

For the Joy Set Before Me

A Duet - (Hebrews 12:2)

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♩ = 76

C Contemplative C4 C C4

Soprano (or Tenor 8vb) *p*

Baritone

Piano *p*

5 C C4 C C4 Am Dm7 F G

p 1. Je - sus, my Sav - ior what did you see, Deep in that gar - den high on that tree?^[1]

mp 2. Child, I love you I'll help you see, You are the fruit of the gar - den and tree.

13 C C4 C C4 Am Dm7 F G

Ang-ish, de - spair bur-dens of care, In all you saw was I there some where?

Ang-ish, de - spair whole worlds in my care, A - midst all I saw you were right there.

21 Chorus

C **G** **F** **C** **Am** **G** **F** **G**

mf 1. I bear a cross, each day I live, Lone - ly, un - fair, hard to for - give.
2. Ah Ah

2. I know your cross,^[2] each day you live, Lone - ly, un - fair, I'll help you for - give. I

mf

29 Verse 1 only

C **G** **F** **C** **F** **C** **G**

I am not clean, I am not whole, At times I'm not joy - ful, Please lift my
Ah

know you're not clean, I know you're not whole, When you're not joy - full, I lift your

Verse 1 only

36

C **C4** **C** **C4** **C**

soul.

soul.

1. 2.

41

D *xxx* D4 *xxx* D *xxx* D4 *xxx* Bm *2 xxx* Em7 *o o o* G *ooo* A *xo o*

with peace

mp 3. I feel such mer - cy, how is it done?

3. The gift of God's love, Your faith in his Son.^[3]

49

D *xxx* D4 *xxx* D *xxx* D4 *xxx* Bm *2 xxx* Em7 *o o o* G *ooo* A *xo o*

with realization

Gar - den and cross each pore did bleed, O - ferred for sin then you saw your seed.^[1]

57

D *xxx* A *xo o* G *ooo* D *xxx* Bm *2 xxx* Em7 *o o o* G *ooo* A *xo o*

f

I saw them clean. I saw them whole. I saw each changed, pen - i - tent soul.^[4]

f

65

D **A** **G** **D** **rit.** **G** **D**

mf From weak to strong,^[5] For the joy set be - fore me, I fo - cus, on

From old to new^[6] For the joy set be - fore me,^[7] I fo - cus, on

rit.

73

D **D4** **D** **D4** **D5**

you.^[8]

you.

p

Text References:

[1] Isaiah 53:10, "...when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed..."

[2] Alma 7:11-13, "...that he may know according to the flesh how to succor his people..."

[3] Enos 1: 6-8, "...my guilt was swept away...Lord, how is it done?...Because of thy faith in Christ..."

[4] Mosiah 15:10-12,30, "...Who shall be his seed? Those who have hearkened...and believed...and looked..."

[5] Ether 12:27, "...then will I make weak things become strong unto them..."

[6] 2 Cor. 5:17, "...if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed...all things are become new.

[7] Hebrews 12:1-2, "...Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross..."

[8] Russell M. Nelson, *Joy and Spiritual Survival*, 2016, October General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "Joy is powerful, and focusing on joy brings God's power into our lives. As in all things, Jesus Christ is our ultimate exemplar, 'who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross.' Think of that! In order for Him to endure the most excruciating experience ever endured on earth, our Savior focused on joy! And what was the joy that was set before Him? Surely it included the joy of cleansing, healing, and strengthening us; the joy of paying for the sins of all who would repent; the joy of making it possible for you and me to return home—clean and worthy—to live with our Heavenly Parents and families. If we focus on the joy that will come to us, or to those we love, what can we endure that presently seems overwhelming, painful, scary, unfair, or simply impossible?"

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