

An Anthem.
Joel, 1st and 2d Chap.
Suitable for Fast.

“Sanctify a fast”

William Billings

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span is all that we can boast, An inch or two of time; Man is but vanity and dust, In all his flow'r and prime.

The first system of the musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is the vocal line, followed by three instrumental staves. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The music is in a common time signature and features a variety of note values and rests.

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Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the

The second system of the musical score also consists of four staves. The top staff is the vocal line, followed by three instrumental staves. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The music continues with similar notation to the first system.

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Notes:

This edition has been transcribed from Library of Congress page scans of *The Continental Harmony*. Editorial influence has been kept to a minimum, while making this score accessible for contemporary performers. Note that in *The Complete Works of William Billings*, this anthem is given the title "Sanctify a Fast"; the title given in this edition is Billings' title (see illustration above). This is not intended to be a scholarly edition; however, for those who would like to refer to the original score, page divisions of the original have been marked in the score.

Obvious typographical errors in the original have been silently corrected. The alto clef has been changed to G clef. Slurs are as in the original; and, as in the original, where eighth and sixteenth notes are connected by slurs, they are also connected by beams. Time signatures given are as in the original. All spelling and punctuation as in Billings' original.

The tempo markings are editorial, based on Billings' recommendations for various time signatures. No indications of dynamics, ornamentation, etc., have been given; consult the essay on historical performance practice in vol. IV of *The Complete Works of William Billings* for suggestions on appropriate performance.

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Words: King James Version

“Sanctify a Fast”—SATB

Music: William Billings (1746-1800)

Joel 1:14,17-20; 2:15,17,21,23-24,26,32

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Call a sol - emn as - sem - bly, gath - er the el - ders and all the in -

Call a sol - emn as - sem - bly, gath - er the el - ders and all the in -

8 Sanc - ti - fy a fast; call a sol - emn as - sem - bly, gath - er the el - ders and all the in -

Call a sol - emn as - sem - bly, gath - er the el - ders and all the in -

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8 ha - i - tants of the land in - to the house of the Lord our

hab - i - tants of the land in - to the house of the Lord our

8 hab - i - tants of the land in - to the house of the Lord our

hab - i - tants of the land in - to the house of the Lord our

15 God, and cry, and cry un - to the Lord,

God, and cry, and cry, and cry un - to the Lord,

8 God, and cry, and cry, and cry un - to the Lord,

God, and cry, and cry, and cry un - to the Lord,

23

The seed is rot - ten un - der the clods the barns are bro - ken down for the

30

How do the beasts groan be - cause they have no pas-ture,
corn is with - er - éd.

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O Lord to thee will I cry, for the fire hath de - vour - éd the
O Lord to thee will I cry, for the fire hath de - vour - éd the
O Lord to thee will I cry, for the fire hath de - vour - éd the
O Lord to thee will I cry, for the fire hath de - vour - éd the

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pas-tures of the wil-der-ness, and the flame hath burnt all the trees of the field,

pas - tures of the wil - der-ness, and the flame hath burnt all the trees of the field,

pas - tures of the wil - der-ness, and the flame hath burnt all the trees of the field,

pas-tures of the wil-der-ness, and the flame hath burnt all the trees of the field,

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The beasts of the field cry al-so un-to thee, for the riv-ers of
for the riv-ers of
for the riv-ers of
For the riv-ers ov

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wat-er are dri-éd up,
wat-er are dri-éd up,
wa-ter are dri-éd up,
wat-er are dri-éd up, Blow ye the trum-pet, blow ye the trum-pet, blow ye the

63

Blow ye the trum - pet, blow the trum - pet, blow ye the trum - pet, blow the trum - pet, let the trum - pet sound,

Blow ye the trum - pet, blow ye the trum - pet, blow ye the trum - pet, trum - pet, blow the trum - pet, blow the trum - pet, blow

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trum - pet, blow the Trum - pet, blow the trum - pet, blow the trum - pet, let

blow ye the trum - pet, let the trum - pet sound, sound, sound,

blow ye the trum - pet, blow ye the trum - pet, blow the trum - pet, blow the trum - pet, blow the the trum - pet, let the trum - pet sound, sound, let,

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the trum - pet sound. Call a sol - emn as - sem - bly,

let the trum - pet sound. Call a sol - emn as - sem - bly,

trum - pet, the trum - pet in Zi - on. Sanc - ti - fy a fast call a sol - emn as - sem - bly,

the trum - pet sound. Call a sol - emn as - sem - bly,

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let the priests, the min - is - ters of the Lord weep, weep,

let the priests, the min - is - ters of the Lord weep, weep,

let the priests, the min - is - ters of the Lord weep, weep,

let the priests, the min - is - ters of the Lord weep, weep,

84

weep, be - tween the porch and the al - tar, and let

weep, be - tween the porch and let

weep, weep, be - tween the porch and the al - tar, and let

weep, be - tween the porch and the al - tar, and let

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them say O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, spare thy

them say O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, spare they

them say O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, spare thy

them say O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, spare thy

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peo - ple, for where-fore should the hea - then say where is now ___ their God,

peo - ple, for where - fore should the hea-then say where is now ___ their God,

peo - ple, for where-fore should the hea-then say where is now ___ their God,

peo - ple, for where-fore should the hea-then say where is now ___ their God,

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Fear not, O land, ___ be glad and re - joice, re - joice, re - joice

