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FOREWORD

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

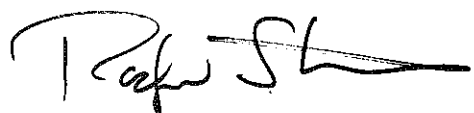
What a wonderful message was delivered by the Prophet Isaiah many years ago. This is the theme brought out in my new Christmas musical, PRINCE OF PEACE: the fact that Jesus was born on that holy night some 2,000 years ago. It is this same Jesus who will return to earth someday—this time not as a baby in a manger, but as the mighty Prince of Peace. But until He comes again and establishes peace, another kind of peace is available to those who put their trust in Him: peace of mind and heart.

With the onslaught of nativity scenes in stores and homes around the Christmas season, it is hard to imagine Mary and Joseph as real, living people with feelings and emotions similar to those we have. It seems to go unnoticed that these were two young people in love and engaged to be married. Joseph, thinking he was betrayed by Mary, had to make what was probably the biggest decision of his life: should he leave her to be scorned by those around her or trust the angel Gabriel's words? His faith and his heart won out and he became a guardian of God's only Son.

Following the opening theme, this work presents a simple love song from Joseph to Mary, telling of his thoughts and emotions surrounding his encounter with the angel and his decision to take Mary as his wife. "Joseph's Song" is followed by a duet between Mary and Joseph as a commitment to each other. PRINCE OF PEACE also includes a tender (and surprising) setting of Isaiah 9:6; a beautifully orchestrated lullaby; a "Glory to God" chorus that is sure to get every foot tapping; a wise men theme direct from Italy, and a song of rejoicing depicting the joy and excitement the wise men felt as they left the manger to tell the world the Messiah had come.

The PRINCE OF PEACE theme and my reason for writing this musical is brought into focus toward the end of the work. It is here that a gentle plea for commitment is expressed: hopefully, one that will stir every heart and cause your performances to minister to all that hear.

The desire of both Bob Krogstad and myself, and all here at Good Life Publications, is to assist your church music program in affecting lives to the glory of God. We trust that you will prayerfully rehearse, and then share, PRINCE OF PEACE this Christmas season in your most important choir presentation.



Rodger Strader

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Prince of Peace

1. Opening

R. S. (including Isaiah 9:6)

SOLO VOICE (or NARRATOR)

RODGER STRADER

Arr. by Bob Krogstad

mf Intensely!

3

Moderately

For un-to us a child is born, un-to us a son is giv-en: and the

p *mp*

Organ: Ped.

8va

3

gov-ern-ment shall be up-on his shoul-der: and his name shall be called

(8va)

6

Building

Won-der-ful, Coun-se-lor, The Might-y God, The Ev-er-last-ing Fa-ther,

CHOIR

Building great energy! mf

Won-der-ful, Coun-se-lor, The Might-y God, The Ev-er-last-ing Fa-ther,

*mf**mf*

3

(8va)

*Becoming brighter**f*⑩ *ff*

The Prince of Peace!

*Becoming brighter**f**ff*

The Prince of Peace!

*Becoming brighter**Brighter**f**fp**f*

8va

6

6

6

⑭

*Relaxed**mf*

Prince of Peace, Prince of Peace,

*Moderately**ff* *f**mf*

(18)

Je-sus is the might-y Prince of Peace, And when He comes to

earth a - gain all war will cease;

(22)

Prince of Peace, Lord of all, King whose gov-ern-ment will

(26)

nev-er fall, And by His own de - cree

(30) *f*

The world, at last, will be A place se-cure and

mf

free, When Je - sus reigns as Prince of _ Peace.

WOMEN in unison

Gently *mp* (36)

(34)

The an-gels sang to shep-herds on that

mp

no Ped.

first Christ-mas night, They sang of "Peace on earth, good will to men;" But

(40)

what the an-gels sang_ of_ will on - ly come_ to pass When

Christ, the Prince of Peace, comes back_ a - gain.

MEN in unison Though *Stronger mf*

Ped.

