They Shall Not Hurt

Traditional Prayer in English and Hebrew

Solo Tenor and Men's Choir Music by Arthur Lazarus

1968

arranged by B. Lazarus



Arthur Lazarus (1925-1993) was music director for Temple Beth Sholom in New City, New York, from about 1968 to 1976. His voluntary activities included directing the choir, teaching music at Sunday school, directing and arranging for the Temple Youth Orchestra, and composing a nearly complete set of songs for Sabbath service recognizable now as a major contribution to Jewish liturgical music. *They Shall Not Hurt,* with its flowing melody and clear-eyed but heart-felt devotion, is typical of the music from this cycle. Though Lazarus never had formal musical training, in his youth he performed professionally on bass, trumpet, and piano and toured with swing bands including "Bubbles" Becker and The Twintones. Lazarus was employed as an engineer for AT&T Research and Development from 1958 until his retirement in the mid-1980s.

They Shall Not Hurt was later re-arranged by Lazarus' son, composer Bruce Lazarus, in partial fulfillment of a commission from Gay Men's Chorus of S. Florida for Jewish songs to premiere at Broward Center for Performing Arts. It is Arthur Lazarus' first published composition.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the Earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:9) And they shall sit every man under his vine and fig tree, and none shall make them afraid. (Micah 4:4)

לא-יָרעוּ ,וְלֹא -יַשְׁחִיתוּ, כָלבְּ-הַר קָדְשִׁי: כִּי- מַלְאָה הָאָרֶץ, דֵּעָה אֶת- יְהוָה, כִּמִּיִם,לַיָּם מְכָסִים. וְיָשְׁבוּ אִישׁ תַּחִת גַּפְנוֹ וְתַחַת הְּאֵנָתוֹ וְאֵין מַחֲרִיד.

(Lo-ya-ray-oo v'lo yahsh-khee-tu beh-khahl-har cah-d'shee: Key-mahl-ah ha-ah-retz, day-ah eht-Ah-doh-nahy, khah-m'yim la-yom ma-kha-seem. V'yah-sh'voo eesh tah-ktah- haht gah fah-noh v'tah-khaht t'ai-nah-toh v'ain ma-khah-reed.)

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