

Let us rejoice
and be glad for you

Francis Roads

Epithalamion for Helen and Toby

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Francis Roads (b. 1943)

Verses from the Song of Songs

Epithalamion for Helen and Toby

[♩=88] CHORUS

Soprano [Air] *f* Let us re-joice and be glad for you; let us praise your love, let us

Alto *f* Let us re-joice and be glad for you; let us praise your love, let us

Tenor *f* Let us re-joice and be glad for you; let us praise your love, let us

Bass *f* Let us re-joice and be glad for you; let us praise your love, let us

Instrumental Bass *f*

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S praise your love more than wine, and your ca-res-ses more than a-ny song.

A praise your love more than wine, and your ca-res-ses more than a-ny song.

T praise your love more than wine, and your ca-res-ses more than a-ny song.

B praise your love more than wine, and your ca-res-ses more than a-ny song.

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[♩=108]

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A

BRIDE
Soprano

S *p* My be-lov-ed is for me a bunch of myrrh as he lies on my

IB *p*

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14 **B**

S breast, as he lies on my breast, Alto

A *p* My be-lov-ed is for me a clu-ster of

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A hen-na blos-som from the vine - yards of En - ge - di, the vine - yards of En - ge - di.

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24 **C** BRIDEGROOM
Tenor

T *p* How_ beau - ti - ful you are, my dear - est, my dear - est, O how

B *p* How_ beau - ti - ful you are, my dear - est, my dear - est, O how

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T beau - ti - ful, how beau - ti - ful, your eyes are like doves!

B beau - ti - ful, how beau - ti - ful, your eyes are like doves!

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32 **D** BRIDE

S *p* How beau - ti - ful you are, O my love, and how plea - sant!

A *p* How beau - ti - ful you are, O my love, and how plea - sant!

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[♩=88] 37 **E** CHORUS

Let us rejoice and be glad for you

f Let us re - joice and be glad for you; let us praise your love, let us

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40 *f*

praise your love more than wine, and your ca - res - ses more than a - ny song.

praise your love more than wine, and your ca - res - ses more than a - ny song.

praise your love more than wine, and your ca - res - ses more than a - ny song.

praise your love more than wine, and your ca - res - ses more than a - ny song.

[♩=108] 44 **F** BRIDEGROOM

Tenor

p Our couch is shad - ed with branch es; the beams of our

p The beams of our

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house are of ce - dar, our cei - lings are all of fir.

house are of ce - dar, our cei - lings are all of fir.

54 **G** BRIDE Let us rejoice and be glad for you

S *p* I am an as - pho - del in Sha - ron, a li - ly grow - ing in the

A *p* I am an as - pho - del in Sha - ron, a li - ly grow - ing in the

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59 **H**

S val - ley

A val - ley

T **BRIDEGROOM**

S *f* No, no, a li - ly a - mong thorns is my dear - est a - mong — girls

A *f* No, no, a li - ly a - mong thorns is my dear - est a - mong — girls

IB *f*

66 **I** BRIDE

S *p* He took me in - to the wine - gar - den, He re freshed me with rai - sins, he re

A *p* He took me in - to the wine - gar - den, He re freshed me with rai - sins, he re

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72 *p*

S vived me with a - pri - cots, for I was faint — with love.

A - vived me with a - pri - cots, for I was faint — with love.

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Notes: Asphodels are flowers.

En-Gedi (literally "young goat") is an oasis in Israel.

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77 **J** CHORUS

S *f* Let us re - joi - ce and be glad for you; let us praise your love, let us

A *f* Let us re - joi - ce and be glad for you; let us praise your love, let us

T *f* Let us re - joi - ce and be glad for you; let us praise your love, let us

B *f* Let us re - joi - ce and be glad for you; let us praise your love, let us

IB *f*

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S praise your love more than wine, and your ca - res - ses more than a - ny

A praise your love more than wine, and your ca - res - ses more than a - ny

T praise your love more than wine, and your ca - res - ses more than a - ny

B praise your love more than wine, and your ca - res - ses more than a - ny

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83 **K** Adagio

S song, more than a - - - ny song.

A song, more than a - - - ny song.

T song, more than a - - - ny song.

B song, more than a - - - ny song.

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