

18. I Will Trust in Thee Forever

2 Nephi 3, 5;
Psalm 136

from "I Will Trust in Thee Forever" - 2026 Revisions with Instruments
Lehi, Ishmael, Nephi, Zoram, Sam, Sariah, Dinah, Deborah,
Jochebed, Hannah, Abigail, Rebekah, All Righteous Children

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With Hope ♩ = 60

Joseph *Ruth*

[Scene change. The people of Nephi look out over a new valley.] *mf* Here's wa-ter, food, and space. What

Sam *mf* We're blessed by hea-ven's grace.

Clarinet in A

Piano

mp *mf* *con pedale*

5 *Deborah* *Jochebed*

should we call this place? Call it Ne - phi. — Each

Zoram

And here we shall o - bey.

A Cl.

Pno.

The musical score is written for a vocal ensemble and instrumental accompaniment. It begins with a tempo marking of 'With Hope ♩ = 60' and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The score is divided into two systems. The first system features vocal parts for Joseph, Ruth, Sam, and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a clarinet in A and a piano. The second system features vocal parts for Deborah, Jochebed, Zoram, and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes an alto clarinet and a piano. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, time signatures, key signatures, dynamics (mf, mp, con pedale), and lyrics.

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*Sam, Zoram, Deborah, Jochebed, Hannah,
Abigail, Rebekah, Righteous Children* [Rebekah notices Aviva is weeping.] *Rebekah*

word that God shall say Through you to us each day, We thy peo-ple, Ne-phite peo-ple. A-vi va?

A Cl.

Pno.

Tenderly ♩ = 76

13 *Aviva*

From my fam-ly I'm torn a - part. I chose to fol-low God and break my heart. O, will they e-ver see The won-ders of God's tree? Or

Pno.

19

*Rebekah**Abigail*

are they now cast off for - ev - er? They are not cast off for - ev - er. God is mer-ci-ful for -

A Cl.

Pno.

mf

Rebekah, Abigail, and Aviva

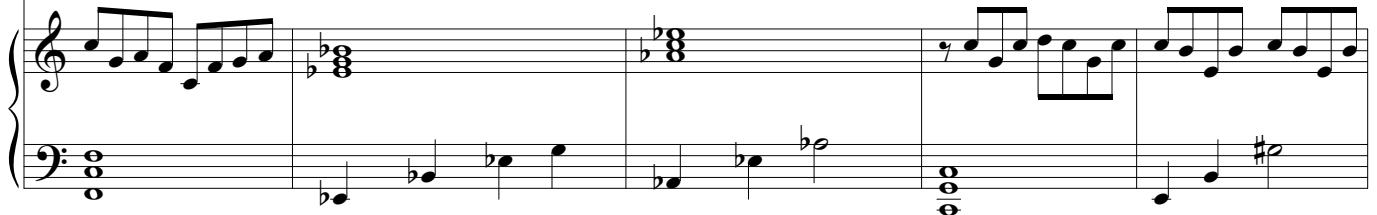
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A Cl.



Pno.

29 *Eliana*

Pno.

*Hannah*

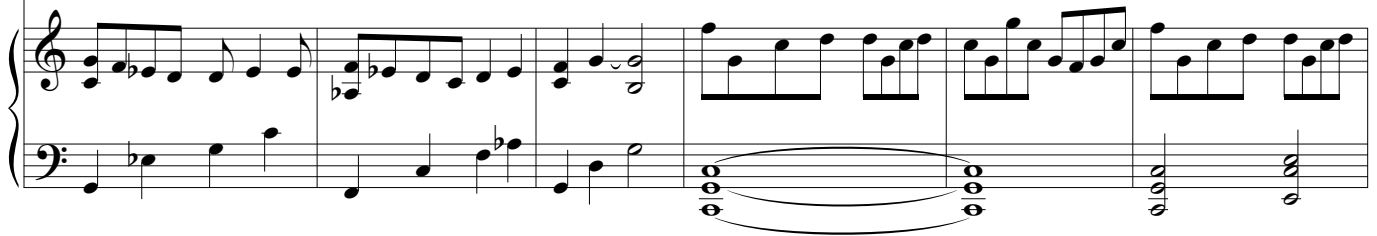
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Ob.

