

Fear Not! – In Luke 2:10, the shepherds were told, “Do not be afraid!” There was great news on the horizon and joy in their midst! The news of Jesus’ birth was both comforting and joyful. It is that blend of excitement which is presented in this dynamic anthem for the Christmas season. Partnered with the familiar carol, “How Great Our Joy!” this soulful original features tight, trio-style harmonies and an optional *ad lib* solo in the final chorus. Complete with a steady, rhythmic undercurrent, “Fear Not!” will be well received by choir and congregations alike and a powerful addition to any size music program.

Mary McDonald is well-known in sacred music. With a career that spans over 35 years, her compositions appear in the catalogs of every major publisher of church music. More than 1,000 anthems, seasonal musicals and keyboard collections testify to her significant contribution to sacred literature. Her unique blend of heart, hands and humor, combined with a wide range of writing and performing styles, has kept her in constant demand in churches across the nation for Composer Weekends, Workshops and Music Conferences. Mary is a lifelong resident of Knoxville, Tennessee, where she resides with her husband, Brian, an architect. They are parents of two adult children and four grandchildren.

FEAR NOT!

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S.A.T.B. voices, solo, accompanied

Music by
MARY McDONALD
Incorporating Tune:
JÜNGST

Soulful (♩ = ca. 72)

ACCOMP.



mf

3

SOPRANO / ALTO

TENOR / BASS



mp

fear



mp

6

not! Fear not! We bring you good ti-dings of great



6



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joy. Fear — not! Fear — not! — We —

bring you good news. Fear — not! Fear — not! Fear —

mf 14

mf 14

not! We — bring you good ti-dings of great joy. — Fear —

18

not! Fear ___ not! ___ We have on - ly come to say: ___ "Christ, the

21

Lord is born to-day, ___ and He's come to earth to stay." ___ Fear ___

23

not! By His_ cra - dle, you may stand. This

mp 24

By His cra - dle, you may stand.

24

mp

Ba - by has come for fall - en_ man. _____ In a man - ger, He_ would lie. _

He came for fall - en man. In a man - ger, He would lie. _

_____ List - en to the Ba - by's cry. _____ Fear _____

32 not! Fear _____ not! We _____ bring you good ti - dings of great _____

32 *mf*

35

joy. _____ Fear ___ not! Fear ___ not! _____ Peace _____

38

comes to earth to-day. _____ You will find Him on the hay. _____ A _____

40

star will lead the way. _____ Fear ___ not! How_ great _____ our joy! _____

f

accel. poco a poco

Joy, joy joy!

accel. poco a poco

sfz *f*

48 **Faster** (♩ = ca. 88)

f *

This Gift of God we'll cherish well. Peace within our

48 **Faster** (♩ = ca. 88)

f

51

hearts shall dwell. How great our joy!

54

Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in

57

heav'n on high

60

Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high.

64 *molto rit.* SOLO (*ad lib*)

65 *f* Tempo I (♩ = ca. 72)

Fear — not! — Fear not! We —

molto rit. (*f*)

Fear — not! Fear — not! We —

65 *f* Tempo I (♩ = ca. 72)

molto rit.

67

bring you good ti - dings of great joy. *rit.* Fear _____

bring you good ti - dings of great joy. *rit.* Fear _____

rit.

69

a tempo not! _____ Fear not! _____ To you is born this day. The _____

a tempo not! _____ Fear not! _____ To you is born this day. The _____

a tempo

star will lead the way... He has come to earth to stay... Fear...

star will lead the way... He has come to earth to stay... Fear...

not! Fear not! Fear not!

not! Fear not!

not! Fear not!

ff rit. *a tempo*

ff rit. *a tempo*

ff

rit. *a tempo* *ff*

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