

# 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

5  
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

$\text{♩} = 150$   
hissed, a threat

8  
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.



[6]  $\text{♩} = 120$ 

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

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

[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.

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

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

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.

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

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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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.

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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.

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

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

[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]

♩ = 144

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

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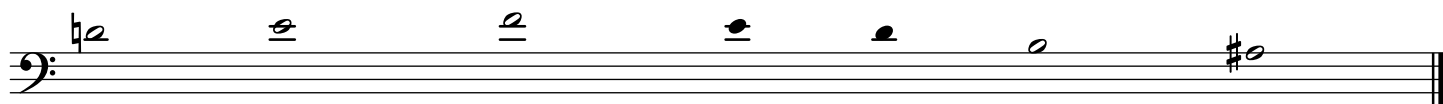
take all they have, for noth- ing that they have is their own.

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

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

[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 mother, so is the

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

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

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

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.





They mocked him and beat him.

15  $\text{♩} = 192$

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  $\text{♩} = 96$

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

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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]  $\text{♩} = 84$

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.

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

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.

$\text{♩} = 108$

[18] *freely*

long- est shall be heard, and

Those who cry long- est shall be heard, and

long- est shall be heard, and

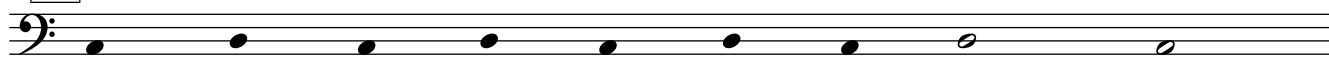
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jus- tice shall be done to them.

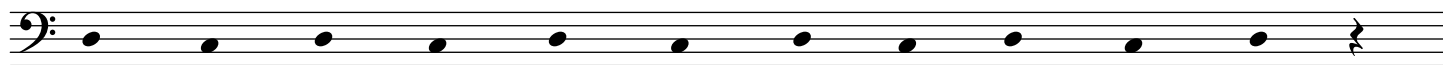
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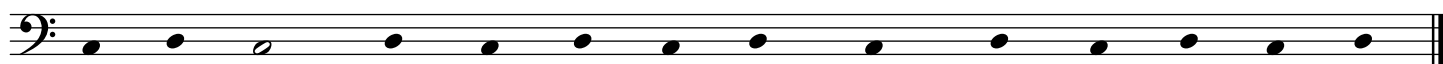
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This time he had to wait a long while



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

♩ = 120



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

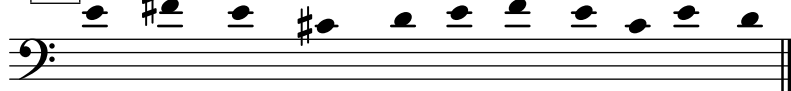


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19



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

20

♩ = 120



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



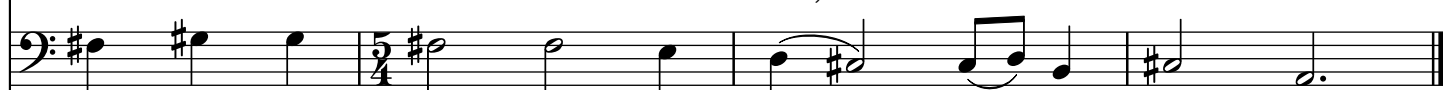
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Let there be clean wa- ter for those who toil.



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



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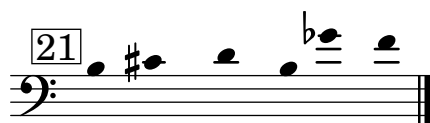
He went back home.

21  $\text{♩} = 192$

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.



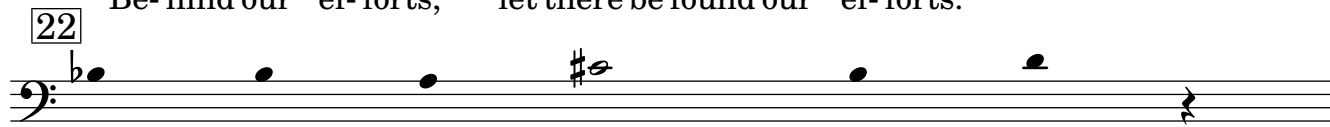
He was beat-en a-gain.

22  $\text{♩} = 192$

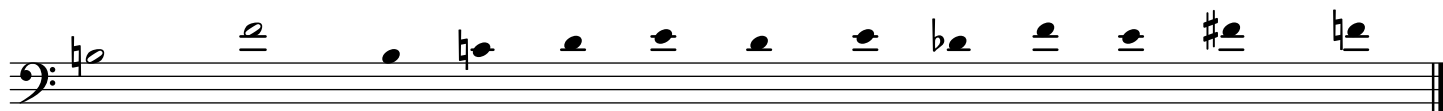
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Be-hind our ef-forts, let there be found our ef-forts.



But he did not give up.



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

23  $\text{♩} = 192$

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

7

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

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

23

Now the bad men were a- afraid.

24

$\text{♩} = 240$

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

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24

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.

25

$\text{♩} = 120$

If their wounds are in their backs, who shall stanch their blood?

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The bad men ran a- way.

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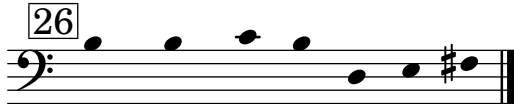
Where are those who in times past have op-

posed the decisions of the Group of Seventeen?

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26



They were nev- er seen a- gain.

27

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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.