HYMNS OF PEACE & REMEMBRANCE

A collection of 10 new hymns to mark the centenary of Armistice Day and the end of the First World War.

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1) AMID A WORLD OF PAIN AND WAR

Lucy Mills 8 8 8 8 (LM)

- 1 Amid a world of pain and war, we find our hope in you alone; we pray that your transforming love will turn to flesh our hearts of stone.
- When nations rise to fight their cause and bombs are heard throughout the night, we ask for help, for hope, for rest, and pray that we might walk in light.
- 3 As we remember those we've lost and talk of death and sacrifice, we pray for loved ones left behind to whom it seems too high a price.
- 4 When those in power betray our hopes and disregard the poor and weak, let words of mercy lead to change: Lord, may your Holy Spirit speak.
- 5 Where violence terrifies the earth and hatred has assumed the throne, God of the cross, disarm us now, with the forgiveness you have shown.
- 6 We look for dawn in darkened skies and to the day when wars will cease; we cry to you, O Lord of all, to guide our feet in paths of peace.

2) AS THE MEMORIES ECHO DOWN THE AGES

Becky Mynett 10 9 10 9 D

- 1 As the memories echo down the ages, scenes of bodies mired in Flanders mud, wasted lives of long-lost sons and sweethearts, left behind mid poppies red as blood.

 While at home, their family life disrupted, women toiled in unimagined roles, as the silent zeppelins brought carnage and again the passing bell was tolled.
- 2 As the memories echo down the ages, of a kingdom occupied by Rome: foreign forces, pagan domination, those who longed for God to bring shalom. See, he comes to challenge all injustice, fight oppression, selfishness and greed, with his call to reconciliation: Prince of Peace, who cares for all in need.
- 3 As the memories echo down the ages, powerful empires, locked in bitter feud: may we turn our backs on war and conflict, so your peaceful Kingdom can break through. Help us tame our fallen human nature, and control our cruel and selfish spite, turn to Christ and value every stranger, changing lives to bring forth peace and light.

3) HOPE FOR THE WORLD'S DESPAIR

Ally Barrett 6 6 6 6 4 4 4 4 4
Winner of Jubilate's *Hymns of Peace* competition 2018

- 1 Hope for the world's despair: we feel the nations' pain; can anything repair this broken earth again? For this we pray: in every place a spark of grace to light the way.
- Wisdom for all who bear the future in their hand, entrusted with the care of this and every land. When comes the hour, O Lord, we pray, inspire the way we spend our power.
- 3 Honour for all who've paid war's painful, bitter price, when duty called they made the greatest sacrifice.

 Their memory will never cease to cry for peace and harmony.
- 4 Ease for the troubled mind in endless conflict caught, each soul that cannot find the peace beyond all thought. May they be blessed with healing balm for inner calm and perfect rest.
- 5 Love for the human heart:
 when hate grows from our fears
 and inwardly we start
 to turn our ploughs to spears.
 Help us to sow
 love's precious seed
 in word and deed,
 that peace may grow.

4) LORD, HELP US TO REMEMBER

Sue Gilmurray 7 6 7 6 D

1 Lord, help us to remember the victims of past wars: the ones who fell in combat believing in the cause, the ones pressed into service who fought against their will, the ones who suffered torment, the ones who suffer still.

- 2 Lord, help us to acknowledge the reasons why they died: the leaders who chose warfare through prejudice or pride, the patriotic fervour, the failure to foresee how vast and how appalling the loss of life would be.
- 3 Lord, help us to consider the conflicts of our day: the cruel and complex struggles, the games the powerful play, and, by your Holy Spirit, enable us to stand for justice in all nations and peace in every land.
- 4 For when you lived among us, our true, incarnate Lord, you fought the powers of evil with love, and not the sword. You lived and died to save us, and worked your Father's will: to show your power through mercy, to heal and not to kill.
- 5 Lord, give us grace and courage to live by your commands, to love our fellow-humans with all that love demands; and may we truly honour the fallen of the past by working now for justice, to build your peace at last.

