

Loyal to the Group of Seventeen's Story: The Just Man

from *Citadel of the Autarch*

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1 $\text{♩} = 84$

Travis
In times past, loy- al- ty to the cause of the pop- u- lace was to be

Tanner
In times past, loy- al- ty to the cause of the pop- u- lace was to be

Nathan
In times past, loy- al- ty to the cause of the pop- u- lace was to be

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found ev'- ry- where. The will of the Group of Sev- en- teen was the will of ev'- ry- one.

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1

Allán
Once up- on a time...

2 $\text{♩} = 96$

let him band

Let no one be i- dle. If one is i- dle, let him band

and let them look for i- dle land. Let

to- geth- er with oth- ers who are i- dle too, and let them look for i- dle land. Let

to- geth- er with oth- ers who are i- dle too, and let them look for i- dle land. Let

8 $\text{♩} = 144$
hissed, a threat

ev'- ry- one they meet di- rect them. It is bet- ter to walk
sung, lamenting
ev'- ry- one they meet di- rect them. It is bet- ter to walk
vocal fry, starved
ev'- ry- one they meet di- rect them. It is bet- ter to walk

12

a thou- sand leagues than to sit in the House of Star- va- tion.
a thou- sand leagues than to sit in the House of Star- va- tion.
a thou- sand leagues than to sit in the House of Star- va- tion.

2

There was a re- mote farm worked in part- ner- ship by
peo- ple who were not re- lat- ed.

3 $\text{♩} = 156$

One is strong
an- oth- er beau- ti- ful
a third a

6

Which is best? He who serves the pop- u- lace.
Which is best? He who serves the pop- u- lace.
cun- ning ar- tif- i- cer. Which is best? He who serves the pop- u- lace.



On this farm lived a good man.

4 $\text{♩} = 192$

Let the work be di- vid- ed by a wise di- vid- er of work. Let the food be di-

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vid- ed by a just di- vid- er of food. Let the pigs grow fat. Let rats starve.

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The oth- ers cheat- ed him of his share.

5 $\text{♩} = 192$

The peo- ple meet- ing in coun- sel may judge, but

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The peo- ple meet- ing in coun- sel may judge, but

no one is to re- ceive more than a hun- dred blows.

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no one is to re- ceive more than a hun- dred blows.



He com- plained, and they beat him.

[6] $\text{♩} = 120$

How are the hands nour-ished? How does the blood reach the

By the blood.

By the blood.

8

hands? If the veins are closed, the hands will rot a- way.

By the veins. If the veins are closed, the hands will rot a- way.

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[6]

He left that farm and took to the roads.

[7] $\text{♩} = 120$

Where the Group of Sev- en- teen sit, there fi- nal jus- tice is done.

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[7]

He went to the cap- i- tal and com- plained of the way he had been treat- ed.

[8] $\text{♩} = 120$

Let there be clean wa- ter for those who toil.

Let there be clean wa- ter for those who toil.

Let there be clean wa- ter for those who toil.

4

Let there be hot food for them and a clean bed.

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8

He came back to the farm,

tired and hun- gry a- fter his jour- ney.

9 ♩ = 192

No one is to re- ceive more than a hun- dred blows.

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No one is to re- ceive more than a hun- dred blows.

9

They beat him a- gain.

10 ♩ = 144

Be- hind ev'- ry- thing some fur- ther thing is found, for- ev- er; thus the

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Be- hind ev'- ry- thing some fur- ther thing is found, for- ev- er; thus the

7

tree be- hind the bird, stone be- neath soil, the sun be- hind

tree be- hind the bird, stone be- neath soil, the sun be- hind

tree be- hind the bird, stone be- neath soil, the sun be- hind

14

Urth. Be- hind our ef- forts, let there be found our ef- forts.

Urth. Be- hind our ef- forts, let there be found our ef- forts.

Urth. Be- hind our ef- forts, let there be found our ef- forts.

10

The just man did not give up.

He left the farm a- gain to walk to the cap- i- tal.

