

SATB

As The Dew From Heaven Distilling

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Soprano Alto Tenor Bass

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Vocal Reduction
(For Rehearsal Only)

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S From thy ho - ly ha - bi - ta - tion

A From thy ho - ly

T 5 3.Lord, behold this congre - ga - tion; Precious promise From thy. ho - ly ha - bi - ta - tion

Allegro (M.M. $\text{♩} = c. 90$)

B 3.Lord, be hold this con - gre-a-tion; Pre-cious. pro - mi - ses ful - fill. From thy. ho - ly

5

11

S Lets the. dews of life dis - till 4.Let our cry come up be -

A ha - bi - ta - tion Lets the. dews of life dis - till 4.Let our cry. come

T 11 Lets the dews. of life dis - till 4.Let our cry come up be - fore thee.

B ha - bi - ta - tion Lets the dews. of life dis - til.. 4.Let our. cry come

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S

fore thee. Thy Spi - rit shed a-round, So the peo - ple shall a - dore thee And con - fess the joyful sound.

A

up be - fore thee. shed a-round, So the peo - ple shall a - dore thee And con - fess the joyful sound.

T

Thy sweet. Spi - rit shed a-round, So the peo - ple shall a - dore thee And con - fess the joyful sound.

B

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poco a poco rit

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The arranger pays homage to the bold, sometimes primitive psalm-setting style of colonial America.

"Fugueing" was a popular musical device of the period, wherein a "Fugueing Tune" is traded back and forth among the voice parts, forming a texture similar to the more sophisticated fugues of European contemporaries Bach, Handel, and Mozart. The best known composer of this style was William Billings (1746-1800). The second section of this arrangement uses the folk hymn tune HOLY MANNA (anon), and imitates the opening of a traditional fugue, but uses the quainter harmonic language of fugeing.

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