(44)

days are dark and threats of war_ ap - pear on ev - 'ry shore, We

have a hope that one day earth will see. The *mf*

(48)

King in pow'r and glo - ry — re - turn to earth to — reign: O

mf

what a glo - rious day that's gon - na be!

f

6 6

(52) *mf*

Prince of Peace, Prince of Peace, Je - sus is the might - y

mf

(56)

Prince of Peace, And when He comes to earth a - gain all

(60)

war will cease; Prince of Peace,

Lord of all, King whose gov - ern - ment will nev - er fall,

(64)

And by His own de - cree The world, at last, will

(68)

be A place se-cure and free, When

(70) *A little faster*

Je - sus reigns as Prince of Peace!

A little faster

(74)

ff.

Prince of

Fine

Peace! *Fine*

2. Joseph's Song

 RODGER STRADER
 Arr. by Bob Krogstad

*NARRATOR: Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. When His mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her, desired to put her away secretly. But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bear a Son; and you will call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins." And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him. (Matt. 1:18-21, 24a/NAS)

Freely, pensively

mp

Organ: Ped.

(5) *

(11)

In tempo, moderately

 (18) BARITONE SOLO (Joseph)
mp Tenderly

Once, once in ev-'ry life That some-one spe-cial comes a-long the—

way, Now, now I know we're right, An

an-gel came to me— and made my eyes to see That God has giv-en you to mar-ry

me. Ma-ry, I don't un-der-stand— it all:—

(22)

(28) *mf*

mf

Why God ——— would choose my name to call;— I'm just a man,— a

mp

2nd time to CODA

sim-ple man,— A car-pen-ter, but part of God's plan.

mf

Doubt, doubt once filled— my — mind— Would

mp

some-thing that's so right be torn a - part? Now, since the an-gel—

came My eyes can clear-ly see — that you're still meant for me, And

mf

D.S. al CODA

God has planned our place in his-to - ry.

mf

plan. A car-pen-ter, but part of God's

mp *rit.*

plan.

Fine

3. Together

RODGER STRADER

Arr. by Bob Krogstad

*NARRATOR: Now all this took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which means, "God with us." (Matt. 1:22, 23/NAS)

Freely
mp

Organ: Ped.

ALTO SOLO (Mary)

Lovingly mp

Be-fore the world be-

In tempo (Light Latin feel), not rushed

(8)

gan, Our un-ion was His plan,

(12)

Our lone-ly days are gone, To-geth-er we'll be

(16)

one; Wher-ev -er you may go,

Wher-ev -er you may lodge, What-ev -er you will

(20)

do, I will be with

DUET *mf* 3

you. And we'll go

BARITONE (Joseph)

3

(24) (1st time only)

on to - geth - er, walk to - geth - er, Bound by a

CHOIR
(2nd time only)

on to - geth - er, walk to - geth - er, Bound by a

mf

(28) Both times *mf*

love from God in heav-en a - bove; Now we will

love from God in heav-en a - bove;

(32) (Duet)

stay to - geth - er, pray to -

(36)

geth - er, Yield-ing our lives in - to His hands of -

2nd time to CODA ⊕ (40)

love,

2nd time to CODA ⊕

(Joseph)

mp

(44)

With - in our home this — day, —

CHOIR

mp

Ooo —

Our God we will o - bey, — And He will lead us

(ooo) —

Ooo —

(48)

from — The trou-bled times that come; —

Gently

Ooo —

Ooo —

Ooo —

Ooo —

(Mary)

mf

(52)

And with your hand in mine, — We'll stand the test of —

With your hand in mine, —

(ooo) —

time, And through the dark-est night (56)

(Joseph) *mf*

mp

We'll stand the test of time, Ah

D.S. al CODA

The Lord will be our light.

D.S. al CODA

(ah) Ooo And we'll go

mf

D.S. al CODA

Together 7-8

CODA Tenderly *rit.* 3 (61)

*Yield-ing our lives in - to His hands - of - love.

CODA (Choir) *mp* *rit.* *mp*

Ooo In-

CODA *rit.* *mp*

Fine

to His hands - of love.