5) O GOD OF THE NATIONS

Brian Davis 11 11 11 11

- 1 O God of the nations, we humbly recall the millions in war time who sacrificed all; and as we remember the grief and the pain, we pray that their dying was not all in vain.
- 2 O God of our longings, we dream of a time of no more oppression, no hunger or crime; that people and nations together may find a life made more hopeful, more loving and kind.
- 3 O God of compassion, you call us to share the good things you give us with those in despair; for millions who hunger for justice and peace, may caring be active and hope never cease.
- 4 O God of the future, now help us to give our time and commitment that others may live; and always remember the ones who were slain, and pray that their dying was not all in vain.

6) THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD

from 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon Irregular

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them, we will remember them.

7) TODAY, AS ON ALL LANDMARK DAYS

Christopher Idle 8 6 8 6 D (DCM)

- 1 Today, as on all landmark days we search for common ground; where shall our unity in Christ, in times of war, be found?

 For those who dared, destroyed and died and those who served at home, with those who never fired a shot; all to their rest have come.
- 2 The names of rivers, woods and towns endure so long, so late; so unforgettable the scenes, indelible, the date; while bittersweet, such memories stir us to think, and live as those with everything to lose and everything to give.
- 3 We honour Henry Allingham, and with him, Harry Patch: these last survivors now have gone who kept their lonely watch. Each had contrasting thoughts of war as unresolved as ours; we taste the glory, feel the shame; some red, some white, the flowers.
- 4 Ours is a different age, and world; still one in need of grace; of justice, freedom, pardon for one helpless human race. We who acknowledge one true Lord unite in faith today, for death is not the final word, but Christ, the living Way.
- O Christ our Judge, our Life, our Peace, who laid your body down, let us not fail through power or pride to gain your righteous crown. Our prayers, our hopes cannot undo the horrors of the past; come, risen Saviour, bring for all the Kingdom that will last!

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8) WE COME TO YOU, O LORD OUR GOD

Irene Jarvis 8 8 8 8 D (DLM)

- 1 We come to you, O Lord our God, bringing our thanks for mercies past: for battles done and blessings shared, for those who served and put self last. And now we ask forgiveness, Lord, for sins which stain our nation's soul. Grant us your pardon and your peace. Come, heal our land and make us whole.
- 2 Help us to guard the gift of peace, hope of the brave who fought and died. May neighbours live in harmony and races flourish side by side. Peace on the earth, in homes and hearts; let battles cease and barriers fall. Peace with our God through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and Lord of all.

9) WE SOLEMNLY REMEMBER

Emma Turl 7 6 7 6 D

- We solemnly remember the casualties of war who never knew the freedom they struggled to restore.
 Reports of bitter discord and tensions still increase: may God draw near in mercy and help us strive for peace.
- 2 The message brought by angels announcing Jesus' birth is needed now, as ever, throughout this troubled earth. He died for guilty strangers, his cross is our release; by grace we live, proclaiming the gospel of his peace.
- 3 The rainbow, sign of promise emblazoned on the sky, reminds us of God's covenant, unchanged as years go by.
 When vision fades or falters and strength and hope decrease, his Spirit will empower us and fill our hearts with peace.
- 4 In Christ, the path of grieving will lead at last to joy; his realm of light and goodness, no evil can destroy.

 Through him, whose love and justice will neither spoil nor cease, may we, by faith united, pursue his heavenly peace.

10) WHEN THE GUNS OF WAR FELL SILENT Andrew Moll 8 7 8 7 D

- 1 When the guns of war fell silent, weary soldiers cheered and sang. In the streets of towns and cities crowds rejoiced and church bells rang. Row on row of limestone crosses now recall the sacrifice. We remember, we will treasure peace, that comes at such a price.
- On a dark Judaean hillside crosses silhouette the sky, where the Son of God was taken, crucified and left to die. He was wounded for our healing, gave his life that we might live, deepest mercy, reconciling peace, that nothing less could give.
- When will all the guns be silent? How we long for war to cease. From the ruins of each conflict rises up our prayer for peace. May the selfless love of Jesus give us hope at last to see all the nations, celebrating peace, when all the world is free.

