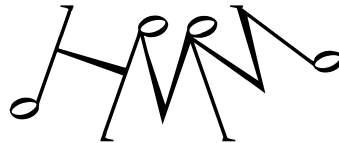


# Thus You Shall Say When The First-Fruit You Present

*~ anthem for SATB choir, a cappella ~*

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Text from Deuteronomy 26



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## Thus You Shall Say When the First-Fruit You Present

Thus you shall say when the first-fruit you present to the Lord your God:

“A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and  
lived there as an alien, few in number,  
And there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.  
When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing  
hard labor on us,  
We cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors;  
The Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil and our  
oppression.

“The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an  
outstretched arm,  
With a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;  
And he brought us into this place and gave us this land,  
A land flowing with milk and honey.  
So now I bring the first of the fruit of the earth that you, O Lord, have  
given me.”

You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the  
Lord your God.

*Deuteronomy 26 verses 5 -10*  
*Appointed Reading for the first Sunday of Lent or*  
*Thanksgiving/Harvest, Year C*  
*Excerpted C.J. Hoh*

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Deuteronomy 26

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*Expressively*

*f*

Sopr. Thus ——— you — shall say when the first - fruit — you

Alto Thus ——— you — shall say when the first - fruit — you

Tenor

Bass

Rehs'l.  
Acc.

4

*decr.*

pre - sent to the Lord your God: \_\_\_\_\_

*decr.*

pre - sent — to the Lord — your — God: \_\_\_\_\_

*mf*

“A wan - der-ing Ar-a-

*mf*

“A wan - der-ing Ar-a-

4

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8 *mp* Ah, E -

*mp* Ah, E -

me - an was my an - ces - tor; he went down in - to

me - an was my an - ces - tor; he went down in - to

12 gypt!

gypt! "And there

E - gypt, and lived there as an a - li - en, few in num - ber, And there

E - gypt, and lived there as an a - li - en, And there

12

16

he — be - came — great, — might -

he be - came — a great — na - tion, might - y —

he be - came — a great — na - tion, might -

16

20

- y; —

— and pop - u - lous. — When the E - gyp - tians treat - ed us harsh - ly —

- y, and pop - u - lous. — When the E - gyp - tians treat - ed us harsh - ly

20

24

and af-flict-ed us, by im-pos-ing hard la - bor up-  
and af - flict - ed us, im-pos-ing hard la - bor up -

28

*(mp)*

"...un - to the Lord, your

*(mp)*

...un - to the Lord, your

-on us, We cried un-to the Lord, the God of -

-on us, We cried un-to the Lord, the God of -

28

32

God, the Lord, your  
God, the Lord, your  
our an - ces - tors; The Lord heard our  
our an - ces - tors; The Lord heard our

36

God; the Lord,  
God; the Lord,  
voice and saw our af - flic - tion, our toil and  
voice and saw our af - flic - tion, our toil and

40

God. The Lord, the  
God. The Lord, the  
our op - pres - sion. The Lord, the  
our op - pres - sion. The Lord, the

44

Lord brought us out of Eg - ypt with a might - y hand and an out -  
Lord brought us out of Eg - ypt with a might - y hand and an out -  
your God; ah,  
your God; ah,



48

stretched arm, With a ter-ri-fy-ing dis-play of pow'r, and with  
stretched arm, a dis-play of pow'r, and with  
with a ter - ri - fy-ing dis-play,  
and with

52

signs and won - ders; And he brought us  
signs and won - ders; And he brought us  
the Lord,  
signs, the Lord,

56

in - to this place and gave us this land, A  
in - to this place and gave us this land, A  
your God, the Lord, your God,  
your God, the Lord, your God,

60

land flow - ing with milk and hon - ey.  
land flow - ing with milk and hon - ey.  
your God, the  
your God, the

63

So now I bring the first of the fruit of the earth that you, O  
So now I bring the first of the fruit of the earth that you, O  
Lord, the Lord;  
Lord, the Lord;

66

Lord, have given me."  
Lord, O Lord, have given me."  
*cresc.* O Lord God." *mf* You shall  
*cresc.* O Lord God." *mf* You shall

71 *mf*

You shall set it down be-fore the Lord your  
You shall set it down be-fore the Lord your  
set it down be - fore the Lord your  
set it down be - fore the Lord your

75

God and bow down be - fore the Lord your  
God and bow down be - fore the Lord your God.  
God and bow down be - fore the Lord your  
God and bow down be - fore the Lord your God.

80 *f*

God. You shall set it down be - fore the

You shall set it down, set it down be - fore the

God. You shall set, it down be - fore the

You shall set it down, be - fore the

80

85

Lord your God, your God.

Lord your God, your God.

Lord. Ah.

Lord, your God.

85