Fine

Fine

*Optionally, Mary only.
Together 8-8

4. Isaiah 9:6

Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)

RODGER STRADER and BOB KROGSTAD

Arr. by Bob Krogstad

***NARRATOR:** About this time, Caesar Augustus, the Roman Emperor, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the nation. Everyone was required to return to his ancestral home for this registration. And because Joseph was a member of the royal line, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, King David's ancient home, journeying there from the Galilean village of Nazareth. And he took Mary with him, who was obviously pregnant by this time. While they were there, the time came for her baby to be born; and she gave birth to her first child, a son. (Luke 2:1-7a/LB)

Freely
mp

Organ: no Ped.

6 *

10 *subito p*

15 *A tempo, moderately*

WOMEN in unison

17 *Lovingly*
mp

For un - to us a child is born, un - to us a son is

21

giv - en; MEN *mp* For un - to us a child is born, -

un - to us a son is giv - en.

Becoming brighter

Lightly

(26)

With energy!
f
And — the

8va

(32)
gov - ern - ment_ shall be up - on_ his shoul - der: — and — his

8va

name shall be called_ Won - der - ful, —

(36) *div.*
Coun - se - lor, — The Might - y God, — The Ev - er - last - ing

ff
Fa - ther, — The Prince of —

41 *mf* *Condo.*

Peace, The Prince of Peace!_

ff *mf*

mf *mp*

Prince of Peace!_

Slowing *mp*

*NARRATOR: She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:7b/LB)

46

a tempo *

50 *mp*

For un-to us a child is born,— un-to us a son is

54

giv-en, Un-to us a son is giv-en, un-to

us a son is giv-en.

no Ped. Ped.

continue to next page *rall.*

5. Gift of Love

R. S.

 RODGER STRADER
 Arr. by Bob Krogstad

Rather slowly, tenderly

Organ: no Ped.

mp

ALTO SOLO (Mary)

Tenderly
mp

5

 1. Pre - cious Ba - by, lit - tle
 was no room in the

Ped.

9

 Ba - by, May You safe - ly sleep with -
 inn to-night, In our hearts there's room for

 in Your man-ger bed;
 You, O Child di - vine; For what we

13

 joy You bring to our hearts to-night, Lit - tle
 un - der-stand who You real - ly are That from

17

 Child di - vine, You are a gift of love, a won-drous gift of
 heav'n You've come to be the

21

love. 2. Though there

2

Sav - ior, the Sav - ior of the world.

(29) Pre-cious Ba - by, lit - tle Ba - by,

(33) You are a gift of love, a won-drous gift of

*NARRATOR: And Mary was filled with a deep joy, as in her arms, she held the Savior of the world—God's gift of love!

(36) love.

Freely

Fine

b. Glory to God!

R. S.

RODGER STRADER
Arr. by Bob Krogstad

NARRATOR: (No music) That night some shepherds were in the fields outside the village, guarding their flock of sheep. * (Music begins) Suddenly an angel appeared among them, and the landscape shone bright with the glory of the Lord. (Luke 2:8, 9b/LB)

* *Brightly*

f

Organ: no Ped. Ped.

(7) WOMEN in unison
mf Energetically!

While the town was fast a-sleep, shep-herds watched their

mf

(11) flock of sheep, In a field near Beth - le - hem were

they; _____ Sud-den- ly they

saw a light, — a shin-ing an-gel came in - to sight, —

When they looked at him they were so — a-fraid! —

***NARRATOR:** "Don't be afraid!" the angel said. "I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone! The Savior — yes, the Messiah, the Lord — has been born tonight in Bethlehem! How will you know Him? You will find a baby wrapped in a blanket, lying in a manger." (Luke 2:10b-12/LB)

(23) *

(27)

(31)

(35)

MEN in unison
mf Joyfully

As the an-gel spoke to them — of the Babe — in

(43)

Beth-le-hem — The Son of God who was born that ho - ly

(47) *mp*

Ah ————

night, ———— There came from heav'n a

(ah) ————

might-y sound, — a choir of an - gels gath-ered round, —

(51) *mf*

For the shep-herds this was a glo-ri-ous sight! ————

(55) *f*

Glo - ry — to God, — glo-ry to God, — O how the an-

Glo - ry — to God, —

(59)

- gels sang, — Glo - ry — to God — in — the high-

(63)

- est; — Glo - ry — to God, —

Glo-ry to God, — O how the heav - ens rang, —

Glo - ry — to God, — glo - ry — to God, —

in the high - est!

