

1. His Mercy Endureth Forever

from "I Will Trust in Thee Forever"
All Men and Women Except Lehi

Psalm 136; 1 Nephi 16:8

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[As the opera opens, actors come onto the stage, donning robes to symbolize the players entering the world of the play: a campsite at sunrise, the valley of Lemuel (present-day Saudi Arabia), 300 miles south of Jerusalem, 597 B.C.]

Rubato, Chant-Like ♩ = 50

Sariah

SA *f* Ho - du l'A-do-nai ki _____ tov kiy le-'o - lam _____ chas - do! _____
O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his covenant love endureth for ever. (Psalm 136:1)

Piano *f*
con pedale

Sariah and Laman

5 SA Ho - du le-'o-he ha E - lo - him kiy le-'o - lam _____ chas - do! _____
O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his covenant love endureth for ever. (Psalm 136:2)

TB

Pno.

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(Top to bottom) Sariah, Dinah, Hannah
(Top to bottom) Laman, Lemuel, Nephi

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Ho - du la'A-do-nai ha - 'a - do - nim kiy le-'o - lam chas - do!

O give thanks unto the Lord of lords: for his covenant love endureth for ever. (Psalm 136:3)

8^{va}

S1: Sariah, Dinah, Hannah, Abigail, Jochebed
S2: Miriam, Adi, Rebekah; A: Naomi, Deborah, Chaviva
T1: Laman, Sam; T2: Zoram, Abner; B: Ishmael, Lemuel, Nephi, Caleb

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mf Ba-tach-ti b'-che-sed, *f* I trust in the covenant love of God for ever. (Psalm 52:8)
Ba-tach-ti b'-che-sed E - lo - him o -

I trust in the covenant love

mp Ba-tach-ti - b'-che-sed, *mf* *f*

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Triumphant ♩. = 76

17

SA

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lam!

[Non-sung shouts and exclamations. The families of Lehi and Ishmael go about preparing for the day and rising, singing a beloved Psalm as they go. Various groups and individuals are highlighted as they sing.]

mf >

8^{va} - -

20

SA

TB

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f

Cook - ing! Wea - ving! How hot to - day? Milk - ing! Sing - ing!

Ca - mels! Plant - ing! Too soon to tell! Hunt - ing! Ca - mels!

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SA

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f

Sing - ing the great Hal - lel! O give thanks un - to the LORD, for he is good: for his

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SA *mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er.* **f**

TB *O give thanks un - to the LORD, for he is good: for his*

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SA *O give thanks un-to the God of gods. Bases can drop out momentarily here To*

TB *mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er. O give thanks to the Lord of lords:*

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SA *him who a - lone do - eth great won - ders: his mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er. To*

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SA him that by wis - dom made the hea - vens: his mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er.

TB

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To

34

SA his mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er. To

TB him that stretched out the earth and wa - ters

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S: Sariah, Dinah, Hannah, Abigail, Jochebed, Miriam
A: Adi, Rebekah, Naomi, Deborah, Chaviva
T: Laman, Sam, Zoram, Abner
B: Ishmael, Lemuel, Nephi, Caleb

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SA him that made _____ great _____ lights: The

TB

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SA moon and stars to rule by night:

TB

Pno.

subito p

40

SA For - ev - er, For - ev - er, For - ev - er: For his mer - cy en - dur - eth for -

TB For - ev - er, For - ev - er:

Pno.

mp *f* *subito p*

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SA ev - er. *Naomi* *Slower* ♩ = 66 *mp* May the Lord bless you, Sa - ri - ah, and

TB

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rit. *mp*

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NOTE: An * indicates when a singer should hold their note while the next singer sings.
Typically one should hold the note till the end of the measure.

45 *Sariah* *Adi* *Chaviva* *Abigail and Rebekah*

SA
 bless your — ten - der boy!* Na - o - mi! His voice is clear. His face is dear. He

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47 *Sariah* *Dinah* *f* *Hannah* *mp*

SA
 fills us — full of joy!* O my daugh-ters! Han-nah! I miss Je - ru - sa - lem! Je - ru - sa - lem! But
 (May I ne-ver forget!)

