

Jerusalem

Inspired by Hymn 455
from the Old Order German Baptist Brethren hymnbook

for a capella voices
duration: 4 minutes
2022

Notes:

"Jerusalem" is inspired by the hymn singing of the Old Order German Baptist Brethren church. The anabaptist religious domination, Old Order German Baptist Brethren, incorporates a unique sound of a cappella singing into their church services. Their hymnals do not contain sheet music, as their music is passed from one generation to the next aurally. Because the Old Order German Baptist Brethren's hymn singing is focused on the meaning of the text, their singing is extremely slow. Their singing also features parallel motion between parts and natural reverb provided by their worship spaces.

This piece is flexible on the voice types that can perform each part. Vocalists are free to sing the various parts in their chosen register. This piece can be performed with as few as four vocalists but may also be performed by a larger ensemble as long as the parts are evenly distributed.

Jerusalem

(Hymn 455)

Jerusalem, my happy home,
Oh how I long for thee!
When will my sorrows have an end,
Thy joy when shall I see!

The walls are all of precious stone,
Most glorious to behold!
Thy gates are richly set with pearl,
Thy street is paved with gold.

Thy garden and thy pleasant green,
My study long have I been
Such sparkling light by human sight,
Has never been seen.

Reach down, reach down thine arms of grace,
And cause me to ascend,
Where congregations ne'er break up
And Sabbaths never end.

Jerusalem

The heavenly Jerusalem. -Rev. 21

A ♩ = 30 Extremely Slow

Voice 1 *mf* hap - py home,

Voice 2 *mf* Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home,

Voice 3 *mf* lem, my hap - py home,

Voice 4 *mf* ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home,

4
oh how I long for thee. When will my sor - rows

oh how I long for thee. When will my sor - rows

oh how I long for thee. When will my sor - rows

oh how I long for thee. When will my sor - rows

7

have an end thy joy when shall I see? Thy

have an end thy joy when shall I see?

have an end thy joy when shall I see?

have an end thy joy when shall I see?

10 **B** ♩ = 60 faster, but still slow

walls are all of pre - cious stone most glo-ri-ous to be - hold! Thy

mp are all of pre - cious stone glo-ri-ous to be - hold!

mp walls all of pre - cious stone most glo-ri-ous to be - hold!

mp walls all of pre - cious stone most glo-ri-ous to be - hold!

14

gates are rich - ly set with pearl, thy street is paved with gold.

are rich - ly with pearl, thy is paved with gold. Thy

gates rich - ly set pearl, thy street paved with gold.

gates rich - ly set pearl, thy street paved with gold

18

gar - den - - - - - plea - sant green - - - - -

gar - - - - - den - - - - - thy plea - sant green - - - - -

gar - - - - - den and - - - - - thy plea - sant green - - - - -

gar - - - - - den - - - - - and - - - - - thy plea - sant green - - - - - oh, - - - - -

22

my stu-dy long have I been._____ Such spark

my stu-dy long have I been, _____ been.____ Such spark - -

my stu-dy long _____ been._____ Such a spark -

my stu-dy long have I been, _____ been. _____ Spark - -

26

- ling_____ hu - man sight, has ne - ver__ been

ling_____ hu - man sight, has ne - ver been, -

ling light by hu - man_ sight, has__ ne - ver__ been, -

ling_____ light by hu - man sight, oh has__ ne - ver__ been,

29

seen, has ne - ver yet been seen. Reach

has _____ ne-ver _____ yet been seen. Reach

has _____ ne-ver _____ yet been seen.

has _____ ne- ver _____ yet been seen.

mf

33

C

down thy arms of grace, and cause me to a - scend, where

down _____ thy arms _____ of grace and cause me to a - scend, where

Reach down of _____ grace and cause me to a - scend, where

down thy arms grace, and cause me to a - scend, where

rit. *p*

37

con - gre - ga - tions ne'er break up, _____

con - gre - ga - tions ne'er break up,

con - gre - ga - tions ne'er break up

con - gre - gat - tions ne'er break up

41

and sab-baths ne - ver end, and sab - baths

and sab-baths ne - ver end sab-baths

and sab-baths ne - ver end sab-baths

and sab-baths ne - ver end sab-baths

45

ne - - ver end, ne - ver end.

— ne - ver end, ne - ver end.

— ne - ver end, ne - ver end.

— ne - ver end, ne - ver end.

p rit.

p rit.

p rit.

p rit.