

292. Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

"My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD." Ps. 104:34

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Tenor parts. The lyrics are arranged in two systems, with five lines of text per system. The first system of lyrics is aligned with the first two staves of music, and the second system is aligned with the third and fourth staves. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of Thee With sweet-ness fills the breast;
2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the mem - ory find
3. O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart, O joy of all the meek!
4. But what to those who find? Ah, this Nor tongue nor pen can show;
5. Je - sus, our on - ly joy be Thou! As Thou our Prize wilt be;

But sweet - er still Thy face to see And in Thy pres - ence rest.
A sweet - er sound than Thy blest Name, O Sav - ior of man - kind!
To those who err, how kind Thou art, How good to those who seek!
The love of Je - sus, what it is, None but His loved ones know.
Je - sus, be Thou our glo - ry now, And through e - ter - ni - ty!