1a Amid a world of pain and war

O WALY WALY 888 (LM) Words: Lucy Mills Music: English Traditional / arr. Noël Tredinnick

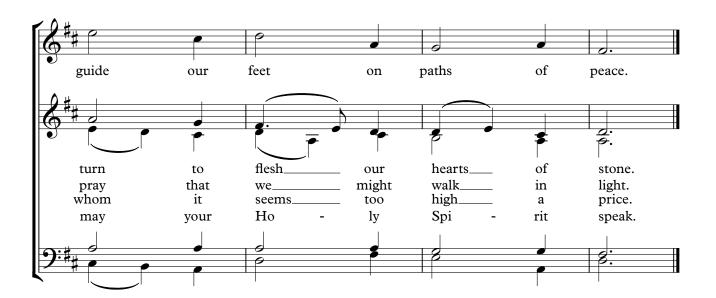


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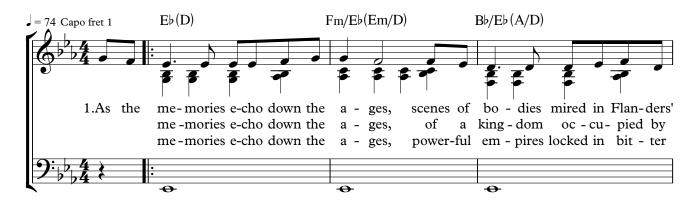
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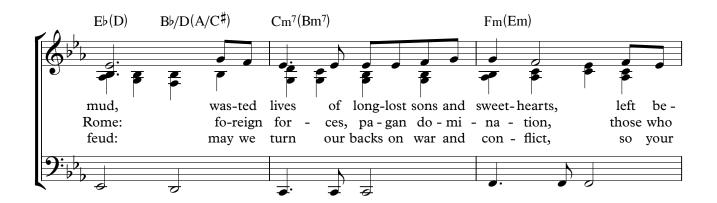


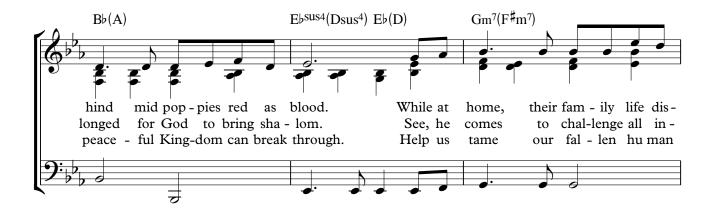
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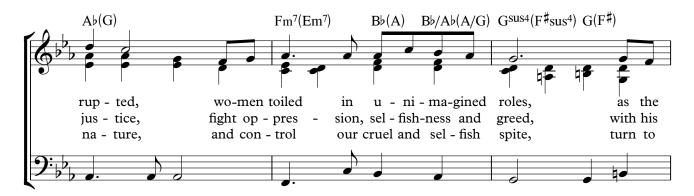
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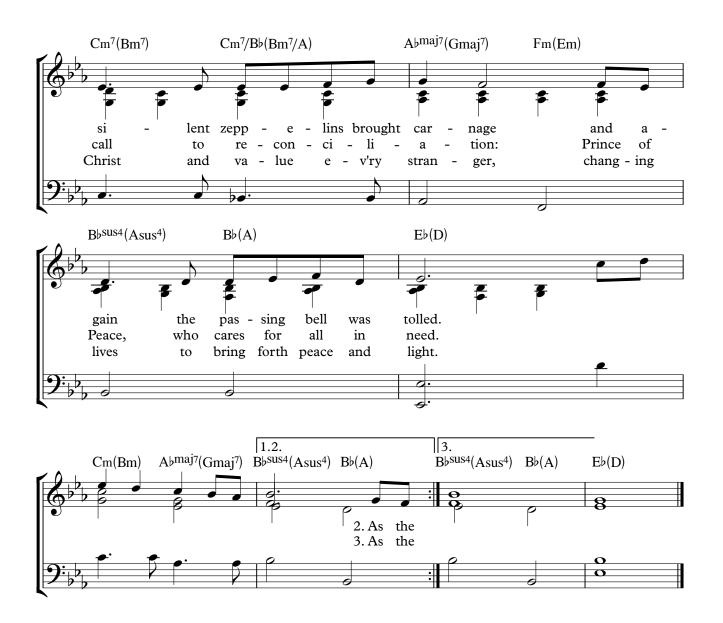
BLOTT EN DAG 10 9 10 9 D Words: Becky Mynett Music: Oskar Ahnfelt, arr Joel Payne











