

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

SATB with obligato for Violin or other C instrument

Words: Bernard of Clairvaux

Music: John B. Dykes

Arranged by Sally DeFord

♩ = 102-110

Obligato

mp

p

mp

rit.

V. 1: Tenor/Bass
V. 2: Soprano/Alto

mp

10 12 14

Je - sus, the ve - ry thought of thee with sweet - ness fills my breast, _____
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the mem - 'ry find, _____

a tempo

16 18 20 22

— But sweet - er far thy face to see and in thy pres - ence
— A sweet - er sound than thy blest name, O Sa - vior of man -

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1. *Obbligato*

24 *mp* 26 28 30

rest.

rit.

2. *Obbligato*

32 *mp* 34 36

kind.

38 40 42

rit.

44 *Soprano: p* 46 48 50

Hope of the con - trite heart, O joy, joy of

Alto: p

O hope of ev - 'ry con - trite heart, O joy, joy of

Tenor/Bass: mf

O hope of ev - 'ry con - trite heart, O joy of all the meek,

a tempo mf

52 54 56

all the meek, How kind thou art, how good to those who

all the meek, To those who fall how kind, How good to those who

To those who fall, how kind thou art, How good to those who

mf
Obbligato

58 60 62 64

seek. _____

seek. _____

seek. _____

rit. *a tempo* *f*

66 68 70

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

f Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou, As thou our prize wilt

rit. *a tempo* *f*

72 *piu f* Je - sus be thou our glo - ry now, And through e -

80 ter - ni - ty.

86 *rit.* *Slower* 88 90 92

p

Je - sus, be thou our glo - ry now, And through e -

p *p*

rit. *p*

94 *p* 96 98 *rit.*

(stagger breathing)

ter - ni - ty. *rit.*

rit.