

# Song of the Five Thousand

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from "Only a Couple Fishes"

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## I. Canon (a cappella)

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Joyfully

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As we share what we have with each other,

*Piano reduction: Use as needed when singing this song as a canon*

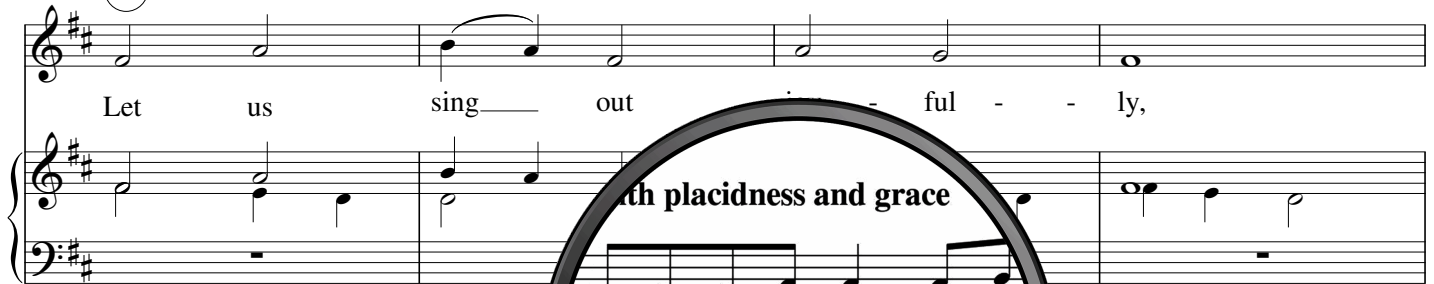


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Let us sing out fully,

with placidness and grace

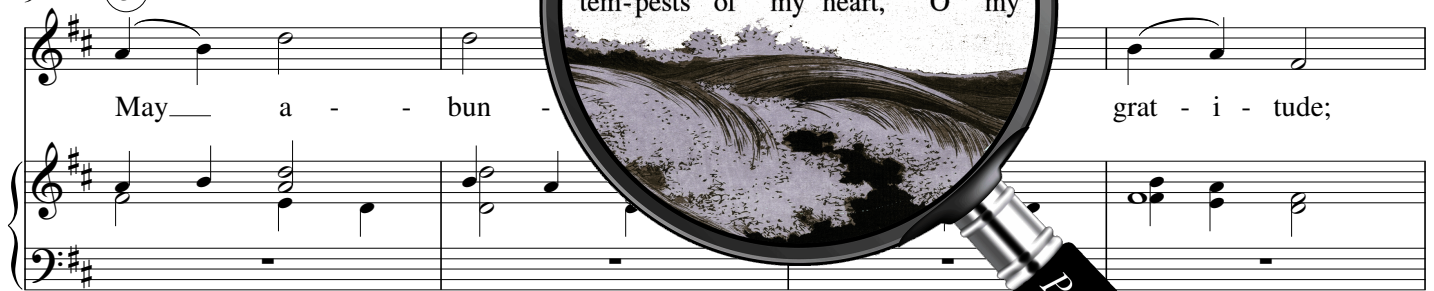


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May a - - bun - - grat - i - tude;

tem-pests of my heart, O my



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then to gen - er - - os - i - - ty.



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## II. Unison (with piano)

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As we — share what we have with each oth - er,

*Piano accompaniment: for use with unison singing only*

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Let us sing — out joy - - ful - ly,


with placidness and grace

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May — a - - bun tem-pests of my heart, O my grat - i - tude;

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then to — gen - er - - os - - i - -



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*Song of the Five Thousand* is the refrain from the choral piece *Only a Couple Fishes* (SEA-116-00). It may be sung on its own as a canon or unison song, by any combination of voices.

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