

Psalm 103 ~ Baptism of the Lord

Music by Martin Foster

In a relaxed tempo:
solid but filled with light

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord

mp

This system contains the first two measures of the piece. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by the lyrics 'Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord'. The piano accompaniment starts with a series of chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand, marked with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic.

God, how great you are.

This system contains the next two measures. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'God, how great you are.' and ends with a whole rest. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a melodic line in the bass.

Final Time

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

This system contains the final two measures of the piece. The vocal line repeats the lyrics 'Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.' and ends with a whole rest. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord in the right hand and a melodic line in the left hand.

This system contains the final two measures of the piece. The vocal line is empty, and the piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord in the right hand and a melodic line in the left hand.

Ps 103:1-4.24-25.27-30

1 Lord God, how great you are,
 B clothed in majesty and glory,
 C wrapped in light as in a robe!
 F You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

2 Above the rains you build your dwelling.
 B You make the clouds your chariot,
 C you walk on the wings of the wind,
 D you make the winds your messengers
 F and flashing fire your servants.

3 How many are your works, O Lord!
 B In wisdom you have made them all.
 C The earth is full of your riches.
 D There is the sea, vast and wide,
 E with its moving swarms past counting,
 F living things great and small.

4 All of these look to you
 B to give them their food in due season.
 C You give it, they gather it up
 F you open your hand, they have their fill.

5 You take back your spirit, they die,
 B returning to the dust from which they came.
 C You send forth your spirit, they are created;
 F and you renew the face of the earth.