

# 13. A Land of Liberty

1 Nephi 18; 2 Nephi 1

from "I Will Trust in Thee Forever"  
Dinah, Laman, Nephi, Children

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**With Wonder** ♩ = 88 [The promised land. Enter Laman and Dinah. Dinah is about six months pregnant.]

Piano *mp*

*con pedale*

4 ♩ = 104 **Dinah**  
*mf* Je - ru - sa - lem I won't for - get,

8 But my eyes have ne - ver set U - pon a scene so won - drous and a - live!  
**Laman**  
*mf* My de - sert river for our crop...

Pno.

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This is our pro-mised land, No

Ho- nest-ly, it was a drop. Ri- vers here will make our seed- lings thrive!

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de- sert, wind and sand, But green and lus- cious land, A land of pro- mise! A land of li- ber- ty, Where

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we can all be free! Our e- ver- grow- ing fam- 'ly tree! A land of pro- mise! —

O\_ Di - nah!

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble and bass clefs) and a piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The time signature is 4/4. The first system starts at measure 12. The second system starts at measure 16. The third system starts at measure 20. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. There are triplets in the piano accompaniment at the end of the third system.

25 *[Enter all the children.]* *Aviva*

O — La - man! God is good! The

O — Di - nah, I love thee! —————

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29 *Eliana* *Jacob and Joseph*

for - ests here are just di - vine. There's beast of ev - ery shape and kind. There's ox - en, hor - ses, don - keys, goats, and

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32 *Dan* *Ruth* *All Children* *Dinah*

cat - tle! ————— And ore is rich in ev - ery way. There's cop - per, sil - ver, gold! HOO - RAY! Add

*Laman*

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*Dinah, Laman, All Children*

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lots of chil-dren with their hap-py prat-tle! This is our pro-mised land! Not rock and wind and sand But

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green and lus-cious land, A land of pro-mise! A land of li-ber-ty, Where we can all be free! Our

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e-ver-grow-ing fam-'ly tree! A land of pro-mise! *rit.* *Dinah* O... La-man!

*Laman* O... Di-nah!

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48 *Nephi* *a tempo* [*Nephi enters.*]

O Bro-ther! Fa-ther's fa-ding. He wish-es to speak be-

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[*Dinah exits with the children. Laman and Nephi begin exiting but linger at the back.*]

54 *Laman* *Nephi*

fore the end. Young-er bro-ther, how is Han nah? Sick, she still is stick with burn-ing

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*mp*

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fe-ver. I do not wish to go and leave her. And I wor-ry for our fam-ily.

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All these years, I've seen you grow-ing in in-i-qui-ty. This thing can on-ly bring cap-tiv-i-ty.

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[As they talk, Nephi and Laman become increasingly more heated. They reach the tent of their father, surrounded by family. The family members stare at them in shocked silence as Nephi and Laman continue their tirades. Sam, Lemuel, Jacob, and Joseph stand and are about to take sides when Lehi unexpectedly rises in bed to speak at the end of the song.]

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**Laman**

It will suf-fo-cate our fam - ily. An-gry bro-ther, you speak like I'm a fool and a child and a

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**Nephi**

heath-en! I'm liv-ing my own life in this Gar - den of E - den! But Bro-ther, for this land, it is God who has

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**Laman, Nephi**

paid the price. What He asks is faith and de-vo - tion and sac-ri-fice. A - dam fell and lost his E - den. Why should

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you de-stroy my E-den? Why did A-dam fall and bring me op-po - sition? You have al-ways been my end-less op-po - sition, brother!

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