

Were You There in Gethsemane? is an anthem for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, or general Lenten services. For Maundy Thursday, suggested corresponding lectionary readings include Exodus 12: 1-8 & 11-14, Psalm 116: 12-18, John 13: 1-15, and 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; for Good Friday, Psalm 31: 2-25, Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: 12, John 18: 1 - 19: 42, and Hebrews 4: 14-16 & 5: 7-9. One basic homiletical theme is an invitation for all who seek eternal life to join in the Savior's passion and suffering.

In rehearsal, strive for flowing four-measure phrases and sensitive text declamation. Practice m. 5-20 on a neutral syllable such as "noo," pulsing a constant eighth note while shaping the phrases dynamically. Listen for the underlying eighth note pulse in the accompaniment, focusing on precise alignment of singers and accompaniment. Add the text without sacrificing ensemble uniformity or well-shaped phrases.

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WERE YOU THERE IN GETHSEMANE?

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied*

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Expressively, freely (♩ = ca. 76-80)

ACCOMP. *mp*

3 SOPRANO *mp unis.* 5

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

Were you there, were you there in Geth-

7

sem - a - ne? Were you there in the dark when He

mp

Were you there when He

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11

mf

f

mf

f

cried the plea? "Fa - ther, O Fa - ther, take this
cried the plea?

mf

f

15

dim.

mp unis.

dim.

mp unis.

cup from me!" Were you there in Geth - sem - a -
Were you there in Geth - sem - a -

dim.

mp

19

ne?

(mp)

ne?

Were you

23

(mp)

Were you there, were you there when His blood was poured, were you

there, were you there when His blood was poured?

26

cresc.

there? Were you there near the cross when they cru - ci-fied my

cresc.

mf

Were you there near the cross when they cru - ci-fied my

30

31

rit.

f

Lord? At Cal-va-ry they gath-ered 'round my Sav-ior once a - dored.

f

sub. mp unis.

Lord?

Were you

35

mp unis.

a tempo

Were you there when His blood was poured?_____

there when His blood was poured?_____

a tempo

cresc.

40

41

Were you there when He died at Cal-va-ry, were you

were you

f accented

44

cresc.

ff

there? Were you there when my Sav - ior died in ag - o -

there? Were you there

cresc.

ff

cresc.

ff

48 *mf* 49 *dim. e rit.* *mp*
 ny? His fi - nal breath was for you and for me.
mf *dim. e rit.* *mp*

mf legato *dim. e rit.* *mp*

53 *mp* *rit. poco a poco al fine (2)*
 Freely *(mp)unis.*
 Were you there at

mf *mp* *rit. poco a poco al fine*
 Were you there with my Lord _____
 Freely

58 *dim.* *pp*
 Cal - va - ry? Were you there? _____
dim. *pp*

dim. *pp*

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