11 $\text{♩} = 108$

No, for all cry to- geth- er.

No, for all cry to- geth- er.

Can all pe- ti- tion- ers be heard? No, for all cry to- geth- er.

6

is it those who cry loud- est? No, for

Who, then, shall be heard— is it those who cry loud- est? No, for

is it those who cry loud- est? No, for

11

molto rit. *a tempo*

all cry loud- ly. long- est shall be

all cry loud- ly. Those who cry long- est shall be

all cry loud- ly. long- est shall be

17

heard, and jus- tice shall be done to them.

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11

Ar- riv- ing at the cap- i- tal,

he camped up- on the ver- y door- step of the Group of Sev- en- teen

and begged all who passed to lis- ten to him.

Af- ter a long time he was ad- mit- ted to the pal- ace,

where those in au- thor- i- ty heard his com- plaints with sym- pa- thy.

12

$\text{♩} = 144$

So say the Group of Sev- en- teen: From those who steal,

So say the Group of Sev- en- teen: From those who steal,

So say the Group of Sev- en- teen: From those who steal,

6

take all they have, for noth- ing that they have is their own.

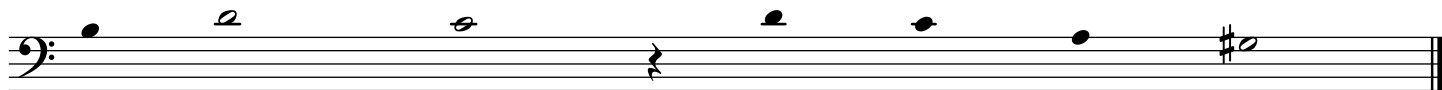
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12



They told him to go back to the farm and tell the bad men—



in their name— that they must leave.

13

$\text{♩} = 72$

As a good child to its moth- er, so is the

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cit- i- zen to the Group of Sev- en- teen.

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cit- i- zen to the Group of Sev- en- teen.

13



He did just as they had said.

14

$\text{♩} = 120$

What is fool- ish speech? It is wind. It has come in at the ears and goes

What is fool- ish speech? It is wind. It has come in at the ears and goes

What is fool- ish speech? It is wind. It has come in at the ears and goes

7
 out of the mouth. No one is to re- ceive more than a hun- dred blows.
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 out of the mouth. No one is to re- ceive more than a hun- dred blows.

14

They mocked him and beat him.

15

♩ = 192

Be- hind our ef- forts, let there be found our ef- forts.

Be- hind our ef- forts, let there be found our ef- forts.

Be- hind our ef- forts, let there be found our ef- forts.

15

The just man did not give up.

He re- turned to the cap- i- tal once more.

16

♩ = 96

The cit- i- zen ren- ders to the pop- u- lace what is due

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5
 to the pop- u- lace. What is due to the pop- u- lace? Ev'- ry- thing.
 to the pop- u- lace. What is due to the pop- u- lace? Ev'- ry- thing.
 to the pop- u- lace. What is due to the pop- u- lace? Ev'- ry- thing.

16



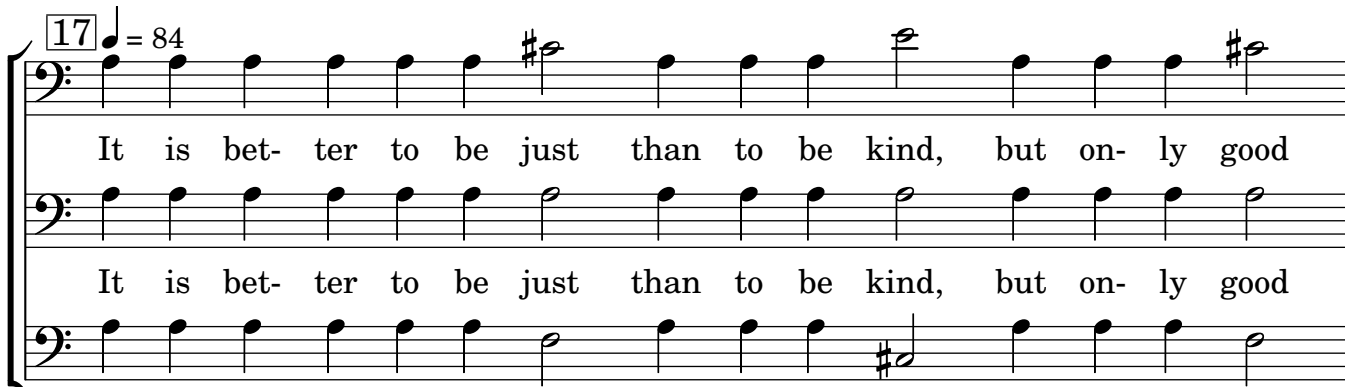
He was ver- y tired. His clothes were in rags and his shoes worn out.



