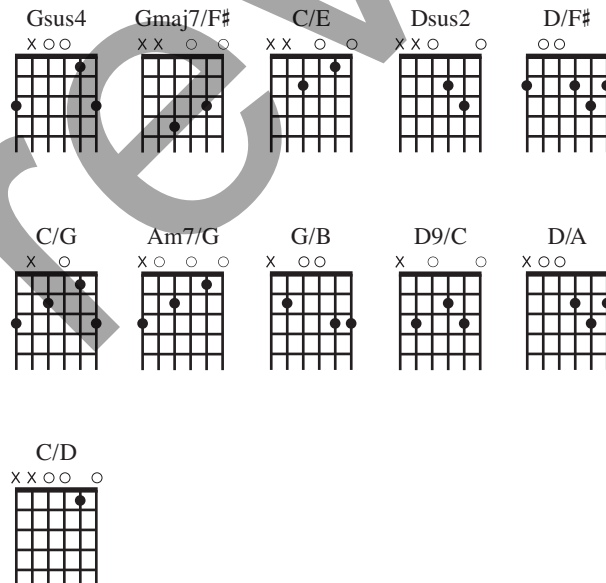
Performance Notes

Here I Am, Lord is simultaneously a hymn of God's compassion and of Christian ministry, making it appropriate for vow profession, ordination, and commissioning liturgies. Its length and mood make it an effective communion meditation song.

The song does take a bit of practice to perform well. We find that the refrain is very easy for congregations to learn. The verses should be sung by a soloist if at all possible; this enables the dialogue between the Lord (verses) and his people (refrain) to unfold without confusion. An optional vocal harmony part has been provided for verse 3; if this is used, it should be sung by a single voice or small group of voices with the same timbre as that of the soloist singing the verse melody (*i.e.* women singing with a woman soloist).

The guitar accompaniment is the most difficult element of this piece. The chords with complicated names actually involve simple fingerings that have been moved to different fret positions. Finger picking, while it may take some practice, greatly enhances the effectiveness of the song. The style and mood of this hymn suggest that it should not be strummed, since it would make the accompaniment too heavy.

—D.S.



Here I Am, Lord

(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO *Moderate tempo, with majesty* (♩ = ca. 80)

G Gsus4 G Gsus4 Gmaj7/F# C/E D Dsus2 D/F#

VERSES

G *mf* C/G G C/G G D

Melody

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

mp

Harmony (vs. 3)

3. Ah _____ Ah _____

G Em Am7 G/B C Am Am7/G D/F# D/C G/B D/A

Melody

1. All who dwell in dark _____ and sin my hand will save. _____
 2. I have wept for love _____ of them. They turn a - way. _____
 3. I will set a feast _____ for them. My hand will save. _____

mp

3. Ah _____ My hand will save.

G C/G G C/G G D

Melody

1. I who make the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 2. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 3. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

f _____ *mf*

3. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

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G Em Am7 G/B C Am G/B C *rit.* D

1. Who will bear my light _____ to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 2. I will speak my word _____ to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 3. I will give my life _____ to them. Whom shall I send? _____

3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

REFRAIN

D/F# G Gsus4 G Gsus4 Gmaj7/F# C/E C/D

mf *a tempo*

Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____

G Gsus4 G Am7 G/B C D *rit.* D/F#

_____ I have heard you call - ing in the night. _____ I will

G Gsus4 G Gsus4 Gmaj7/F# C/E C/D G Gsus4 G

a tempo

go, Lord, _____ if you lead me. _____ I will hold your

Am7 D **1** G Gsus4 G Gsus4 Gmaj7/F# C/E D Dsus2 D/F# **to Verse 2**
D.S.

peo - ple in my heart. _____

Gsus2,4 **2** G Gsus4 G Gsus4 Gmaj7/F# C/E D Dsus2 D/F# **to Verse 3**
a tempo *D.S.*

heart. _____

Final Gsus2,4 *a tempo* G Gsus4 G Gsus4 Gmaj7/F# C/E G *rit.* **Fine**

heart. _____

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B♭ TRUMPETS I & II

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INTRO *Bright, with majesty* (♩ = ca. 80)

3

f *simile throughout* *mf*

5

f *mf*

REFRAIN

ritard *a tempo* 13 4

mf *f* *mp*

VERSE 2

REFRAIN

17 15 3

mf

VERSE 3

5 3

f

REFRAIN

6 8 6

ritard *a tempo*

p *f* *mf* *f*

f *f*

a tempo *ritard*

mf *f* *f* *mf*

rubato *a tempo* *Fine*

f *molto ritard*

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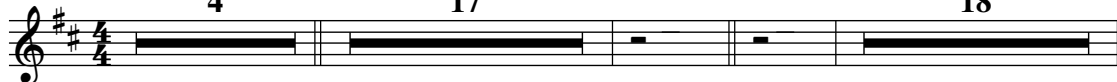
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FRENCH HORNS I & II


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INTRO *Bright, with majesty* (♩ = ca. 80)

4 VERSE 1 17 REFRAIN 18



VERSE 2 17 REFRAIN 12



...hold your peo - ple in my


heart. _____

3 VERSE 3
I

mf *legato*



a2 *f*



REFRAIN 19 *Fine*

rit.



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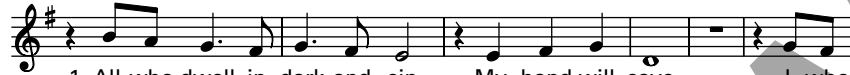
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Verses



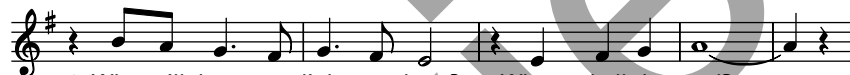
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Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

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