

# Hear, hear, O heavens

*Anthem for Fast Day*

Transcribed from *The Continental Harmony*, 1794.

Based on Isaiah Chapter 1

F minor

William Billings, 1794

Musical score for "Hear, hear, O heavens" featuring four voices: Treble, Counter, Tenor, and Bass. The music is in F minor, common time. The lyrics are integrated into the vocal parts.

**Treble:** Starts with a single eighth note followed by a rest. Measures 5-10: Rests. Measure 10: Starts with a half note, followed by eighth notes. Measures 15-20: Rests. Measure 20: Starts with a half note, followed by eighth notes. Measures 25-30: Rests.

**Counter:** Starts with a half note, followed by eighth notes. Measures 5-10: Rests. Measure 10: Starts with a half note, followed by eighth notes. Measures 15-20: Rests. Measure 20: Starts with a half note, followed by eighth notes. Measures 25-30: Rests.

**Tenor:** Starts with a half note, followed by eighth notes. Measures 5-10: Rests. Measure 10: Starts with a half note, followed by eighth notes. Measures 15-20: Rests. Measure 20: Starts with a half note, followed by eighth notes. Measures 25-30: Rests.

**Bass:** Starts with a half note, followed by eighth notes. Measures 5-10: Rests. Measure 10: Starts with a half note, followed by eighth notes. Measures 15-20: Rests. Measure 20: Starts with a half note, followed by eighth notes. Measures 25-30: Rests.

**Lyrics:**

- Measures 8-10: Hear, hear, O heav'ns, and give ear, O earth, For the Lord hath spo-ken, for the Lord hath spo-ken.
- Measures 15-20: And they have re - bell'd,
- Measures 20-25: they have re - bell'd a - gainst me, and they have re - bell'd a - gainst me.
- Measures 25-30: And they have re - bell'd, And brought up child-ren,

30

Tr. Ah, sin-ful na-tion!

C. Ah, sin-ful na-tion!

T. But Is-rael does not know, But

B. The ox knows his ow-ner, the ass his mas-ter's crib,

35

40

Tr. Ah! sin-ful na-tion!

C. Is-rael does not know, But Is-rael does not know, My peo-ple doth not con - sider.

T. Ah! sin-ful na-tion!

B. Ah! sin-ful na-tion!

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Tr.

C.

T.

B.

Child-ren that are cor - rup-ters, they have for - sa - ken the Lord,

A peo-ple la-den with in - i-qu-i-ty, A seed of e-vil-do-ers,

60

65

Tr.

C.

T.

B.

They have pro - vo - ked, pro - vo - ked, have pro - vo-ked the Ho - ly One of Is-rael un - to an-ger. Ah! sin-ful

70

They have pro - vo - ked, pro - vo - ked, pro - vo - ked the Ho - ly One of Is-rael un - to an-ger.

They have pro - vo - ked, pro - vo - ked the Ho - ly One of Is-rael un - to an-ger.

They have pro - vo - ked, pro - vo - ked the Ho - ly One of Is-rael un - to an-ger.

They have pro - vo - ked, pro - vo - ked the Ho - ly One of Is-rael un - to an-ger.

75

Tr. na-tion!

C. Ah! sin-ful na-tion!

T. Wash ye, make ye clean; Put a-way the e - vil of your do-ings from be - fore my

B.

80

85

90

Tr. Seek judg-ment, re-lieve the op-pressed, Judge the fa-ther-less. Plead,

C. eyes. Learn to do well. Plead,

T. Seek judg-ment, re-lieve the op-pressed, Plead,

B. Cease to do e-evil, Judge the fa-ther-less. Plead,

95

Tr. plead, plead, for the wi-dow. Plead, plead for the wi-dow.

C. plead, plead, plead, Plead, for the wi-dow. Do

T. plead, for the wi - dow, Plead, plead, for the wi-dow. Do

B. plead for the wi - dow, plead, for the wi-dow. Plead, plead,

Tr. 105 love mer-cy, walk hum-bly be-fore God.

C. jus-tice, Come now, let us rea - son to - ge-ther, re-son to-ge-ther, saith the Lord:

T. jus-tice, love mer-cy, walk hum-bly be-fore God.

B. - - - - - C:||: - - - - -

115

Tr.  
C.  
Though your sins they be as scar - let, they shall be as wool; though they be red like crim-son, like crim-son, like  
T.  
B.

120

Tr.  
be as white as snow. \_\_\_\_\_  
C.  
crim-son, yet they shall be as white as snow, as white as snow, yet they shall be as white as snow. \_\_\_\_\_  
T.  
B.  
be as white as snow. \_\_\_\_\_