

GIVE ME OIL IN MY LAMP is a rhythmic, energetic setting of the traditional Quaker hymn. The earliest biblical references to keeping a well-oiled lamp appeared in the books of Exodus and Leviticus, in which the Israelites (specifically Aaron and his sons) are instructed to keep the lamps burning for burnt offerings from the evening until morning in the tent meeting area adjacent to the altar. This symbolizes an uninterrupted, ceaseless vigil of praise.

Available in multiple voicings, this highly accessible anthem is ideal for worship throughout the year. It is also appropriate for Advent, Christ the King, Eastertide, Pentecost, and Thanksgiving. Corresponding Scriptures include Exodus 27:20–21, Leviticus 24:1–4, and Matthew 25:1–13.

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GIVE ME OIL IN MY LAMP

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

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With energy (♩ = ca. 120)

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

ACCOMP.

p (slowly *cresc.*)

p *mp*

Give me oil in my lamp. Give me oil in my lamp, I

oil in my lamp. Give me oil in my lamp, I

mp *mf*

mp *mf*

* To purchase a full-length performance recording (44575) of this piece, go to alfred.com/downloads.

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pray. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn-ing. Give me

10

oil in my lamp, I pray. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me

13

burn-ing, keep me burn-ing 'til the break of day.

16

f

Sing ho-san - na, sing ho-san - na, sing ho-san-na to the

f

f

19

King of kings. Sing ho-san - na, sing ho-san - na,

22

24

sing ho-san-na to the King. I sing praise and give thanks for Your

mf

I will sing,

25

bless-ings. I sing praise ev-'ry day I live. I sing

I will sing, ev - 'ry day I live.

28

praise and give thanks for Your bless-ings, for the

I will sing, I will sing for the

30

bless - ings You a - lone can give.

bless - ings You a - lone can give. Ho - san - na!

32

Sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na,

Sing ho - san - na, — sing ho - san - na,

34

sing ho - san - na to the King of kings.

sing ho - san - na. Sing ho - san - na to the

36

Sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na,

King. Ho - san - na, — sing ho - san - na,

38

sing ho - san - na to the King. Give me

sing ho - san - na to the King.

40

joy in my heart, keep me sing - ing. Give me

42

joy in my heart each day. Give me

44

joy in my heart, keep me sing - ing. Keep me

Keep me

46

sing - ing 'til the break of day. Give me

sing - ing 'til the break of day. Ho - san - na!

48

oil in my lamp, keep me burn - ing. Give me

Sing ho - san - na, — sing ho - san - na, —

f

50

oil in my lamp, I pray. Give me
sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na to the

52

oil in my lamp, keep me burn - ing. Keep me
King. Ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na,

54

burn - ing 'til the break of day. Give me
sing ho - san - na to the King. Ho - san - na!

56 DESCANT (a few voices)

f

Sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na,

SOPRANO / ALTO

oil in my lamp, keep me burn - ing. Give me

TENOR / BASS

Sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na,

56

f

58

sing ho - san - na to the King of kings.

oil in my lamp, I pray. Give me

sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na to the

60

Sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na,
oil in my lamp, keep me burn - ing.
King. Ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na.

62

sing ho - san - na to the King! *ff*
Sing ho - san - na to the King! *ff*
sing ho - san - na to the King! *ff*