

Gwyneth Walker

A Glad New Song

for SATB Choir and Piano

Commissioned by the United Church of Rowayton, CT
to honor their Music Director, Marsha Hall,
on her 40th year of music-making at the church

The lyrics for the hymns in the Sacred Harp song book are often colorful, charming and singable. The text for **A Glad New Song** is no exception. Credited to Jonathan B. Atchinson in 1891, these words are filled with enthusiasm for singing, and the joy of faith:

*I've learned to sing the song of joy.
My cup is running o'er and o'er
with blessings full of peace and love.
And still there's more and more.*

The musical setting is new, but in a clear and simple style that hearkens back to early American shape-note singing. The harmonies are straightforward, and the rhythmic piano accompaniment serves to maintain the energy of the message. Perhaps one might find in this song some elements of the past mixed with contemporary *fresh air!*

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Jonathan B. Atchinson, 1891
from the Sacred Harp
G. Walker, alt.

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A lively tempo ♩ = 144

with enthusiasm
unis. f

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

A lively tempo ♩ = 144

Piano

f

with pedal

I've
with enthusiasm
unis. f

I've

5 **A**

S
A

learned to sing a glad new song _____ a

T
B

learned to sing a glad new song _____ a

A

21 C

S
A
Heaven-ly prais - es _____ I will sing.

T
B
Heaven-ly prais - es _____ I will sing.

25

S
A
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu, al-le-lu - ia!

T
B
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu, al-le-lu - ia!

unis. mf legato

I've

29 D

S
A
p Al - - - le - lu,

T
B
learned to sing a song of peace, _____ 'tis

D

mf *p*

4

33

S
A

(p) Al - - - le - lu, since *mf*

T
B

grow - ing sweet - er, sweet - er, ev - 'ry day, _____ since *(mf)*

mf *p*

37 **E** *mf* ...my trou - bled soul, _____ and

S
A

faith has calmed my trou - bled soul, _____ and

T
B

faith has calmed my trou - bled soul, _____

E *mf*

41

S
A

washed my ted - ious sins a - way. _____ Al - le - *f*

T
B

my sins _____ a - way. _____ *f*

f

45 **F**

S
A
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - -

T
B
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - -

49 *poco rit.* *mf*

S
A
men! I've

T
B
men!

poco rit. *mf*

53 **G** Slightly slower ♩ = 132

S
A
B
learned to sing the song of joy, *p playfully*
la la la la la la la *mf*
my

G Slightly slower ♩ = 132 *p playfully*

57 *p* playfully

S
la la la la la la la la

A
(p)
la la la la la la la la

T
8 *p*
with

B
cup is run - ning o'er, and o'er, and o'er

61 **H** *mf*

S
with bles - sings full of love.

A
mf
bles - sings full of peace and full of love.

T
8 *mf*
bles - sings full of peace and full of love.

B
mf
And

H *mf*

65 *accel.* *f*

S and still there's more and more... Al-le-

A and still there's more and more... Al-le-

T and still there's more and more... Al-le-

B still there's more and more and more... *accel.* *f*

I 69 **Faster** ♩ = 144

S lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - -

A lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - -

T lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - -

B Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - -

I **Faster** ♩ = 144

lightly
mf

S men! a

A men!

T men.

B men.

J

S song of hope I bring...

A *p* very lightly al - - - le - lu...

T *p* very lightly al - - - le - lu...

B *lightly* *mf* all

J

mf *lightly* *p* very lightly

10

89

p very lightly *rit.* *f*

S al - - - - le - lu... Soon

A *p* very lightly *f*

al - - - - le - lu... Soon

T wash my_ sins a - way... *f* Soon

B *f*

mf lightly *rit.* *f* Soon

L 93 **Slower** ♩ = 120, *grandly, with a flourish*

S I shall sing the glad new song _____ of

A I shall sing the glad new _____ song _____ of

T I shall sing the glad _____ new _____ song _____ of

B I shall sing the glad _____ new _____ song _____ of

L **Slower** ♩ = 120, *grandly, with a flourish*
(for reh.)

*Cue-sized notes are a choral reduction for rehearsal purposes only.

97

S
stal - wart Mo - ses and the Lamb, _____ with

A
stal - wart Mo - ses and the _____ Lamb, _____ with

T
stal - wart Mo - ses and _____ the _____ Lamb, _____ with

B
stal - wart Mo - ses and _____ the _____ Lamb, _____ with

(for reh.)

M

101

S
all the Saint - ed Hosts a - bove, _____

A
all the Saint - ed Hosts a - bove, _____

T
all the Saint - ed Hosts _____ a - bove, _____

B
all the Saint - ed Hosts _____ a - bove, _____ *(f)*

M

(for reh.)

Play *f*

105 *(f)* *accel.*

S
A
T
B

be - fore the great I AM! Al - le -
 be - fore the great, be - fore the great I AM! Al - le -
 be - fore the great, be - fore the great I AM!
 fore the great I AM, be - fore the great I AM!

accel.

N 109 **Faster** ♩ = 144

S
A
T
B

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, lu - ia! A - -
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, lu - ia! A - -
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, lu - ia! A - -
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, lu - ia! A - -

N **Faster** ♩ = 144

113 *rit.* **Slower**

S men! And

A men! And

T men! And

B men! And

rit. **Slower**

117 *div.*

S I shall sing a glad new song!

A I shall sing a glad new song!

T I shall sing a glad new, I a glad new song!

B I shall sing a glad new, a glad new song!

div.

va

A Glad New Song

I've learned to sing a glad, new song –
a song of hope and joy I bring.
And now with all my gathered powers,
all Heavenly praises I will sing.
Alleluia!

I've learned to sing a song of peace,
'tis growing sweeter, sweeter every day,
since faith has calmed my troubled soul,
and washed my tedious sins away.
Alleluia!

I've learned to sing the song of joy.
My cup is running o'er, and o'er, and o'er
with blessings full of peace and love.
And still there's more and more.
Alleluia!

a song of hope I bring...
all Heavenly praises sing...
'tis sweeter every day...
to wash my sins away...

Soon I shall sing the glad, new song
of stalwart Moses and the Lamb,
with all the Sainted Hosts above,
before the great I AM.
Alleluia!

And I shall sing a glad, new song!