



Coronation 1727

Let Thy Hand Be Strengthened

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

Arranged by DAVID GIARDINIERE

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 8 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass
- 1 Harpsichord

Very close to the original, this lovely setting will be perfect for festival or contest. Audience and players can experience the pomp of a royal event!

PROGRAM NOTES

Shortly before his death in 1727, King George I signed an "Act of Naturalization for George Frederick Handel and others." Handel's first assignment as a naturalized British citizen was to compose music for George's successor, King George II, in October of that year. "Let Thy Hand Be Strengthened" is one of four "coronation anthems" presented at the coronation ceremonies. The anthems have become some of Handel's most popular works and have been performed regularly since the premiere. Originally scored for choir and orchestra, the piece is presented here in a strings-only edition that requires only a few changes in Handel's original score.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

All Belwin string parts have been carefully bowed and fingered appropriately by level. The Yellow Very Beginning series includes many bowings as well as reminder fingerings for first-time readers. The Red Beginning series includes frequent bowings to assist younger players. Fingerings for altered pitches are often marked. The Green Intermediate series includes appropriately placed bowings for middle-level students. Fingerings and positions are marked for notes beyond first position. The Blue Concert series includes bowings appropriate for the experienced high school player. Fingerings and position markings are indicated for difficult passages.

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CONDUCTOR SCORE

Duration - 3:00

George Frideric Handel

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Allegro moderato (♩ = 110)

Violins

Viola
(Violin III)

Cello

String Bass

Harpsichord

Vlins.

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Hrps.

10

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Hrps.

9 10 11 12

16

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Hrps.

13 14 15 16

Score for measures 17-20, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, Str. Bass, and Hrps. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. Measures 17-20 show a dynamic shift from *p* to *pp*. A large red watermark "Preview Use Requires Purchase" is overlaid diagonally across the page.

Measures 17-20:

- Vlns. I & II:** Violins I and II. Measure 17: Vln. I has a trill (tr) on G4. Measure 18: Vln. I has a trill (tr) on G4. Measure 19: Vln. I has a trill (tr) on G4. Measure 20: Vln. I has a trill (tr) on G4.
- Vla. (Vln. III):** Viola (Violin III). Measure 17: Trill (tr) on G3. Measure 18: Trill (tr) on G3. Measure 19: Trill (tr) on G3. Measure 20: Trill (tr) on G3.
- Cello:** Cello. Measure 17: Trill (tr) on G2. Measure 18: Trill (tr) on G2. Measure 19: Trill (tr) on G2. Measure 20: Trill (tr) on G2.
- Str. Bass:** String Bass. Measure 17: Trill (tr) on G1. Measure 18: Trill (tr) on G1. Measure 19: Trill (tr) on G1. Measure 20: Trill (tr) on G1.
- Hrps.:** Harp. Measure 17: Trill (tr) on G4. Measure 18: Trill (tr) on G4. Measure 19: Trill (tr) on G4. Measure 20: Trill (tr) on G4.

Score for measures 21-24, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, Str. Bass, and Hrps. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. Measures 21-24 show a dynamic shift from *f* to *pp*. A large red watermark "Preview Use Requires Purchase" is overlaid diagonally across the page.

Measures 21-24:

- Vlns. I & II:** Violins I and II. Measure 21: Vln. I has a trill (tr) on G4. Measure 22: Vln. I has a trill (tr) on G4. Measure 23: Vln. I has a trill (tr) on G4. Measure 24: Vln. I has a trill (tr) on G4.
- Vla. (Vln. III):** Viola (Violin III). Measure 21: Trill (tr) on G3. Measure 22: Trill (tr) on G3. Measure 23: Trill (tr) on G3. Measure 24: Trill (tr) on G3.
- Cello:** Cello. Measure 21: Trill (tr) on G2. Measure 22: Trill (tr) on G2. Measure 23: Trill (tr) on G2. Measure 24: Trill (tr) on G2.
- Str. Bass:** String Bass. Measure 21: Trill (tr) on G1. Measure 22: Trill (tr) on G1. Measure 23: Trill (tr) on G1. Measure 24: Trill (tr) on G1.
- Hrps.:** Harp. Measure 21: Trill (tr) on G4. Measure 22: Trill (tr) on G4. Measure 23: Trill (tr) on G4. Measure 24: Trill (tr) on G4.

25 *div.*

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Hrps.

mf

mf

25 26 27 28

32

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Hrps.

mf

mf

Hi 3

3

-4

-4

mf

29 30 31 32

Score for measures 33-36, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, Str. Bass, and Hrps.

Measures 33-36 show a melodic progression in the strings and woodwinds, with the harp providing harmonic support. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Measure 33: Vlns. I & II play a melodic line, Vla. (Vln. III) has a rest, Cello and Str. Bass play a steady eighth-note pattern, and Hrps. provides a harmonic accompaniment.

Measure 34: Similar to measure 33, with slight melodic shifts in the strings.

Measure 35: Vlns. I & II continue the melodic line, Vla. (Vln. III) has a rest, Cello and Str. Bass play a steady eighth-note pattern, and Hrps. provides a harmonic accompaniment.

Measure 36: Vlns. I & II continue the melodic line, Vla. (Vln. III) has a rest, Cello and Str. Bass play a steady eighth-note pattern, and Hrps. provides a harmonic accompaniment.

Score for measures 37-40, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, Str. Bass, and Hrps.

Measures 37-40 show a melodic progression in the strings and woodwinds, with the harp providing harmonic support. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Measure 37: Vlns. I & II play a melodic line, Vla. (Vln. III) has a rest, Cello and Str. Bass play a steady eighth-note pattern, and Hrps. provides a harmonic accompaniment.

Measure 38: Similar to measure 37, with slight melodic shifts in the strings.

Measure 39: Vlns. I & II continue the melodic line, Vla. (Vln. III) has a rest, Cello and Str. Bass play a steady eighth-note pattern, and Hrps. provides a harmonic accompaniment.

Measure 40: Vlns. I & II continue the melodic line, Vla. (Vln. III) has a rest, Cello and Str. Bass play a steady eighth-note pattern, and Hrps. provides a harmonic accompaniment.

1 42 V -1 V *mp* *mp* *mp* *mp*

I Vlns.

II Vlns.

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Hrps.

41 42 43 44

3 4 -1 4 4 V *f* *f* *f* *f* *f*

I Vlns.

II Vlns.

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Hrps.

45 46 47 48

50

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Hrps.

49 50 51 52

56

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Hrps.

53 54 55 56

Vlns.
I
II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Hrps.

57 58 59 60

Vlns.
I
II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Hrps.

61 62 63 64

65

(tr) (tr) (tr)

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Hrps.

65 66 67

o -3 4 V

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Hrps.

68 69 70 71

74

V

V (tr)

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Hrps.

72 73 74 75

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Hrps.

76 77 78

p

p

p

p

p

79 80 81

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Hrps.

f *f* *f* *f*

-1 *V* *(tr)* *V* *(tr)*

82 83 84

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Hrps.

V *(tr)* *V*