He had no food and noth- ing to trade.

17

♩ = 84



It is bet- ter to be just than to be kind, but on- ly good

It is bet- ter to be just than to be kind, but on- ly good

It is bet- ter to be just than to be kind, but on- ly good

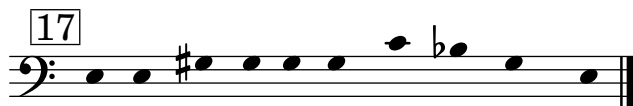


judg- es can be just; let those who can- not be just be kind.

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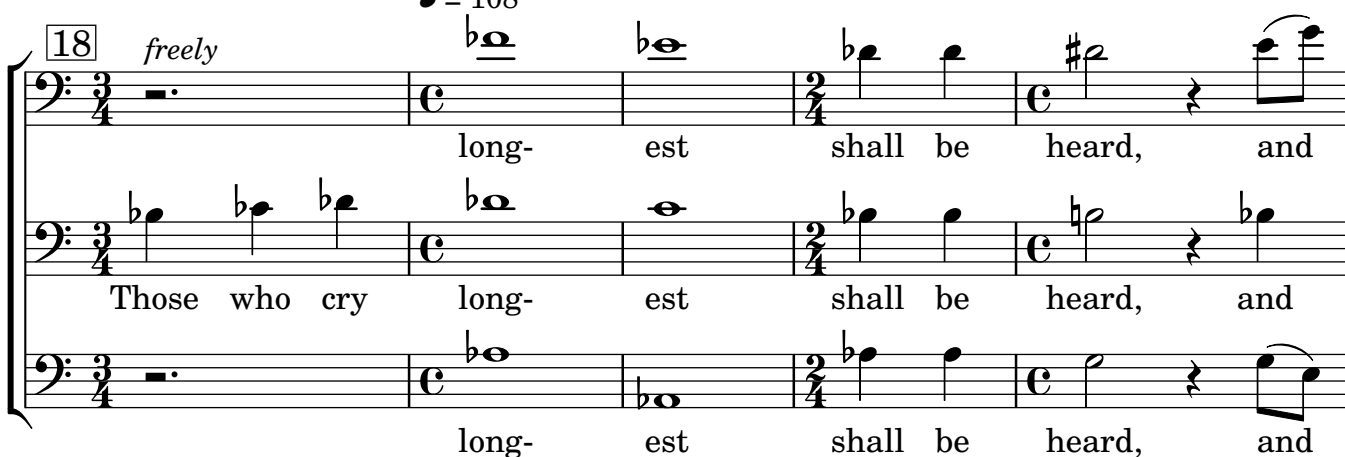
judg- es can be just; let those who can- not be just be kind.

17



In the cap- i- tal he lived by beg- ging.

♩ = 108



18

freely

long- est shall be heard, and

Those who cry long- est shall be heard, and

long- est shall be heard, and

6

jus- tice shall be done to them.

jus- tice shall be done to them.

jus- tice shall be done to them.

18

This time he had to wait a long while

be- fore he was ad- mit- ted to the pal- ace,

but at last they let him in and heard what he had to say.

