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ON EAGLE'S WINGS

Words adapted from Psalm 91
by MICHAEL JONCAS

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Moderately (j = ca. 88)

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make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the

palm of His hand. You who dwell in the

shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life,
And He will say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!"

raise you on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the
The snare of the fowl-er will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:

Under His wings your refuge, His faith-ful-ness your
And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings,

bear you on, make you to shine like the

bear you on the breath of dawn,

sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.
You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the
by day; Though thou-sands fall a-
arrow that flies by, flies by day; thou-sands a-
by day; unis.
bout you, near you it shall not come. And He will
unis. And He will
raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
raise you up, bear you on,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the

palm of His hand.

For to His angels He's
given a command to guard you in all of your ways;

on their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And He will
raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you, and hold you,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

of His hand.

in God's hand.

in God's hand.
On Eagle's Wings is a powerfully moving "prayer of passage" by Michael Joncas, arranged in this edition for S.A.T.B. voices by Mark Hayes. It is equally appropriate for school concerts, especially graduation or baccalaureate programs, and for worship.

In rehearsal, strive for a very fluid legato with sensitive text declamation. Sing the anthem on a focused neutral syllable such as "noo" until uniform choral timbre and good intonation are achieved. Many of the phrases begin with an anacrusis or "pick up" (e.g., mm. 6-8). Avoid the temptation to unduly accent the anacrusis. Instead, sing the anacrusis lightly, with forward motion to the downbeat of the next measure, and emphasize the word on the downbeat (e.g., "raise" in m. 7).

Appropriate for worship services throughout the year, On Eagle's Wings may be especially appropriate for baptisms, funerals, weddings, as a benediction anthem or for early Lent. Suggested corresponding lectionary readings for Lent include Deuteronomy 26: 1-11, Psalm 91, Luke 4: 1-13 and Romans 10: 8b-13. One basic homiletical theme is life passages: God is ever present to guide and sustain us, in joy and in sorrow, as we journey through life.

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