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and dedicated to the memory of his parents, Bob and Kathy Ersland, who fostered in him a lifelong appreciation of music

Psalm 126 (When You Restore Our Fortunes)*

When you restore our fortunes, then will we be like those who dream.
Our mouths will be filled with laughter, and with shouts of joy!
You have done great things for us, and we thank you and we are glad!
We who sowed with tears will reap with happiness.
Those who went out weeping, will come again with joy!

Adapted by Patricia Van Ness
from The Psalter,
The Book of Common Prayer

Music by Patricia Van Ness (1951)
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dedicated in its entirety to Peter Sykes

The musical score is written for Soprano 1, Soprano 2, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and a six-part choir (S. 1, S. 2, A., T., B.). The time signature is 4/4, and the tempo is marked as quarter note = 70. The score includes dynamic markings such as *f*, *mp*, *mf*, and *>mp*. Musical notations include slurs, triplets, and accents. The choir parts are numbered 1 through 6.

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11 **A** *f*

S. 1 O When you re-stored our for-tunes, re store our for -

S. 2 *mp* When you re-store our for-tunes, re - store for - tunes

A. *f* O When when you re-store our for-tunes, re store for - tunes

T. *mf* O O re-store our for-tunes, re - store

B. *mf* When when _____ for-tunes, re store our for -

16 *f* **B** ♩ = 90

S. 1 tunes, then we we were like those who dream. Our mouths were filled with

S. 2 then we'll we'll be those who dream. Our mouths be filled

A. then we'll we'll be those who dream. Our mouths filled

T. then we'll we'll be dream.

B. - tunes then we'll we'll be like those who dream. filled

24 C

S. 1
laugh - ter, _____ with shouts

S. 2
laugh - ter, _____ with shouts _____ shouts _____ joy, _____ we _____

A.
laugh - ter, _____ with shouts _____ with shouts _____ of joy, _____ we will re

mf
T.
laugh - ter, _____ with shouts _____ with shouts _____ of joy, _____ we will re

B.
laugh-ter, _____ shouts _____ shouts _____ of joy, _____ we will _____

34

S. 1
sing _____ sing _____ you have done,

S. 2
_____ and sing to you sing _____ you _____ have done, have done great

A.
joice sing to you sing _____ you you _____ done, have done great things for

T.
joice sing to you sing to you that you have done, have done great things for

B.
_____ and sing to you sing _____ to you that you have done, have done great things for

60

S. 1 *mp* *f* *f* *f*
 tears will reap with hap - pi-ness, hap - pi-ness

S. 2 *f* *mp* *f*
 will reap with hap - pi-ness

A. *mp* *f* *mp*
 tears (ha (ness

T. *f* *f*
 who sowed with tears, ha - pi-ness

B. *f* *f*
 who sowed with tears, with ha - pi-ness

65

S. 1 *mp* *f* *f* *f* **F**
 Those who went out

S. 2 *mp* *f* *mp* *f*
 Those those who went out

A. *f* *f* *f* *f*
 (ha O O Those, those who went out

T. *f* *f* *mf*
 hap - pi-ness O O who went out

B. *mf*
 ha-pi-ness Those, those

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70

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S. 1
weep-ing will come a-gain with joy, with joy, will come a-gain with joy!

S. 2
weep-ing will come joy, with joy, will come with joy!

A.
weep-ing, will come with joy, with joy will come with joy!

T.
f
weep-ing, will come with joy will come joy!

B.
weep-ing, will come a - gain with joy with joy will come a - gain with joy!