

OCP Choral Series

Awake at Last

Assembly, Cantor, and SATB Choir

Based on Psalm 139

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REFRAIN (♩ = ca. 80)



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This song is based on a Scripture passage that is not often used for Easter, though the passage is the entrance antiphon for the Mass during the day on Easter Sunday: “*Resurréxi, et adhuc tecum sum, allelúia...*” (“I have arisen and am still with you, alleluia.”) Great writers from Henri le Saux, OSB, (1910–1973) to Pope Benedict XVI have commented on the use of Psalm 139 to explain the mystical meaning of the Resurrection. When Jesus rises from the dead, he finds that death has not annihilated him. He is still there and so is the Father, both in a whole new glorious relationship.

The second and fourth lines of the refrain, “here at my side” and “your right hand,” are repeated as litanic answers to the verses and can easily be taught to the assembly. Trying to sing this piece a cappella is worth the risk, perhaps in the early morning as the first piece of music to break the long musical fast of Lent.

—Cyprian Consiglio

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VERSES

Cantor

1. ♪ You search me and know — when I rest and when I rise:
 2. ♪ Be - hind and be - fore me with your hand — you be - siege:
 3. If I fly with the sun - rise or sail be - yond the sea:
 4. ♪ Where can I go — from your spir - it, from your face:
 5. If the dark - ness should cov - er and light be - come like night,

All **Cantor**

1-5. here at my side, up - hold - ing my life!

♪ You mark all my ways, — when I
 ♪ Too awe - some this knowl - edge, too
 ♪ With one hand you hold me, with the
 If I climb to the heav - ens or
 ♪ the dark is not dark - ness and

Soprano
Alto

2-5. here at my side, up - hold - ing my life! —

Tenor
Bass

All

1. walk and when I lie.
 2. high be - yond my reach:
 3. oth - er hand you lead: Your right hand holds me fast. —
 4. lie down in a grave:
 5. night would still be bright:

2-5. Your right hand holds me fast. —

REFRAIN

A-wake at last, _____ I am still with you, here at my side, up -

A-wake at last, I am still with you, _____ here at my side, up -

A-wake at last, _____ I am still with you, _____ here at my side, up -

A-wake at last, I am still with _____ you, here at my side, up -

hold - ing my life. A-wake at last, _____ you are still with me! _____ Your

hold - ing my life. A-wake, a-wake at last, you are still with _____ me! Your

hold - ing my life. A-wake at, a-wake at last, you're with _____ me! Your

hold - ing my life. A-wake at, a-wake at last, you are still with _____ me! Your

right hand holds me fast. _____ A-wake at last!

1-4 *D.S.* *rit.*

rit. *div.*

Assembly Edition

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Refrain: All

A - wake at last, I am still with you, here at my side, up -
hold - ing my life. A - wake at last, you are still with me! Your

1-5 to Verses! Final

right hand holds me fast. A - wake at last!

Verses
Cantor

1. ♪ You search me and know _____ when I
2. ♪ Be - hind and be - fore me with your
3. ♪ If I fly with the sun - rise or
4. ♪ Where can I go _____ from your
5. ♪ If the dark - ness should cov - er and

1. rest and when I rise:
2. hand _____ you be - siege:
3. sail be - yond the sea: here at my side, up -
4. spir - it, from your face:
5. light be - come like night,

Cantor

1-5. hold - ing my life! }
 ♪ You mark all my ways, _____ when I
 ♪ Too awe - some this knowl - edge, too
 ♪ With one hand you hold me, with the
 ♪ If I climb to the heav - ens or
 ♪ the dark is not dark - ness and

All to Refrain

1. walk and when I lie.
2. high be - yond my reach:
3. oth - er hand you lead: Your right hand holds me fast.
4. lie down in a grave:
5. night would still be bright:

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