**COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING** – The lyrics and both tunes used in this arrangement come from the Sacred Harp tradition in the United States. Countless seekers have found solace in the rugged simplicity of these words. The middle section of this arrangement (measures 40 - 60) should be sung with greater boldness in order to contrast the contemplative serenity of the outer sections. Intonation, breath support, and proper vowel placement are crucial to the success of this work.

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## COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

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

Words by Tunes: BEACH SPRING and NETTLETON **ROBERT ROBINSON**, (1735-1790) Arranged by Additional words by PHILIP KERN PHILIP KERN SOPRANO / ALTO mp - 'ry me, Thou Fount of me my heart sing Thy to streams of grace;

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