*mf*

Pno.



40 *Eliana and Hannah* *Hannah*

ev - er. The Lord will hear our plea. Lord, we will trust in Thee for - ev - er. O _____

Ob.

Vln.

Pno.

45 *faster* $\text{♩} = 88$

— the great - ness of our God! O the good - ness of our God! O the mer - cy

Vln.

Pno.

50

of our God! _____ O the wis-dom of our God! O the jus-tice

Nephi

Vln.

Pno.

56

of our God! O how great the plan of our God! But

Tenderly ♩ = 76 *mf* *Jacob*

Vln.

Pno.

61

have our peo-ple de-stroyed God's plan? Our bro-thers hate us now and formed their clan. Our u-ni-ty is shat-tered. Our

mf

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peo-ple have been scat-tered. Will we be torn a-part for - ev - er?

Nephi

He'll pre-serve our seed for - ev - er.

Vc.

mf

Pno.

71

Ga-ther in His sheep for - ev - er, On these is-les of the sea, And one day there shall be

Vc.

Pno.

75

p One fold, One Shep-herd, One King of Is-ra-el, One God, One peo-ple, Full joy _____ for -

Vc.

p

Pno.

ova

83 *mf* $\text{♩} = 76$

ev - er. _____ Now go! Pitch your tents and as - sem - ble! And to

Picc.

Pno.

mf

86

A - do - nai, _____ to Him we shall build a tem - ple! _____

Picc.

Perc.

f

TAMBOURINE

Pno.

f

89 *All Righteous Company and Children*

[During the next couple of pages, the family changes the set to a temple.] *f* O give thanks un - to the LORD, for he is good: for his

Perc.

Pno.

91

mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er. *f* O give thanks un - to the LORD, for He is good: for His

Perc.

Pno.

93

mer - cy en - dur - eth for - ev - er. O give thanks un to the God of Gods; O give thanks to the Lord of lords: to

Perc.

Pno.

96 *Righteous Children, Abigail, Rebekah*

him who a-lone do-eth great won-ders: his mer-cy en-dur-eth for-ev-er. Live af-ter the man-ner of

Picc. *mf*

Perc.

Pno.

99 *Zoram, Sam, Nephi, Deborah, Jochebed, Hannah*

An op-po-si-tion in all things. What joy that op-po-si-tion hap-pi-ness. Walk in the beau-ty of ho-li-ness.

Picc. *mf*

A Cl. *mf*

Pno.

102

brings. In - stead of chains, it gives us wings.

Teach all of your chil - dren with dil - li - gence To love the Lord with all their

Picc.

A Cl.

Pno.

105

Op - po - si - tion in all things! For His do - ings are right - eous for -

heart. Work af - ter the man - ner of right - eous - ness.

Picc.

A Cl.

Pno.

108

ev - er. _____ We're His boun - ti - ful trea - sure for - ev - er. _____

God's boun - ti - ful trea - sures en - joy. _____ Mul - ti - ply and re -

Picc.

A Cl.

Pno.

111 *Deborah, Jochebed, Hannah*

Fill the earth, And live af - ter the man - ner _____ of hap - pi - ness and joy. For His mer - cy en - dur - eth for -

ple - nish _____ the earth, and live af - ter the man - ner _____ of hap - pi - ness and joy.

Picc.

A Cl.

Perc.

Pno.

mf

[Scene change complete. A temple dedication with all in the company present.]

115

ev - er, He'll es - ta - blish our peo - ple for - ev - er, And our joy shall be full for - ev - er! _____ *Nephi*

To -

A Cl.

B♭ Tpt.

Perc.

Pno.

mf

118

day we de - di - cate this house un - to the

B♭ Tpt.

Perc.

Pno.

8va

121

Lord. We con - se - crate as priest faith - ful Ja - cob! And

B $\flat$ Tpt.

