# Let the Heavens Rejoice

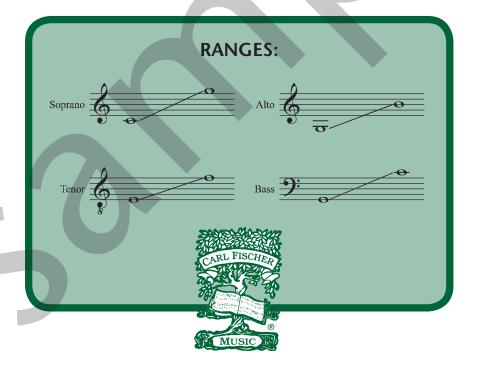
Incorporating His Eye is On the Sparrow

Composed and arranged by

### JANET WHITCOMB PUMMILL

SATB Voices with Organ and Optional Handbells

Duration: 4:26







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#### Note from the Composer

When invited to write a composition in celebration of the 100 year anniversary of Farmville Presbyterian Church in Farmville, North Carolina, I wanted to select Bible verses for the text that reflect special moments of 100 years of memories of a vibrant church. This would include celebrations of the lives of loved ones, wedding ceremonies, celebratory Sundays of the church year, anniversaries, baby dedications and other meaningful moments in the life of the church. I chose some of my favorite verses of joy, exultation, gratitude and rejoicing as well as words of comfort. By placing the tender and beautiful hymn, "His Eye is On the Sparrow," in the center of the composition with the joyous festival opening and closing, my hope is to achieve an anthem that reflects all of these emotions. The opening and closing sections should be performed with high energy in contrast to the meditative middle hymn. Depending on performance constraints and needs of the ensemble, the middle section may be performed antiphonally by a children's choir, youth choir or soloist with a youthful voice. The final section should build in intensity to a climatic ending of great joy.

#### **Suggested Organ Registrations:**

Gt: Founds. 8,4,2, Mix. Sw. and Ch. to Gt

Sw: Founds. 8, 4, 2, Reeds

Ch: Flute 8, 4

Pd: 16, 8

(II) Gt: Founds. 8, 4 Sw. and Ch. to Gr.

Sw: Founds. 8, 4

Ch: Flute 8, 4

Pd: 16,8

(II) Gt: Flute 4 Ch: String and Flute Celestes

(V) Gt: Founds. 8, 4, 2, Mix, Reeds Sw. to Gr.

Sw: Founds. 8, 4, 2, Mix, Reeds

Ch: Large Solo Reed

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Text adapted from Psalms 95, 96, 105 JANET WHITCOMB PUMMILL Incorporating His Eye Is on the Sparrow and Isaiah 55 Words by Civilla D. Martin Music by Charles H. Gabriel, 1905 ال = 60 sing! O sing, sing! O sing, O sing! В. O sing O sing!

<sup>\*</sup> The part for Optional Handbells may be found as a digital download at http://carlfischer.com.

<sup>\*\*</sup> When using handbells, Organ tacet in mm. 1-2.















<sup>\*</sup> When using handbells, organ tacet l.h. mm. 45-46.



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\*\* Optional solo or youth choir.