19 $\text{♩} = 120$

Those who will not serve the pop-u- lace shall serve the pop-u- lace.

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19

They said they would put the bad men in pri- son.

20 $\text{♩} = 120$

Let there be clean wa- ter for those who toil.

Let there be clean wa- ter for those who toil.

Let there be clean wa- ter for those who toil.

4

Let there be hot food for them, and a clean bed.

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Let there be hot food for them, and a clean bed.

20

He went back home.

21

♩ = 192

No one is to receive more than a hundred blows.

No one is to receive more than a hundred blows.

No one is to receive more than a hundred blows.

21

He was beat-en a-gain.

22

♩ = 192

Be-hind our ef-forts, let there be found our ef-forts.

Be-hind our ef-forts, let there be found our ef-forts.

Be-hind our ef-forts, let there be found our ef-forts.

22

But he did not give up.

Once more he set off for the cap-i-tal to com-plain

23

♩ = 192

Those who fight for the pop-u-lace fight with a thou-sand

Those who fight for the pop-u-lace fight with a thou-sand

Those who fight for the pop-u-lace fight with a thou-sand

hearts. Those who fight a- gainst them with none.

hearts. Those who fight a- gainst them with none.

hearts. Those who fight a- gainst them with none.

23

Now the bad men were a- fraid.

24

♩ = 240

Let no one op- pose the de- ci- sions of the Group of Sev- en- teen.

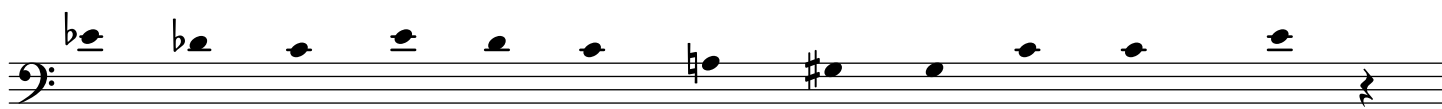
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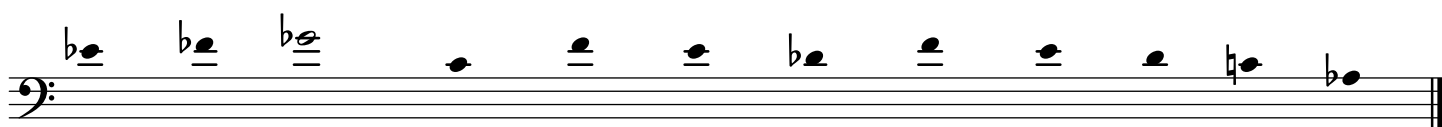
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They said to them- selves, 'He has gone to the pal- ace a- gain and

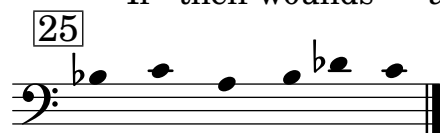
a- gain, and each time he must have told the rul- ers there



