

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23 Proper 11-Year A

Sipple

***Refrain**

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;

The first line of the Refrain features a vocal melody in G major (one flat) and 8/8 time. The lyrics are "Lord, you have searched me out and known me;". The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

you know my sitting down and my rising up; you dis - cern my thoughts from a - far.

The second line continues the Refrain. The vocal melody continues with the lyrics "you know my sitting down and my rising up; you dis - cern my thoughts from a - far.". The piano accompaniment follows the same pattern.

Verses

2. You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

Verse 2 begins with a vocal melody in G major. The lyrics are "2. You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.". The piano accompaniment features a more active bass line with eighth notes.

3. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it al - to - geth - er.

Verse 3 begins with a vocal melody in G major. The lyrics are "3. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it al - to - geth - er.". The piano accompaniment continues with eighth-note patterns.

4. You press upon me behind and be - fore and lay your hand up - on me.

Verse 4 begins with a vocal melody in G major. The lyrics are "4. You press upon me behind and be - fore and lay your hand up - on me.". The piano accompaniment follows the established pattern.

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5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I can - not at - tain to it.

6. Where can I go then from your Spi - rit? where can I flee from your pre - sence?

7. If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there al - so.

8. If I take the wings of the morn - ing and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea.

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9. Even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

10. If I say, "Surely the darkness will cov - er me, and the light around me turn to night."

***Refrain**

11. Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both a - like.

22. Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my rest - less thoughts.

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23. Look well whether there be any wick - ed - ness in me and lead me in the way that is ev - er - last - ing.