

For Peter Sykes and the Choir of First Church in Cambridge, MA

Psalm 84 (How Dear to Me is Your Dwelling)

*How dear to me is your dwelling;
how my soul has longed for your holy place.
The joyful sparrow and the swallow have found nests
beside your altar.
Happy are we who dwell in your house!
We will always be praising you.
Happy are we whose strength is in you!
Our feet are set upon your path.
One day in your courts is better than
a thousand in my own room!*

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

Music by Patricia Van Ness (1951)
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*from *MUSIC FOR THE PSALMS,*
dedicated in its entirety to Peter Sykes

$\text{♩} = 120$ (dance-like; in one; baroque) A

Flute *mf*

Drum

Tambourine

Harp *f* Harp solo bars 1-6

Soprano & Alto
Note: Sopranos drop out when too low, altos when too high.
Tenors drop out when too low, basses when too high.

Tenor & Bass

Violin *mf* on string A

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9

Fl.

Drum

Tamb.

Hp.

S.&A.

T.&B.

Vln.

Harp solo b. 13-14



16

B

Fl.

Drum

Tamb.

Hp.

S.&A.

T.&B.

Vln.

f

mf

How

How

f

B

23

Fl.

Drum

Tamb.

Harp

S.&A.

T.&B.

Vln.

dear to me is your dwell - ing;

dear to me is your dwell - ing;



30

Fl.

Drum

Tamb.

Harp

S.&A.

T.&B.

Vln.

how my soul has longed, longed for your ho - ly place

how my soul has longed, longed for your ho - ly place!

mp

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4

37 C

Fl.

Drum

Tamb.

Hp.

S.&A.

T.&B.

Vln.



43

Fl.

Drum

Tamb.

Hp.

S.&A.

T.&B.

Vln.

sempre on beat 1

Harp solo b. 43-44

49

Fl. D

Drum *sempre*

Tamb. *mf* Flute and violin solo b. 50-61

Hp.

S.&A.

T.&B.

Vln. D *mf* Flute and violin solo b. 50-61

55

Fl. E

Drum *sempre on beat 1*

Tamb.

Hp.

S.&A.

T.&B.

Vln. E

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6

62 **F**

Fl.

Drum

Tamb.

Hp.

S.&A. *mf*
Hap-py are we who dwell in your house; we will al-ways be prais-ing you!

T.&B. *mf*
Hap-py are we who dwell in your house; we will al-ways be prais-ing you!

Vln. **F**
f



68 **G** **H**

Fl. *mf* Flute and violin duet bars 68-79

Drum

Tamb.

Hp.

S.&A.

T.&B.

Vln. **G** **H**
mf Flute and violin duet bars 68-79

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75

Fl.

Drum

Tamb.

Hp.

S.&A.

T.&B.

Vln.

Hap-py are we whose

Hap-py are we whose

82

Fl.

Drum

Tamb.

Hp.

S.&A.

T.&B.

Vln.

mf Flute and violin duet bars 88-93

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102

Fl.

Drum

Tamb.

Hp.

S.&A.

T.&B.

Vln.

thou - - sand, thou-sand in my_ own room, than_ a thou - sand,

thou - - sand, thou-sand in my_ own room, L than_ a thou - sand,

L

108

Fl.

Drum

Tamb.

Hp.

S.&A.

T.&B.

Vln.

Harp solo b. 108-109

ff

f

thou - sand, thou-sand in my_ own room!

thou - sand, thou-sand in my_ own room!

M

ff

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10

114 rit.

Fl.

Drum

Tamb.

Hp.

S.&A.

T.&B.

Vln.

Thou - - - sand, thou - sand in my

Thou - - - sand, thou - sand in my

rit.

118

Fl.

Drum

Tamb.

Hp.

S.&A.

T.&B.

Vln.

own own room!

own own room!