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For Such a Time as This

For SATB Mixed Chorus

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About the work...

I have always been taken by the tenacity and trust Ruth exhibited. Her dedication and commitment was unwavering, and a model of trust in the providence of God. She boldly stepped forward, regardless of potential severe consequences. “For such a time as this, I can’t be silent.” Her legacy is a testimony of faith to believers in the 21st century and beyond.

I felt this text was characterized by several descriptive phrases— confidence with an element of gentleness, a sense of fullness of faith, moving forward with a pace undaunted, and an assurance of the communion of saints (Sarah, Jochebed, and so on) – that we are not alone in our plight. Our life plan may not be linked to leading a nation or what may be considered by many to be something profound. Rather, it may well be the positive influence in a small community, outreach to youth, serving in a soup kitchen, or raising a family in the best manner possible. God is not impressed nor influenced by what human beings consider “profound,” but rather what one does with their faith.

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About the composer...

Z. Randall Stroope is an American composer, conductor and educator. His composition teachers were Normand Lockwood and Cecil Effinger, both students of Nadia Boulanger, the famous French teacher (and student of Gabriel Fauré.) He is the artistic director of two European summer music festivals, as well annually conducting at Carnegie Hall, Chicago Orchestra Hall, and many other U.S. and international venues. He has conducted for mass at the Vatican on 10 different occasions. Randall has 180 published musical works and received numerous composition awards.

He has written several anthems, including “Come Dwell in Solomon’s Walls,” “The Call,” “All Who Dwell in The Shadow of the Lord,” “This Endris Night,” and others. Recordings of his music can be heard his web site (www.zrstroope.com), Spotify, and other media sites.

duration 4'45"

In honor of the new music suite at Christ Episcopal Church,
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, Rachel Root, Director

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mixed chorus/piano

A portion of the text is taken
from Book of Ruth and Ecclesiastes

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Confident and committed ♩ = 84

Soprano

Alto

Piano

mf

5

S *mf*
For such a time as this I can't be si-lent, For such a time as this

A *mf*
For such a time as this I can't be si-lent, For such a time as this

T *mf*
For such a time as this

B *mf*
For such a time as this

Pno. 5

13

11

S *f*
I will rise! For Zi - on's sake I'll heed the call,

A *f*
I will rise! For Zi - on's sake I'll heed the call,

T
I will rise!

B
I will rise!

Pno. *f*

16

S *f*
Je - ru - sa - lem, I pledge my all, Un - til the dawn of her

A *f*
Je - ru - sa - lem, I pledge my all, Un - til the dawn of her

T *f*
Je - ru - sa - lem, I pledge my all, Un - til the dawn of her

B *f*
Je - ru - sa - lem, I pledge my all, Un - til the dawn of her

Pno. *f*

19

21 24

S
right - eous-ness blaz - es like a burn - ing torch! Till good - ness

A
right - eous-ness blaz - es like a burn - ing torch! Till good - ness

T
8 right - eous-ness blaz - es like a burn - ing torch!

B
right - eous-ness blaz - es like a burn - ing torch!

Pno.

25

S
shines her sal - va - tion, Zi - on's lamp to lead us forth.

A
shines her sal - va - tion, Zi - on's lamp to lead us forth.

T
8 Till good - ness shines of her sal - va - tion, Zi - on's lamp to lead us forth.

B
Till good - ness shines of her sal - va - tion, Zi - on's lamp to lead us forth.

Pno.

29 31

S 

A *mf*  For such a time did Sa-rah's faith lead God to grant her

T *mf*  For such a time did Sa-rah's faith lead God to grant her

B 

Pno. 

34 *mf* 35

S  For such a time did Ruth say, "Where you go I will go."

A  son, *f* And

T  son, *f* And

B *mf*  For such a time did Ruth say, "Where you go I will go."

Pno. 

39

S
such a time,

A
pronounce "jah-kuh-bed"
Jo - che - bed put Mos - es in a bas - ket in the reeds. Such a time,

T
pronounce "jah-kuh-bed"
Jo - che - bed put Mos - es in a bas - ket in the reeds. Such a time,

B
Such a time,

Pno.

44

S
such a faith, such a hope!

A
such a faith, such a hope!

T
such a faith, such a hope!

B
such a faith, such a hope!

Pno.

46

44

mf

f

S *mf*
For such a time as this I can't be si-lent, For such a time as this

A *mf*
For such a time as this I can't be si-lent, For such a time as this

T *mf*
For such a time as this I can't be si-lent, For such a time as this

B *mf*
For such a time as this I can't be si-lent, For such a time as this

Pno. *mf*

S *f*
I will rise! For Zi-on's sake I'll heed the call,

A *f*
I will rise! For Zi-on's sake I'll heed the call,

T
I will rise!

B
I will rise!

Pno. *f*

61 64

S Je - ru - sa - lem, I pledge my all,

A Je - ru - sa - lem, I pledge my all,

T Je - ru - sa - lem, I pledge my all, *più f* For ev-'ry-thing there is a sea - son,

B Je - ru - sa - lem, I pledge my all, *più f* ev-'ry-thing there is a sea - son,

Pno.

66

S and time ___ to speak, ___

A *mf* Time ___ to love and time ___ to speak, ___

T and a time ___ for si - lence, Time ___ to love and time ___ to speak, ___

B and a time for si - lence,

Pno.

73

S *mp* speak, — *f* Sa - rah! Jo - che - bed! Job! Da - vid! *rit.*

A *mp* speak, — *f* Sa - rah! Jo - che - bed! Job! Da - vid! *rit.*

T *f* Mo - ses! A - bra - ham! Ruth! Han - nah! *rit.*

B *f* Mo - ses! A - bra - ham! Ruth! Han - nah! *rit.*

Pno. *mp* *f* *rit.*

78

S *unstoppable* *a tempo* For such a time as this, time as this, such a time as this, as

A For such a time as this, time as this, such a time, such a time as

T For such a time as this, time as this,

B For such a time as this, time as this,

Pno. *a tempo*

83 *poco rit.* **84** **Maestoso, Broad** *ff*

S
this! Un - til the dawn of her right - eous-ness

A
this! Un - til the dawn of her right - eous-ness

T
ff
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

B
ff
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Pno.
83 *poco rit.* **Maestoso, Broad** *ff*

87 **89**

S
blaz-es like a burn-ing torch! Till good-ness shines her sal - va - tion,

A
blaz-es like a burn-ing torch! Till good-ness shines her sal - va - tion,

T
ff
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Till good-ness shines of her sal - va - tion,

B
ff
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Till good-ness shines of her sal - va - tion,

Pno.
87

92 93

S
A
T
B

Zi - ion's lamp! — Al - le - lu - ia!

Pno.

96 *rall.* 100

S
A
T
B

lead us forth! — O!

Pno.

rall. *fff*