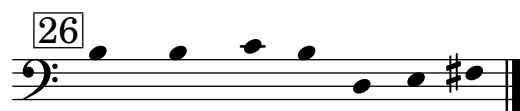
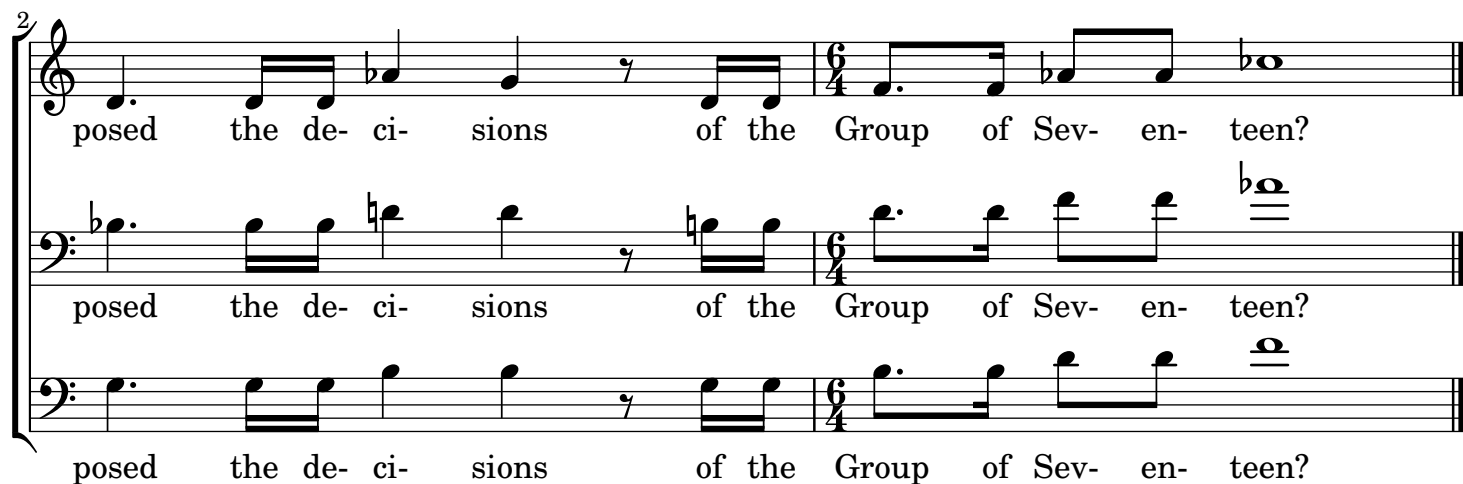
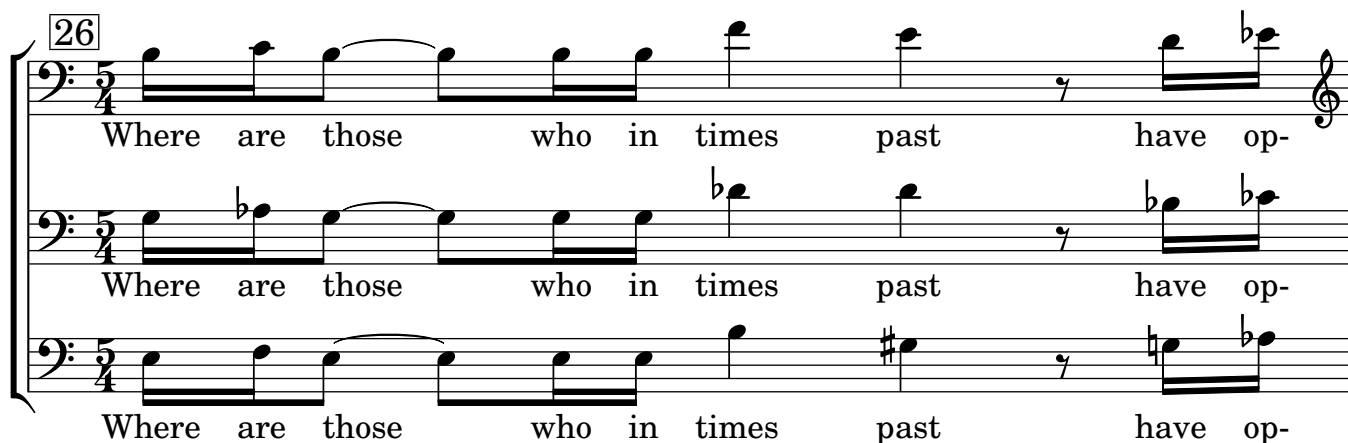
that we did not o- bey their ear- li- er com- mands.



Sure- ly, this time they will send sol- diers to kill us.



The bad men ran a- way.



They were nev- er seen a- gain.

27

♩ = 120

Let there be clean wa-ter for those who toil. Let there be hot food for

them, and a clean bed. Then they will sing at their work, and their work will be

light to them. Then they will sing at the har-vest, and the har-vest will be heav-y.

27

The just man re-turned home

and lived hap-pi-ly ev-er af-ter.