

*Dedicated to Randall Thompson
with affection, and in admiration of a lifetime devoted to the joy of song*

THE JOY OF LOVE

This is the truth

from *Seven Joys of Christmas*

SATB Chorus, with opt. Piano, Harp, or Orchestra*

Traditional (English)

Arranged by

Kirke Mechem, Op. 25b

Traditional

Freely, with motion

SOPRANO SOLO

1. This is the truth sent from a - bove,
first thing which I do re - late

SOPRANO

1. The

ALTO

mp 1. Lo, (2.) The

TENOR

1. The

BASS

1. The

PIANO (Optional)

Freely, with motion

mp *p*

Ped. * *Ped.*

*Harp part available separately: 8732A. Orchestra score and parts on rental from the publisher. Additional orchestra score available: 9107.

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There-fore don't turn me
The next thing which to

truth of God, the God of love,
2. Is that God did man cre - ate;

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mf *f*

Ped. * *Ped.* *

from your door, tell:
you I'll

p *pp* *mp* *mf* *p*

2. The
3. And

But hear - en all both rich and poor.
Wom - an was made with man to dwell.

pp *mp* *mf* *p*

But hear - en all both rich and poor.
Wom an was made with man to dwell.

pp *mp* *mf* *p*

But hear - en all both rich and poor.
Wom - an was made with man to dwell.

pp *mf* *p* *(divisi)*

But hear - en all both rich and poor.
Wom - an was made with man to dwell.

pp *mf* *mp*

Ped.

10

mf *cresc.*

we were heirs_ to end - less woes, Till God the Lord_ did

p 10 *mf* *cresc.*

3. And we were heirs_ to end - less woes, Till God the Lord_ did

mp *mf* *cresc.*

3. And we were heirs_ to end - less woes,

mp *mf* *cresc.*

3. And we were heirs to end - less woes,

(united) *p* *mf* *cresc.*

3. And we were heirs_ to end - less woes, to

10

poco cresc.

Ped. *

f *p*

in - ter - pose; And so a prom - ise_ soon did run

p

in - ter - pose; That He

mf *p*

And so a prom - ise soon did run

end - less woes,

mf

Ped. *

15 *poch. cresc.* *rall.* *a tempo*
p
 That He would re - deem us by His Son.
rall. *p*
 would re - deem us by His Son, His Son.
p *rall.* *p*
 That He would re - deem us by His Son.
(rall.) *mp*
 4. And
(rall.)
 15 *p poch. cresc.* *rall.* *a tempo*
p

mf 20 *cresc.*
 4. Our blest Re - deem - er
mf 20 *cresc.*
 4. Our blest Re - deem - er
mf *cresc.*
 at that sea - son of the year Our blest Re - deem - er
mf *cresc.*
 4. And at that sea - son of the year Our blest Re - deem - er
mf 20 *cresc.*

poco allargando *f* *Ritenuito* *p*

did ap pear; And—
poco allargando *f*

did ap pear;
poco allargando *mp* *pp*

poco allargando 4. He_ here did live, and preach.
(divisi) *f* *p* (uniti) *pp*

did ap pear; and here did preach.
poco allargando *f* *p* *pp*

did ap pear; and here did preach.
poco allargando *f* *p* *pp*

Ritenuito *pp*

25 *Lento* *pp* *senza cresc.* *accel.* *p*

man - y thou - sands He did teach. 5. Thus He in love to us be-haved, To
25 *pp* *senza cresc.* *accel.* *p*

5. Thus He in love to us be-haved, To
pp *senza cresc.* *accel.* *p*

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pp *senza cresc.* *accel.* *p*

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pp *senza cresc.* *accel.* *p*

25 *Lento* *pp* *accel.*

poco a poco
poco cresc. *mf* , *f* 30 *poco rall.*

show us how we must be saved; And if you want to

poco a poco
poco cresc. *mf* , *f* 30 *poco rall.*

show us how we must be saved; And if you want to

poco a poco
poco cresc. *mf* , *f* *poco rall.*

show us how we must be saved; And if you want to know

8 show us how we must be saved; And if you want to know
poco a poco
poco cresc. *mf* (divisi) , *f* (unite) *poco rall.*

show us how we must be saved; And if you want to

poco a poco 30 *poco rall.*

mf *f* *dim.*

Molto lento *p* *ppp* *senza cresc.* *Ritenuito*

know the way, Be pleased to hear what He did say.

p *ppp* *senza cresc.*

know the way, Be pleased to hear what He did say.

p *ppp* *senza cresc.*

the way, Be pleased to hear what He did say.

p *ppp* *senza cresc.* (divisi)

the way, Be pleased to hear what He did say.

know the way,

Molto lento *p* *Ritenuito*