

# RECITATIVE - REJOICE, MY COUNTRYMEN!

## ARIOSO - THUS SAITH THE LORD TO CYRUS HIS ANOINTED

From "Belshazzar" (1744)

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*Recit.*

CONTRALTO

Re-joyce, my coun-try-men, the time draws

PIANO

*f*

near, The long-ex-pect-ed time here-in fore - told. Seek now the Lord your

*p*

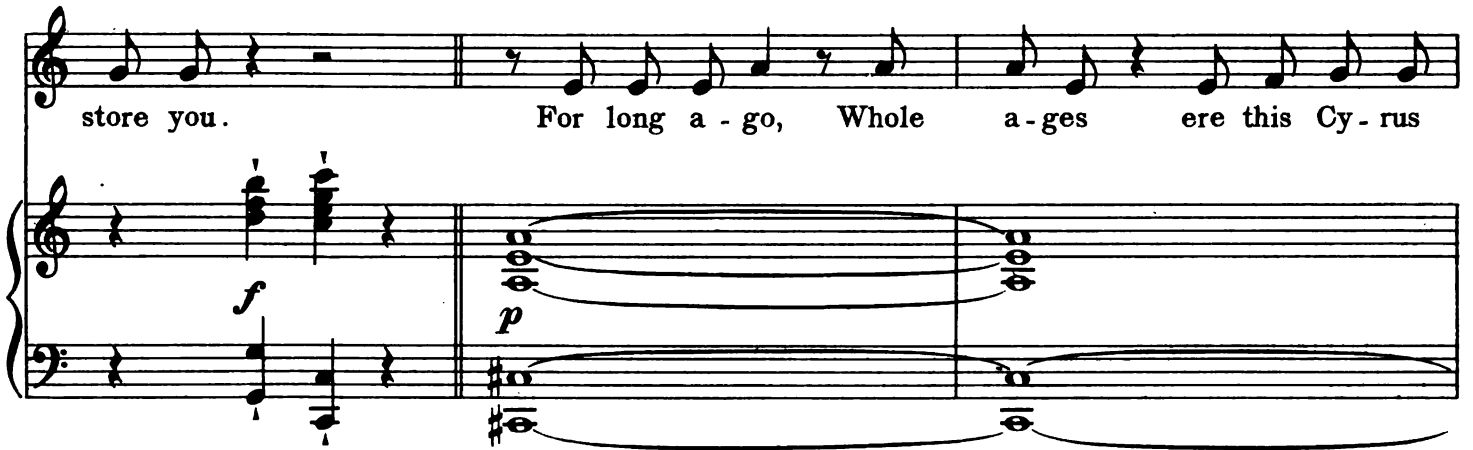
God with all your heart, And ye shall sure - ly find Him.

He shall turn your long cap - tiv - i - ty, He shall gather you From all the na-tions

whither you are driv-en,                      And to your na-tive land                      in peace re -



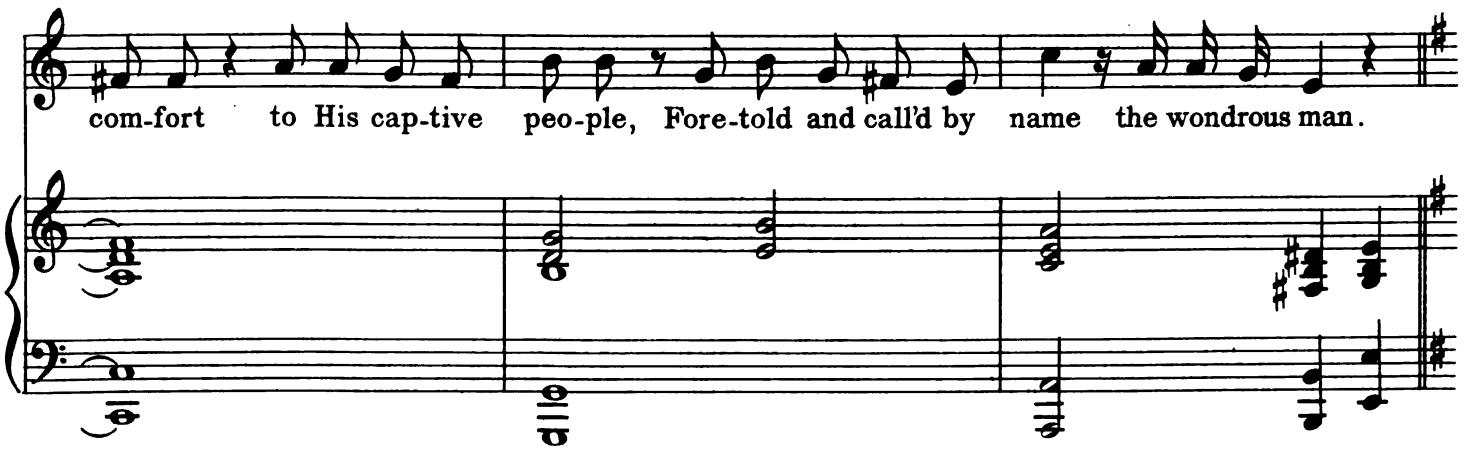
store you.                      For long a - go,                      Whole a - ges                      ere this Cy - rus



yet was born Or thought of,                      great Je - ho - vah                      by his Prophet,                      In words of



com-fort                      to His cap-tive peo-ple,                      Fore-told and call'd by name                      the wondrous man.



*Arioso*

Largo e pomposo (♩=63)

Thus saith the

Lord to Cy-rus His a - nointed, Whose right hand I have holden to sub -

due Na - - tions be - fore him: I will go be - fore thee To

loose the strong - - knit loins of might-y kings, Make straight the crook-ed

plac - es, break in pie - ces The gates of — so - lid — brass, — and cut in

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sun - der The bars — of i - ron for My ser - - - vant's

4 1 3 1 4 1 5 2 4 1 5 2 3 1

sake, Is - - rael My cho - sen; though thou hast not — known Me, I have sur -

nam'd thee: I have gird - ed thee: That from the ri - sing to the

set - ting sun The na - tions may con - fess, I am the Lord, There is none

else; there is no God be - side Me. Thou shalt per - form My plea - sure

to Je - ru - salem, Say - ing, Thou shalt be built! And to the Temple, Thy

raz'd foun - da - tion shall a - gain be laid."