

The Vineyard of the Lord

Psalm 79

Music by Martin Foster

The musical score is written in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of two systems. The first system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment with treble and bass staves. The second system continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'The vine - yard of the Lord is the House of Is - rael.' The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and a treble line with chords and moving lines.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Ps 79 (80): 9. 12-16 R. Isaiah 5:7

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