*NARRATOR: When this great army of angels had returned again to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Come on! Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this wonderful thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." (Luke 2:15/LB)

(73) * *mf*

(81) *f*
Glo - ry to God, — glo - ry to God, —

(85)
Loud - ly — sing, Glo - ry — to God!

(89) Then the shep-herds left be-hind —

(93) their flock of sheep— the Child to find,— To the cat-tle

stall they made— their way;—

(97) When they found the man-ger bed— it was as—the an-gel said,—

(101) For the Babe— was sleep - ing on — the hay.

(105) Glo - ry — to God,— glo - ry to God,—
Glo - ry — to God,—

(109) O how the an - gels sang,— Glo - ry — to God—

in the high - est;

Glo - ry to God, O how the heav-

ens rang, - Glo - ry to God, -

glo - ry to God, -

glo - ry to God, -

glo - ry to God, -

glo-ry to God!

ff

Fine

7. Eastern Wise Men

R. S.

RODGER STRADER
Arr. by Bob Krogstad

***NARRATOR:** The shepherds returned to their fields and flocks, praising God for the visit of the angels. They told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story expressed astonishment, but Mary quietly treasured these things in her heart, and often thought about them. (Luke 2:17-20/LB)

Moderately, relaxed

Organ: Ped.

5 WOMEN in unison
Gently mp

Ooo ————— doo doo Doo

9

doo — doo doo — doo

***NARRATOR:** Following the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, some wise men arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east, and have come to worship Him." (Matt. 2:1b-2/LB)

14 Slower * 16 In tempo, moderately

18 MEN
Warmly mp

East-ern wise men from a-far Fol-low-ing a dis-tant

22

guid - ing star, O - ver miles of des - ert sand,

Soon be-fore the Sav-ior they will stand, —————

27 1. *mp*
2. *mf*

1. Rich the gifts for Him they bear— Frank-in-cense and
2. Ah Ah

31

myrrh so rare— This with pre-cious gold they'll share
(ah) Ah

(mel. in Tenor) 35 *mp*

When they see the new-born King. Then, at last, they
Ah

reach the place, And with joy be-hold the Sav-ior's face;

39

Great the love to Him they bring As they kneel be-fore and

44 *Freely*

wor-ship Him. As they kneel be-fore and wor-ship Him,—

subito mf *mp* *Freely*

WOMEN

Tenderly *pp* 48 *A little more movement mp*

*O come, let us a-
wor-ship Him. Wor-ship Him,

A little more movement

*O Come, All Ye Faithful --- Text: John F. Wade/Trans. Oakley
Music: Wade's "Cantus Diversi" (18th century Latin hymn)
(Arr. by Bob Krogstad)

dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, *mp simply*
 the Prince of Peace, Come, let us a - dore Him, O —

come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, *f ff*

Christ, the Lord, *rit.* Christ, the Lord, *Fine*

Christ, the Lord, Wor - ship Christ, the Lord,

Christ, the Lord, Christ, the Lord, *Fine*

†If using tape track accompaniment, stop tape here until ready to begin next selection.

8. They Went On Their Way

R. S.

Brightly, in 'one'

RODGER STRADER

Arr. by Bob Krogstad

Arr. by Bob Krogstad

Organ: Ped.

CHOIR
 9 *f* Joyously!
 They went on their way sing - ing, "Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,"

subito mp

***For the softer answer sections, you might consider placing a small group from the choir at a different location from the rest of the choir. This group could be a mixed quartet, women only (in unison), or possibly even children. Experiment to see what works best in your performing environment.**

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(19)

glo-rious the sound; They went on their way sing-ing, "Al - le -

(23) *mp* *f*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia," the

subito mp *f*

(29)

King they have found.

mp

no Ped.

(33) *mf* (37)

They went on prais-ing the new-found Mes - si - ah as home-ward they

mf

Ped.