3 Hope for the world's despair

LOVE UNKNOWN Words: Ally Barrett Music: John Ireland



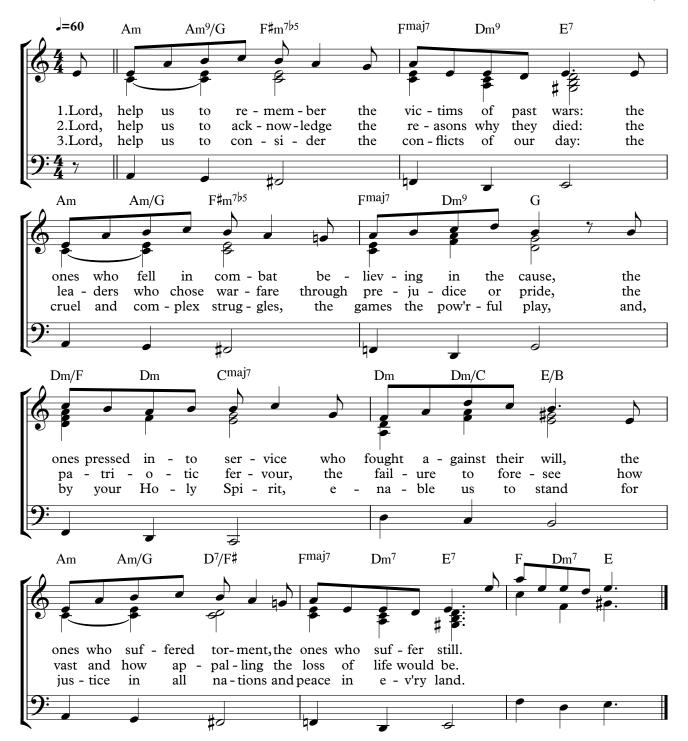
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AURELIA 7676D Words: Sue Gilmurray Music: S S Wesley Last verse & descant arr. David Iliff

