

A WORD FROM THE PUBLISHER

During a time of year when most people are celebrating the birth of Christ, we join a family who survived a house fire but lost everything. Mike & Sharon, along with their teenage son, Jacob, each respond differently to the tragedy. We see that, even though things look bleak from an earthly standpoint, God is still in control, and He uses even these difficulties to bring glory to Himself.

This program has eleven songs for choir. Two of the songs have a female solo who can also be the same person who plays Sharon in the program. It is written for four-part choir with some optional parts here and there. With a simple cast of four actors, this program can be done as a complete drama or in readers' theater format. The program length is approximately 45 minutes.

Faith in God is not only our hope of salvation; it is our strength and power every day of our lives. As the pastor in the play says, "God holds our hands so that we have the strength to hold the hands of others." My prayer is that the faith of believers will be strengthened from this program that shows that God is in control of everything. May your faith grow as you participate in this cantata!

Byron Foxx
Ps. 104:33

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A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

AFTER — THE — FIRE

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Let His Praises Ring!

S.A.T.B. Choir

Arranged by Glenn & Jan Christianson

The musical score is arranged in four systems. The first system shows the piano introduction in 4/4 time, marked *f*. The second system begins with a vocal line marked *unis. f* and includes the lyrics: "*Christ-mas is the time of year we". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line. The third system continues the vocal line with the lyrics: "cel - e - brate the birth Of Je - sus Christ the Sav - ior Who". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support. The fourth system concludes the piece with final piano chords and a bass line.

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I Will Trust in Him

S.A.T.B. Choir

Words & Music by Glenn & Jan Christianson

Vs. 1 - Ladies only

Vs. 2 - Men only

1. O
2. O

Vs. 1 - Men only

Vs. 2 - Ladies only

5

Lord, I do not un-der-stand why this would come our way. We've
 Lord, it's through these try-ing times when ques-tions come our way. We've

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

S.A.T.B. Choir

Traditional English Carol
 Arranged by Glenn Christianson

mp unis.

5

10

unis.

15

20

mf

Christmas Sing Along Medley

S.A.T.B. Choir

Arranged by Glenn & Jan Christianson

f

f

3

Christ-mas is the time of year we lift our hearts in song. We

5

sing of ba-by Je-sus. O won't you sing a - long?

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Away in a Manger

Solo and S.A.T.B. Choir

Words: Stanzas 1 & 2 unknown, Stanza 3 John T. McFarland
 Music and Arrangement by Glenn & Jan Christianson

mp

Solo 1. A -

mp

5

way in a___ man - ger, no___ crib for a bed, The___

9

lit - tle Lord___ Je - sus laid___ down His sweet head; The

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Choral Transition

S.A.T.B. Choir

Words & Music by Glenn & Jan Christianson

The musical score is for a choral transition in 4/4 time, featuring an S.A.T.B. choir and piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into two systems, each with five measures. The first system begins with a piano (*mp*) dynamic. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) enter in the fourth measure with the vocalization "Ooo". The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The second system starts at measure 6 and continues with the vocal parts and piano accompaniment.

Lord, I Do Not Understand

S.A.T.B. Choir

Words & Music by Glenn & Jan Christianson

mf

O Lord, I do not

mf

6
un-der-stand— I feel so all a - lone. *mf* But You have prom - ised

Jesus, Our Savior and King

S.A.T.B. Choir

Words & Music by Byron Foxx
Arranged by Glenn & Jan Christianson

mf

7 *mf*
unis.
1. Born in a man-ger that night long a - go.

13
Hark! How the an-gels did sing! _____ *mf* Won-der - ful, Coun-sel - or,
unis.

I Will Trust Him — Reprise

S.A.T.B. Choir

Words & Music by Glenn & Jan Christianson

f

For I will trust in Him in the dark-est

mf ————— *f*

5

val - ley. Yes, I will trust in Him when all hope is

Away in a Manger — Reprise

Solo and S.A.T.B. Choir

Words Unknown

Music by Glenn & Jan Christianson

mp

Solo

1. A -

Ooo —

mp

5

way in a___ man - ger no___ crib for a bed, The

Ooo —

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Let His Praises Ring! — Reprise

S.A.T.B. Choir

Arranged by Glenn & Jan Christianson

f

5 *f*

*Christ-mas is the time of year we celebrate the birth Of

7

Je - sus Christ the Sav - ior Who came from heav'n to earth.

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After the Fire

Program Script

CAST OF CHARACTERS

MIKE: Married to Sharon, father to Jacob

SHARON: Married to Mike, mother to Jacob

JACOB: Only child, 17-year old

PASTOR RAY: Family pastor

SETTING:

December 31. Up North.

It's very cold. A difficult time of year to lose their home.

SONG: **Let His Praises Ring!**

SCENE ONE

(It is a very bare room. Jacob is in it alone. It is Christmas, but you wouldn't know it. Jacob is in high school, 17 years old. He is in some kind of pajamas. There is a table, a lamp, and a small radio. We hear a Christmas song, soft and low. Jacob listens, and then suddenly, he takes off a slipper and hurls it at the radio. There is a commotion. Sharon enters on crutches with bandaged feet.)

Sharon: *(Concerned)* Jacob? Are you okay?

Jacob: *(Irritated)* I'm fine!

Sharon: Okay. It just sounded like. . .

Jacob: I said I'm fine!

Sharon: *(Pausing)* There's a casserole out here in the kitchen if you. . .

Jacob: I'm not hungry.

Sharon: You have to be, Jacob. You didn't eat lunch.

Jacob: I don't want to eat. . . especially not another casserole!

Sharon: It's just a chicken and noodle. . . something. You'll like it. I tried some.

Jacob: It doesn't matter. They all taste the same.

Sharon: Please eat. It's just chicken and. . .

Jacob: It tastes like charity. . . charity chicken casserole. . . again!

Sharon: (*Tense*) And a good thing, too.

Jacob: I know. . . (*softening a little*) I know.

Sharon: Please. . . just eat something.

Jacob: Maybe later.

Sharon: (*Sigh*) Okay. (*She starts to leave.*)

Jacob: Mom? Thanks for worrying about me.

Sharon: It's gonna be okay, Jacob.

Jacob: (*With a slight hesitation*) You don't sound like you believe that.

Sharon: Feeling something and believing it aren't always the same. But in a time like this, I choose to believe God's Word. . . even when it doesn't make sense. I've read this verse many times. "God is my strength and power: and He maketh my way perfect." (2 Samuel 22:33) Do I understand what He's doing right now? No! But I still trust Him.

SONG: I Will Trust in Him

SCENE 2

Jacob: I could have told you that you'd say that.

Sharon: (*Easing into a chair*) I guess you know me pretty well! (*She favors her back.*)

Jacob: Is your back hurting, Mom?

Sharon: Yeah. In fact, everything hurts! The better question is. . . what doesn't hurt?

Jacob: Where's Dad?

Sharon: He's still talking with Pastor Ray.