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## Messiah

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Voice and keyboard reduction

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## PARTI

1-1 Sinfonia




1-2 Recitative: Comfort ye, my people (tenor)
Tenore


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1-3 Air: Every valley shall be exalted (tenor)

Tenore











60



1-4 Chorus: And the glory of the Lord










1-5 Recitative: Thus saith the Lord of Hosts (bass)
Basso






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1-6 Air: But who may abide the day of His coming (contralto) Larghetto





39









123






1-7 Chorus: And He shall purify the sons of Levi










1-8 Recitative: Behold, a virgin shall conceive (contr'alto)


1-9 Air, chorus: O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion (contr'alto, chorus)



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Canto

Alto






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1-10 Recitative: For, behold! darkness shall cover the earth (bass)



1-11 Air: The people that walked in darkness (bass)
Larghetto
Basso


IO


18





38


so


54


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1-12 Chorus: For unto us a child is born







Prince of Peace.








e -verlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, the e-verlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

$\mathrm{e}-\mathrm{verlasting}$ Father, the Prince of Peace, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

$\mathrm{e}-\mathrm{verlasting}$ Father, the Prince of Peace, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

e -verlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.


1-13 Pifa



Fine.


1-14 Recitative: There were shepherds abiding in the fields (soprano)


1-15 Recitative: And the angel said unto them (soprano)



1-16 Recitative: And suddenly there was with the angel (soprano)



1-17 Chorus: Glory to God in the highest








1-18 Air: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion (soprano)



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behold thy King comethun - to thee, rejoice,









Fine.



Da Capo.

1-19 Recitative: Then shall the eyes of the blind (alto)

Alto

Bass


1-20 Air: He shall feed His flock like a shepherd (alto, soprano)
Larghetto, e piano





1-21 Chorus: His yoke is easy









## PART II

2-1 Chorus: Behold the Lamb of God!






2-2 Air: He was despised and rejected (alto)
Alto




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2-3 Chorus: Surely He hath borne our griefs











2-4 Chorus: All we like sheep have gone astray





we, like sheep,









2-5 Recitative: All they that see Him laugh him to scorn (tenor)

Tenore


2-6 Chorus: He trusted in God












2-7 Recitative: Thy rebuke hath broken His heart (tenor)

Tenore


2-8 Air: Behold, and see if there be any sorrow (tenor)

Tenore


2-9 Recitative: He was cut off out of the land of the living (tenor)

Tenore


2-10 Air: But thou didst not leave His soul in hell (tenor)

Tenore




2-11 Chorus: Lift up your heads, O ye gates













## 2-12 Recitative: Unto which of the angels said He at any time (tenor)

TENORE

Bassi


## 2-13 Chorus: Let all the angels of God worship Him









2-14 Air: Thou art gone up on high (alto)
Allegro larghetto
Alto



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that the Lord God might dwell




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high, thou hast led capti - vi-ty cap-tive, thou hast led capti - vi-ty captive,



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2-15 Chorus: The Lord gave the word





2-16 Air: How beautiful are the feet (soprano)

Soprano



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## 2-17 Chorus: Their sound is gone out into all lands





lands, and their words un-to the ends of the world,



2-18 Air: Why do the nations so furiously rage together (bass)
Allegro
Basso





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44





67




78


## 2-19 Chorus: Let us break their bonds asunder











2-20 Recitative: He that dwelleth in heaven (tenor)
Tenore

Bassi


2-21 Air: Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron (tenor)

Tenore

\& break them
with a rod _e of i - ron,




















END OF THE SECOND PART

## PART III

## 3-1 Air: I know that my Redeemer liveth (soprano)







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3-2 Chorus and soli: Since by man came death


al - so the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead, by man came al - so the re - sur -

al - so the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead, by man came al - so the re - sur -





3-3 Recitative: Behold, I tell you a mistery (bass)
Basso



3-4 Air: The trumpet shall sound (bass)
Pomposo, ma non allegro
Basso


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Dal Segno.

3-5 Recitative: Then shall be brought to pass (contr'alto)


3-6 Duet: $O$ death! where is thy sting? (contr'alto and tenor)












3-8 Air: If God be for us (soprano)











Canto

Alto

Tenore

Basso












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3-10 Chorus: Amen














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