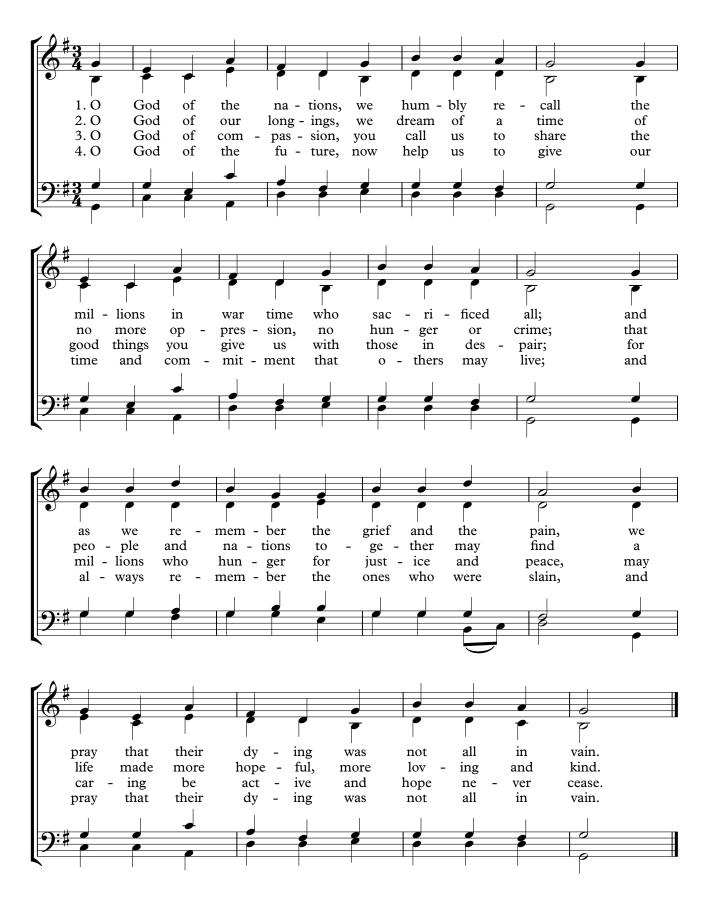


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5 O God of the nations

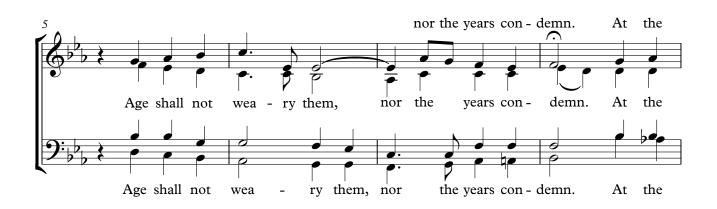
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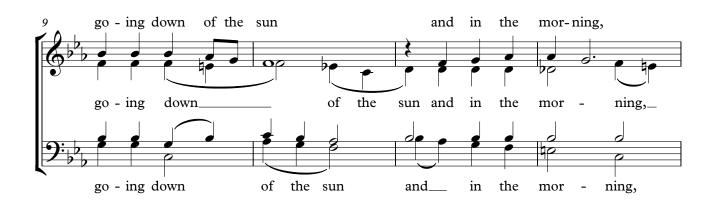


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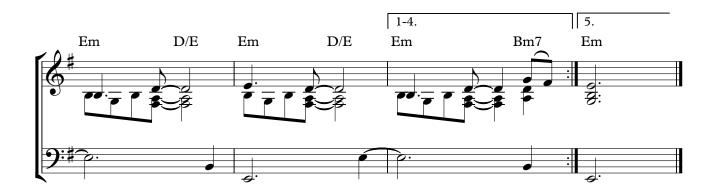




7 Today, as on all landmark days

KINGSFOLD 8 6 8 6 D (DCM) Words: Christopher Idle Music: Traditional English Melody arr David Peacock





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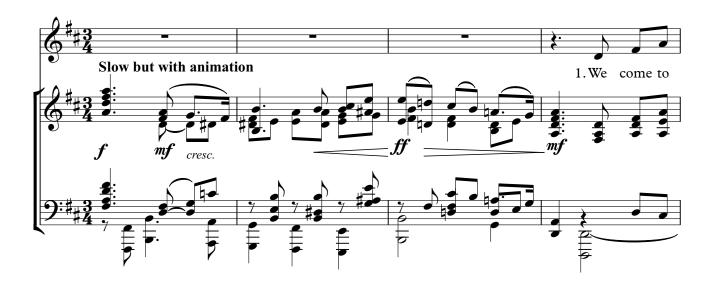
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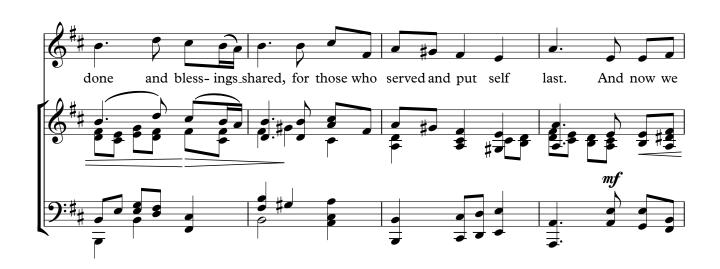
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JERUSALEM Words: Irene Jarvis 8 8 8 D (DLM) Music: C H H Parry











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CRÜGER 7676D Words: Emma Turl Music: J Crüger, adapted W H Monk



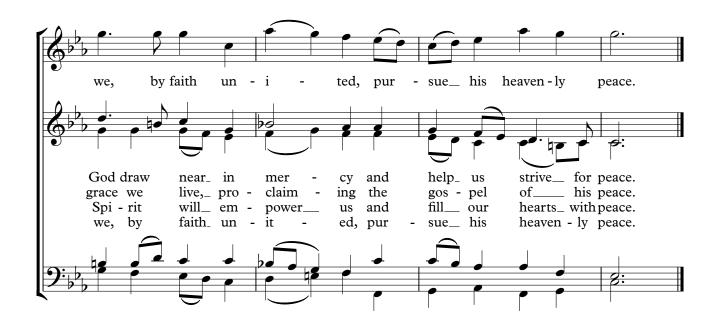
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HEAVENLY PEACE Words: Emma Turl 7 6 7 6 D Music: Stephen Burtonwood