Fear not, O land, be glad re - joice, re - joice

Fear not, O land, ___ be glad and re - joice

Fear not, O land, be glad and re - joice, re - joice, ___ re -

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for the Lord will do great things. Be glad then ye chil - dren of

for the Lord will do great ___ things. ___ Be glad then ye chil - dren of

___ for the Lord will ___ do ³ great ___ things. Be glad then ye chil - dren of

joice for the Lord will do great things. Be glad then ye chil - dren of

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Zi - on, re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, re - joice in the
 Zi - on, re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, re - joice in the
 Zi - on, and re - joice, in the
 Zi - on, re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, re - joice in the

127

Lord your God
 Lord your God.
 Lord your God.
 Lord your God.
 Lord your God. For he hath giv - en you the for - mer rain mod - 'rate - ly, and he will

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And he will cause to come down for you the for - mer and the
 And he will cause to come down for you the for - mer and the
 And he will cause to come down for you the for - mer and the
 cause to come down, And he will cause to come down for you the for - mer and the

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lat - ter rain in the first month, And the fats* shall

lat - ter rain in the first month,

lat - ter rain in the first month,

lat - ter rain in the first month, And the floor shall be full of wheat,___

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ov - er - flow with wine___ and oil, Be glad then ye chil - dren of Zi - on, and re - joi - ce___

Be glad then ye chil - dren of Zi - on, and re - joi - ce___

Be glad then ye chil - dren of Zi - on, and re - joi - ce___

Be glad then ye chil - dren of Zi - on, and re - joi - ce___

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re - joi - ce, for he hath giv - en you the for - mer rain

for he___ hath giv - en you the for - mer rain

in the Lord your God, for he___ hath giv - en you the for - mer rain

in the Lord your God, for he hath giv - en you the for - mer rain

*“fats”=vats

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mod-'rate - ly and he will_ cause to come down_____ for you the for - mer rain and the

mod-'rate - ly and he will_ cause to come down_____ for you the for - mer rain and the

mod-'rate - ly and he_ will_ cause to come down_____ for you the for - mer rain and the

mod-'rate - ly and he will_ cause to come down_____ for you the for - mer rain and the

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lat - ter rain in the first month,

lat - ter rain in the first month,

lat - ter rain in the first month, and ye shall eat_____ in_ plen - ty, and be

lat - ter rain in the first month,

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and praise,_____ praise, the name of the Lord your God. Be

and praise_____ the name of the Lord your God. Be

sat - is - fy'd, and praise_____ the name of the Lord your God. Be

and praise_____ the_ name of the Lord your God. Be

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glad then ye chil - dren of Zi - on, and re - joice, re - joice, re -

glad then ye chil - dren of Zi - on, re - joice, re - joice, re -

glad then ye chil - dren of Zi - on, And re - joice,

glad then ye chil - dren of Zi - on, And re - joice, re - joice, re -

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joice, in the Lord God, for he hath giv - en you the for - mer rain mod - 'rate - ly, and

joice, in the Lord your God, for he hath giv - en you the for - mer rain mod - 'rate - ly, and

— in the Lord your God, for he hath giv - en you the for - mer rain mod - 'rate - ly, and

joice, in the Lord your God, for he hath giv - en you the for - mer rain mod - 'rate - ly, and

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he will cause to come down for you the rain, the for - mer rain and the

he will cause to come down for you the rain, the for - mer rain and the

he will cause to come down for you the rain, the for - mer rain, and the

he will cause to come down for you the rain, the for - mer rain, and the

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lat - ter rain in the first month. And it shall come to pass that who-so - ev - er

lat - ter rain in the first month.

lat - ter rain in the first month.

lat - ter rain in the first month.

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shall call on the name of the Lord, our God shall be de - liv - er - ed, Be

Be

Be

Be

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glad then ye child - ren of Zi - on, and re - joice and re - joice, and re - joice,

glad then ye chil - dren of Zi - on, re - joice, re - joice,

glad then ye chil - dren of Zi - on, and re - joice

glad then ye chil - dren of Zi - on, and re - joice, re - joice, re - joice

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and re - joice, _____ in the Lord your God, for he _____ hath giv - en _ you the

re - joice in the Lord your God, for he _____ hath giv - en _ you the

_____ in the Lord your God, for he _____ hath giv - en you the

joice, re - joice, in the Lord your God, for he _____ hath giv - en you the

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for - mer rain mod-'rate - ly and he _____ will _ cause to come down for you _____ the

for - mer rain mod-'rate - ly and he will _ cause to come down _ for you the

for - mer rain mod-'rate - ly and he _____ will _ cause to come down _____ for you _____ the

for - mer rain mod-'rate - ly and he will cause to come down for you _____ the

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rain, the for - mer and the lat - ter rain in the first month.

rain, the for - mer and the lat - ter rain in the first month.

rain, the _ for - mer and the lat - ter rain in the first _____ month.

rain, the for - mer and the lat - ter rain in the first month.

And the fats shall overflow with wine and oil,
the first month, Be glad then ye
And the floor shall be full of wheat,
And re-joice, rejoice,
children of Zion, and re-joyce in the Lord your God, for he hath given you the former rain

Allegretto

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