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Praise the LORD

For mezzo-soprano and piano

Text from Psalm 148

Approximate duration: 5 min.

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The piece is a musical interpretation of the Psalm 148 “Praise the LORD” from a new perspective. In the piece, the text has a major importance and plays structurally essential role in the musical form. With its ascetic and restrained character and strictly metrical setting the vocal part resembles Armenian monophonic chants (Sharagans) used in the Divine Liturgy of the Armenian Apostolic Church. The syllabic and somewhat recitational text setting is designed to emphasize the text and to highlight its meaning. The theme in the vocal part is based on a scale of diminished 4th and it incorporates the decoration style typical to vocal melodies of Armenian sacred music. The piano part, with its static nature, light texture, and simple melodic setting, is designed to provide a supporting background for the vocal line and to highlight the leading role of the text in the piece.
Psalm 148
King James Version (KJV)

Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.
Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.
Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.
Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.
He hath also established them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.
{Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:
Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word:
Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:
Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:}
Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:
{Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:}
Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.
He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.
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Mezzo-Soprano

Piano

Larghetto $\frac{1}{\text{min}} = 75$
Maestoso
breathy tone, very little vibrato

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Mezzo

Pno.

Praise the LORD
Praise the LORD from the heavens:

Praise him in the heights.

Praise him, praise him all his

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Mezzo

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angels: praise him, all his hosts. Praise him,

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Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

Mezzo

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Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and waters that be above the

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Let them praise the name of the LORD,

praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.

He hath also established them for ever and ever: he hath made
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Praise the LORD
princes and all judges of the earth: Let them praise the name of the LORD,

Praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent;

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Mezzo

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--- even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise the LORD.

Mezzo

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--- Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

Pno.

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