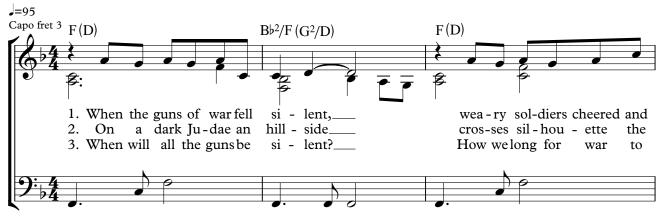
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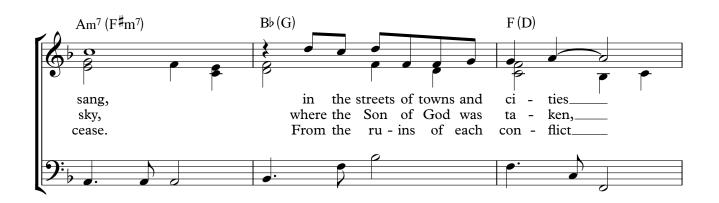
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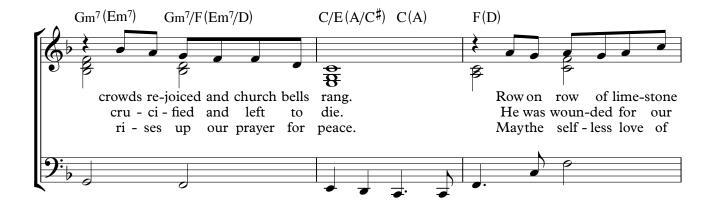


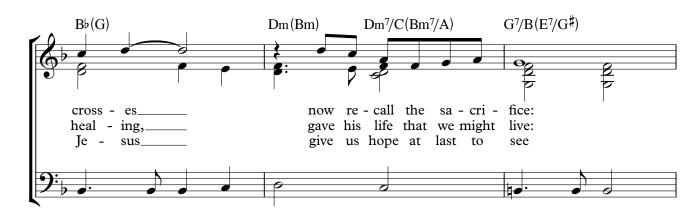
10a When the guns of war fell silent

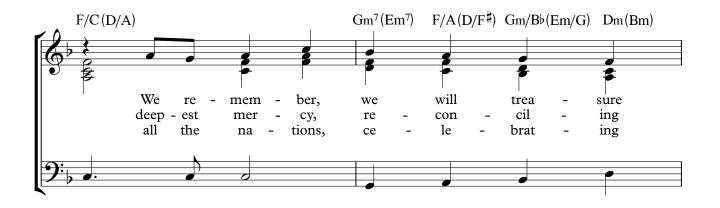


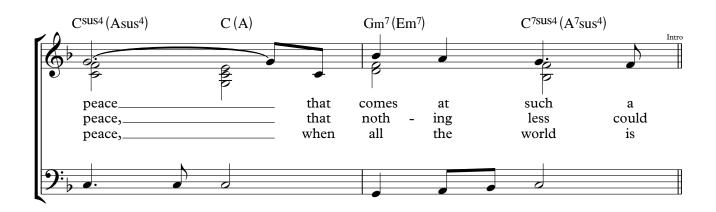


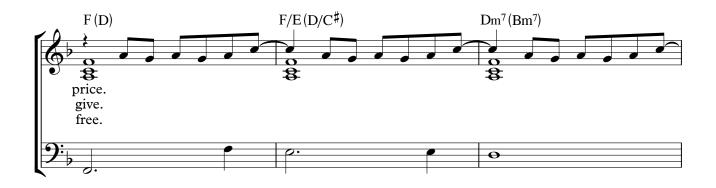


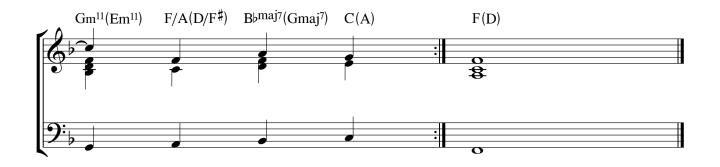












10b When the guns of war fell silent

HYFRYDOL 8787D Words & Music: Andrew Moll

