Thou God

Text by

Dag Hammarskjöld

from

MARKINGS

Setting for

Mixed Chorus and Organ

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Composer's Notes

I remember reading Dag Hammarskjöld's MARKINGS soon after having sung this anthem's text in a unison anthem setting by Lloyd Pfautsch. The words appealed to me immediately and still speak to me today. I enjoyed the Pfautsch setting, but felt I wanted to write an SATB version with a more significant organ accompaniment that, for me, reflected in a fuller manner the gracious, beautiful text. Therefore, this piece came into being.

Hammarskjöld was Secretary-General of the United Nations from from 10 April 1953 until 18 September 1961. He wrote this deeply personal spiritual journal beginning in 1925. His last entry was dated August 24, 1961. He was killed in a suspicious airplane crash on September 18 that same year.

This faith testament was discovered after his death, but a note was found giving an old friend permission to pursue publishing the journal "if you find them worth publishing". Indeed they are, and the volume has become an enduring and well-loved spiritual classic.

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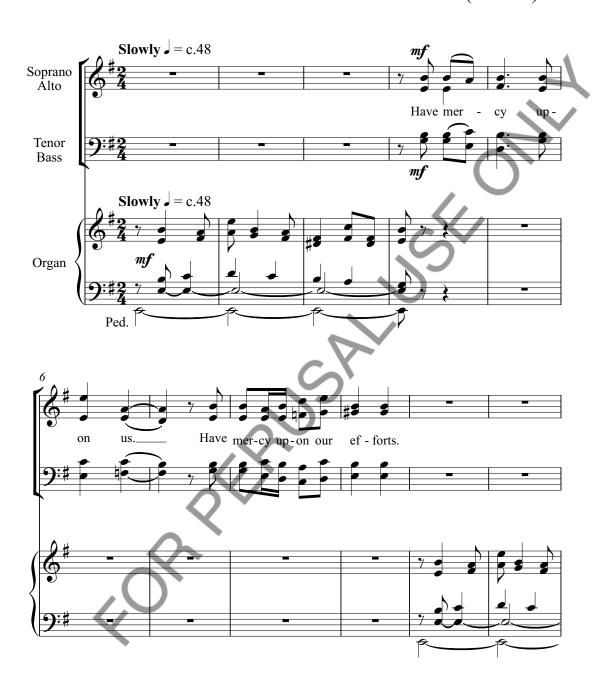
Psalm 150 Anthem for SATB Chorus and Organ



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Dag Hammarskjöld From "Markings"

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