(41) *f* *mp*

made — their way; "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

subito mp *f*

(45) *f*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia," they have found the

subito f

King! _____

51

55

59

63

71 *mp*

Tell - ing all the world, they sing, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

subito mp

f

77

al - le - lu - ia," they've seen the great King; Won - der - ful the

sub. f

81

song they sing, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

mp

subito mp

f

al - le - lu - ia," loud - ly it rings.

subito f

mp

no Ped.

(91) *mf*

O - ver the mounds of the soft des - ert

mf

Ped.

(95)

sand you can hear the joy - ful song:

(99) *f*

"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

f

subito mp

(103) *f*

al - le - lu - ia," they have found the King!

subito f

(107)

(111) *ff*

They have found the

(115)

King!

Fine

ff

Fine

8va - - - - -

9. There Is Peace

RODGER STRADER

Arr. by Bob Krogstad

***NARRATOR:** Yes, the wise men returned to their homes with great joy knowing that they had found the King who would someday rule . . . and rule over a world at peace. That's the promise of the Christmas story. But until the Prince of Peace reigns, another kind of peace is available to all who now trust Him. Remember His words: "I am leaving you with a gift -- peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27/LB)

Moderately, freely

Organ: no Ped.

WOMEN
Lovingly
mp

(13)

In a world that's wracked by

much too much to bear, In — Je - sus, In — Je - sus,

There is *mf* there is per-fect — peace.

peace, — there is peace, — In the *mf* There is peace, there is — peace, In the

midst of ev-'ry storm of life, there's peace; *mp* If you'll

put your trust in Je - sus' and let Him have His *mp*

way, You'll find peace, per-fect peace to - day. You'll find per-fect peace to - day. *mf*

SOLO I
Earnestly
mf

If you're tired of all life's

(SOLO I) rush and hur-ry, there is peace, If your

CHOIR mp

Ooo Ooo O there is peace,

(51) mind is filled with fear and wor-ry, there is peace;

Ooo doo doo doo, yes,

SOLO I
mf

(55) When your prob-lems o-ver-whelm you and

there is peace;

(59) fill you with de-spair, In Je-sus,

mf

In Je-sus,

mf

there is per - fect — peace. *Full of praise!*

there is per - fect — peace. There is

63

peace, — there is peace, — In the

mf 65

midst of ev-'ry storm of life, there's peace; — If you'll

71

put your trust in Je - sus and let Him have His

mp 75

way, You'll find peace, per-fect peace to - day, —

You'll find peace, per-fect peace to - You'll find

day, *peace! peace! won - der-ful peace, Com-ing down from the

no Ped. Ped.

Fa - ther a - bove, Sweep o - ver my

Intensely! With strength!

*Wonderful Peace --- Text: W. D. Cornell; Music: W. G. Cooper
(Arr. by Bob Krogstad)

spir - it for - ev - er, I pray, In

fath - om - less bil - lows of love, bil - lows of love, Peace! Fath - om - less

bil - lows of peace! love! Won - der - ful peace!

Fine

10. Finale

R. S.

RODGER STRADER
Arr. by Bob Krogstad

*NARRATOR: Do you have this peace? Do you know the Prince of Peace? Does Christmas have a significance for you beyond toys and tinsel? If not, I invite you to believe as did the shepherds and wise men of old . . . believe and receive Jesus as your own Lord and Savior. For as the scripture says, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name!" (John 1:12/NAS)

Slowly, expressively

mp

Organ: Ped.

Brightly!

f

CHOIR
Joyously!
mf

15

Prince of Peace, Prince of Peace,

Moderately

ff f

19

Je-sus is the might-y Prince of Peace, And when He comes to

23

earth a-gain all war will cease; Prince of Peace,

Lord of all, King whose gov-ern-ment will nev-er fall,

(27) And by His own de-cree the world, at last, will be

(31) *f* A place se-cure and free, — when Je-sus reigns as Prince of
 (33) *A little faster*

Peace!

(37) *ff* Prince of

rit. Peace! Prince of Peace! *Fine*
ff rit. *sfz* *Fine*

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