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f

50 *Deborah* *Miriam*

SA
 Di - nah, here we feel peace. For you have De - borah and Mir - i - am and Joch - e - bed, Through mar - riage Re -

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52 *Jochebed*

SA
 be - kah and A - bi - gail, Cha - vi - va and A - di, And mo - ther Na - o - mi, new mo - ther Sar - i - ah and

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Miriam, Adi, Sariah, Dinah, Hannah,

Naomi, Deborah, Chaviva Rebekah Abigail, Jochebed

54 *All Women*

SA Ja - cob! Ti - ny Ja - cob, pre - cious Ja - cob! May God's mer - cy, com - pass - ion, long - suf - fering, and lov - ing

Pno. *subito p*

57 *All Women* **Faster** ♩. = 76

SA kind - ness ne - ver cease! *[Softly to Jacob, like a lullaby]* To him that smote E - gypt in their first - born: his

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60

SA mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er. And brought up Is - rael out of their midst: his mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er.

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63

SA With a strong hand and stretched out arm: To him which di - vi - ded the Red Sea in parts: Made

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65

SA

Is - rael to pass through the midst of it: But — o - ver - threw Phar - aoh's great host in the Red

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67

SA

Sea: for his mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er. For his mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er. _____

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70

Sam Nephi Lemuel Nephi Laman

TB

mf Ne-phi, what are you do-ing? Rea-ding. Like he al-ways does. I'm read-ing the words of the Lord.* Make

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73

Caleb Lemuel Abner Laman

TB

haste, we plant crops to - day!* La man! Abner! Lem uel! Ca leb! ^{8va} Friends for - ev - er! _____

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mf

8va

76 *Caleb* *Lemuel*

TB

We'll plant grain all in rows a-long the val - ley__ of Lem - uel!* The val - ley! It's my val - ley!

Pno. *mf*

79 *Abner*

TB

Fa - ther named it for me, it's my val ley! Your val - ley would be no - thing__ with -

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81 *Laman*

TB

out the migh - ty ri - ver__ of La man!* The ri - ver! It's my ri - ver!

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83 *Caleb*

TB

More a creek, but let's call it a ri ver! Val - ley and ri - ver and grain a - side,

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85 *Laman*

TB

How long shall we in this place re-side? This is our pro-mised land, Till peace re- turns in the Pro- mised land, And

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88 *[To Nephi]*

TB

we'll re-gain our in-her - i- tance When Ba- by- lon no long-er threat-ens Je - ru - sa- lem! — Soon we'll

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91 *mf Sam* *Ishmael* *Sam*

TB

need you and your bow for the hunt. Ish-mael, how do you feel to day? I feel as strong as Ja- cob there. I

Pno.

mp

94 *Ishmael* *Zoram*

TB

hope this land pro- vides some strength. If I don't go a - ny- where. Ne- phi, I've been pon - der - ing

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97 *mp Nephi*

TB
All a-bout your vi-sion... Do you think this is the pro-mised land? Zo-ram,

Pno. *p*

100 *f Laman*

TB
I've seen the pro-mised land. This is not the pro-mised land.* My fam-ily, let's

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103 *f*

SA
Top to bottom: Dinah, Miriam
For his mer-cy en-dur-eth for-

TB
Top to bottom: Laman, Lemuel
sing of our pro-mised land! To him which led my fa-ther in-to the wil der ness! To

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Everyone

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SA
ev - er. For his mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er. And gave plates of brass and

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him which smote La - ban!

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109

SA
dreams of the tree of life And joined our fam - 'lies as one!

TB

Pno.

111

SA
For - ev - er, for - ev - er! And
En - dur - eth for - ev - er!

TB
For his mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er, for - ev - er!

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113

SA gave this land for an her - i - tage: his mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er: Ev - en an

TB

Pno. *f*

115

SA her - i - tage un - to Ja - cob: his mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er. *mp* Who re -

TB

Pno. *8va*

117

SA mem - bered us in our low es - tate: And hath re - deemed us from our e - ne - mies:

TB

Pno. *mp*

119 *Sariah* *Nephi*

O flesh of my flesh! O

Who giv-eth food to all flesh: *mf* O give thanks un-to the God of heav'n.

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122

whi-ther leads the God of heav'n?

For-ev-er For-ev-er

For-ev-er For-ev-er For-ev-er For-ev-er For-

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SA *mf* For - ev - er For - ev - er: For his mer - cy en - dur - eth for -

TB For - ev - er ev - er

Pno. *mf* *f*

127

SA ev - er!

TB

Pno. *ff*