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**God Is
Here**

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For
Solo
Choir, Assembly
Keyboard and Guitar
with C Instrument and Cello

David Haas

THE GOD OF
SECOND CHANCES

For all who long to start over, to begin again.

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Tune: BEGINNING

9.6.8.5

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Stately $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 72-76$

9 **Verses 1-3**

Solo mp 1. Come now, O God _____ of sec - ond chanc - es;
Solo mf 2. Come now, O God, _____ re - lease our de - mons;
Men mf 3. Come now, O God, _____ and still our an - ger;

See Notes on page 8.

See pages 9-11 for parts for C Instrument and Cello.

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o - pen our lives to heal.
o - pen our eyes to see.
o - pen our minds to peace.

D/A Em⁷ A/C# G/B D/A A/G

17 *mf*

Re - move our hate, and melt our rage.
the shame with - in, our guilt and pain.
Em - brace our fear, and hold us close.

D/F# GADD⁹ D/A G/B

mf

21 *mp*

Save us from our - selves.
Mend us; make us whole.
Calm the storm with -

A/C# D A D/F# 1., 2. GADD⁹ A

mp

25 3.

in.

3.
G^{ADD9} A/C[#] D A D/F[#] G^{ADD9} A^{SUS4} A

mp *broaden* *mf*

31 **Verse 4** S, A *mf* O God,

4. Come now, O come now, O God, shake our re - sent - ment;

D A/C[#] Bm Bm/A G^{ADD9}

35 o - pen our way _____ to choose _____

D/A Em⁷ A/C[#] G/B D/A A/G

39 *mf* o - ver re - venge.

the way of love o - ver re - venge.

mf

D/F# GADD9 D/A G/B

43 *mp* Show us a new way.

A/C# D A D/F# GADD9

mp

47 A/C# D A D/F# GADD9 *tacet*

Verse 5 *a cappella*

51 *S, A* ***mf*** O God, _____

5. Come now, O come now, O God, and grant com - pas - sion;

T, B ***mf***

God com - pas - sion

55 ***f*** to love. _____

o - pen our hearts to love, to love. _____

f

59 May we let go ***mf*** of all our hurt. _____

May we let go of hurt. _____

mf

63 ***mp***

Help us to move on. _____

mp

67 *Keyboard*

A/C# D A D/F# G^{ADD9} A^{SUS4} A

Verse 6

71 *All* *mf*

6. Come now, O God _____ of sec - ond chanc - es;

D A/C# Bm Bm/A GADD9

mf

75 *f*

may we for - give our - selves, _____

D/A Em7 A/C# G/B D/A A/G

f

79 *div.* *f*

may we be - come _____ your liv - ing sign:

div. *f*

D/F# GADD9 D/A G/B

f

83 *mf*

Chil - dren of God's love.

mf

A/C# D A D/F# G ADD9

87 *mp* *rit.*

A/C# D A D/F# G ADD9

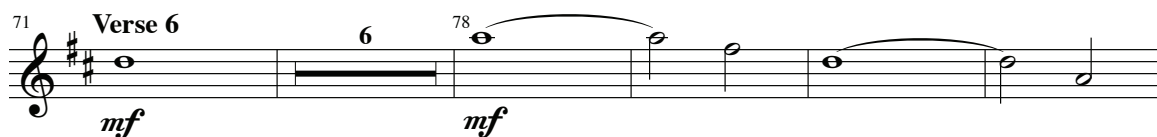
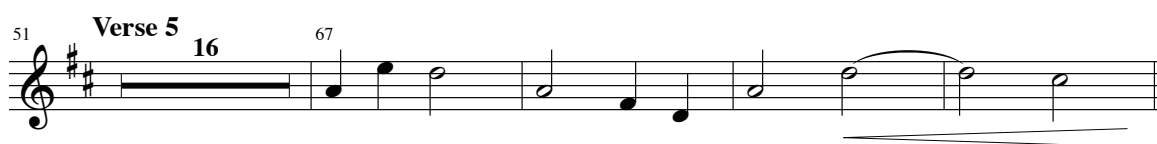
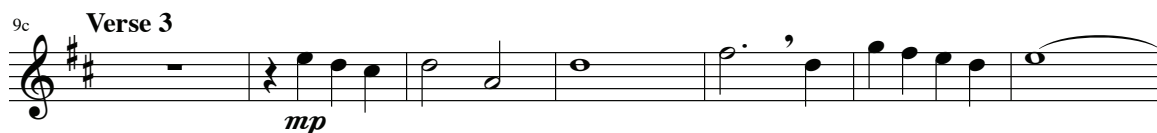
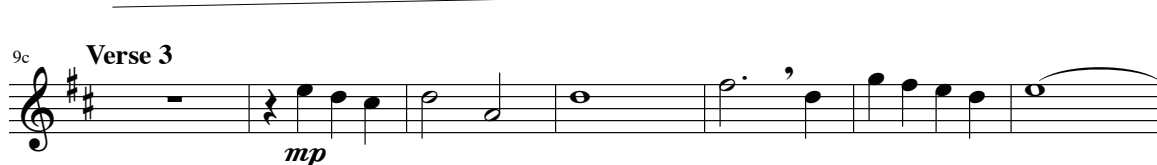
Notes

Background and Liturgical Use: This is a hymn of both personal and communal self-inventory, calling for reconciliation and renewal. It could be used during celebrations of the Eucharist, for communal celebrations of reconciliation and healing, or as a Lenten call to repentance. In addition, “The God of Second Chances” would also enhance the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, highlighting the lectionary conversion stories that are at the center of the scrutinies during Lent.

Performance: There is a wide range of possibilities for the performance of this piece—from a unison hymn with simple instrumental accompaniment to a more developed presentation with choir and other instruments (as demonstrated on the recording). Regardless of the forces used, a steady pulse and clear diction must be employed. Keyboard accompaniment (whether piano or organ) is essential for the performance of this piece.

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Verse 1

Verse 2

8 9a 16 9b

mp legato

10b

15b

20b

9c Verse 3

15 27

31 Verse 4

37

42 4 47

mp

51 **Verse 5**

16 67

mf

71 **Verse 6**

mf

76

mf

81

4 87 *rit.*

mp

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