Pno.

8^{va}

126

then to - day I'll share what I've en - graved with care. Our sto - ry and our prayer to the God of

B $\flat$ Tpt.

Pno.

$\text{♩} = 76$

mp

132

[As Nephi speaks, Sariah, Lehi, Dinah, and Ishmael come forth again and stand unseen.]

Ja - cob, the Migh - ty One of Ja - cob. By faith they shall pro - ceed for -

B $\flat$ Tpt.

Hn.

Pno.

mp

8^{va}

137 *rit.*

ev - er. Our weak - ness - es made strong for - ev - er, And cry - ing from the dust, "Re -

Hn.

Pno.

(8^{va}) - - -

a tempo

141

pent, re - mem - ber trust in God and His cov - 'nant for - ev - er. _____

Hn.

f

Pno.

mp

Calm ♩ = 50

O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his covenant love endureth for ever. (Psalm 136:1)

146 *mp*

Ho - du l'A-do-nai ki ³ tov kiy le-'o - lam _____ chas - do! _____

FINGER CYMBAL

Perc.

mp

Pno.

mp

150 *Sariah* *O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his covenant love endureth for ever. (Psalm 136:2)*

Ho - du le - 'o - he ha E - lo - him kiy le - o - lam chas - do!

Perc.

Pno.

Sariah, Dinah, Hannah, Sam, Nephi, Zoram *O give thanks unto the Lord of lords: for his covenant love endureth for ever. (Psalm 136:3)*

154

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

Perc.

Pno.

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*Sariah, Dinah,
Lehi, Ishmael*

I trust in the covenant love of God for ever. (Psalm 52:8)

158

All Women *All Children* *Women and Children* 0 -

Ba - tach - ti b' - che - sed, Ba - tach - ti b' - che - sed E - lo - him

All Men *Sam, Zoram, Nephi*

Ba - tach - ti - b' - che - sed,

Fl. *mp*

Perc.

Pno. *mp*

162

Tenderly ♩ = 66

p lam. For His mer-cy en-dur-eth for - ev - er. For His mer-cy en-dur-eth for -

p I will trust in Thee for - ev - er. I will trust in Thee for - ev - er.

Fl. *p*

Pno. *p*

[Lights slowly fade.] **THE END**
S. D. G.

166 *rit.*

The musical score is written for three vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, and Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The score begins with a rehearsal mark of 166. The vocal parts have lyrics: 'ev - er. For - ev - er. I will trust in Thee for - ev - er.' The piano part features a melodic line in the right hand and a harmonic line in the left hand, with a dynamic marking of *p* (piano) in the middle. The score concludes with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

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The Words I Heard When the Lord Told Me to Write This Opera:

"The Book of Mormon teaches the pattern God uses to stretch us in order to build strong relationships with us. [I] recently studied about how Nephi's trust in God was tested when he and his brothers were commanded to return to Jerusalem to obtain the brass plates. After their initial attempts failed, his brothers gave up and were ready to return without the plates. But Nephi chose to place his complete trust in the Lord and was successful in obtaining the plates. That experience likely strengthened Nephi's confidence in God when his bow broke and the family was facing starvation in the wilderness. Again, Nephi chose to trust in God, and the family was saved. These successive experiences gave Nephi even stronger confidence in God for the enormous, trust-stretching task he would soon face of building a ship.

Through these experiences, Nephi strengthened his relationship with God by consistently and continuously trusting Him. God uses the same pattern with us. He extends us personal invitations to strengthen and deepen our trust in Him. Each time we accept and act on an invitation, our trust in God grows. If we ignore or decline an invitation, our progress stops until we're ready to act on a new invitation.

The good news is that regardless of the trust we may or may not have chosen to place in God in the past, we can choose to trust God today and every day going forward. I promise that each time we do, God will be there to catch us, and our relationship of trust will grow stronger and stronger until the day that we become one with Him and His Son. Then we can declare like Nephi, "O Lord, I have trusted in thee, and I will trust in thee forever."

-Elder Paul V. Pieper, April 2024