

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

When Henry van Dyke wrote this text, he said, "It must be sung to the music of Beethoven's HYMN TO JOY." This uplifting text and timeless tune enliven our worship and times of celebration.

KIDPages

Use these pages:

- With children who arrive early
- In a small learning group
- As a take-home page (If a page is sent home, suggest that parents and children work on the KIDPage together.)

A Musical Genius

This activity story will give children basic information about one of history's most famous composers.

Two Hymn Creators

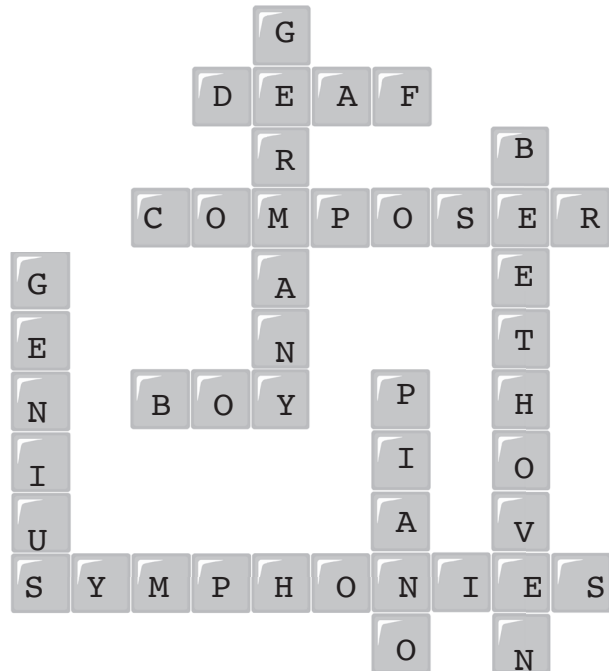
Children will discover information about the author and arranger with this activity.

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Dramatic Hymn Introduction

Enlist and rehearse two readers, three bell ringers, and a pianist or organist to present this musical, dramatic hymn introduction.

A Musical Genius Answers:



Two Hymn Creators Answers:

Henry van Dyke
 ambassador
 chaplain
 hymn writer
 leader
 pastor

Edward Hodges:
 mechanical
 music director
 HYMN TO JOY
 organist
 pipe organs

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,
 4. Mor - tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, o - pening to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!
 love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, bring - ing all with - in its span.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ, our Broth - er — all who live in love are Thine;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 sing - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in Thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward, in the tri - umph song of life.

WORDS: Henry van Dyke, 1907

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; harm. Edward Hodges, 1864

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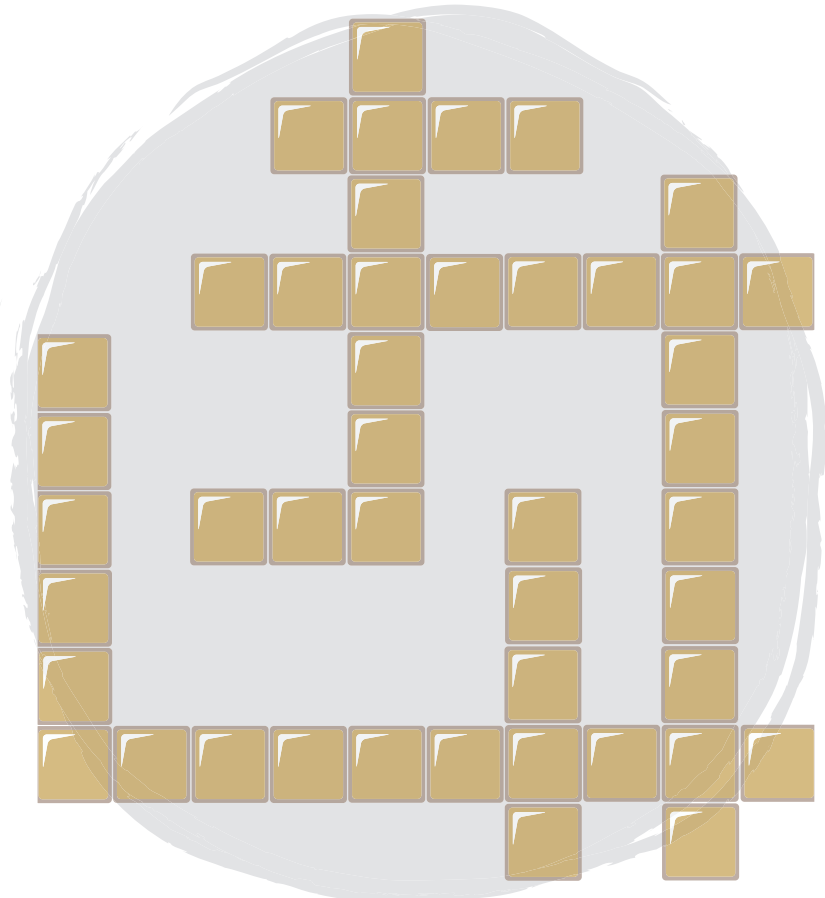


1770-1827

Beethoven was born in Bonn, **Germany**. His father was his first music teacher. As a **boy**, he traveled from town to town playing the **piano** to support his family with the money he earned. He grew up to be a brilliant pianist and **composer**. When Beethoven was around 30 years old, he started going **deaf**. He composed some of his most famous music after he was deaf. He mostly composed instrumental music, such as sonatas, operas, and his famous nine **symphonies**. The tune for "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," named HYMN TO JOY, comes from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Beethoven was a great musical **genius**.

Crossword Puzzle

Find the eight highlighted words in the story. Each of the eight words has a different number of letters. Count the number of letters in each highlighted word, and write the word in its matching space in the puzzle.



Two Hymn Creators

Henry van Dyke, Author

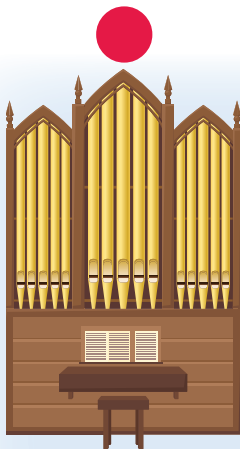
1852 – 1933

Henry van Dyke was a talented leader. He served as a pastor, Navy chaplain, and professor of English literature. His friend, President Woodrow Wilson, appointed him to be the United States ambassador to the Netherlands and Luxembourg. He wrote several hymns and helped prepare worship resources for the Presbyterian church.



Draw a line to connect these words to the star if they refer to Henry van Dyke, or to the circle if they refer to Edward Hodges.

- chaplain
- mechanical
- ambassador
- pastor
- pipe organs
- organist
- HYMN TO JOY
- hymn writer
- music director
- leader



Edward Hodges, Arranger

1796 – 1867

Edward Hodges was born in England. He developed his musical gifts as a child and became an organist and music director. He adapted a melody from the fourth movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony to create the HYMN TO JOY tune. Edward also had a talent for working with mechanical things. He made several important improvements in the way pipe organs were designed and built.

joyful

Joy is a fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23. Being **joyful** is different from being **happy**. **Happiness** is an **emotion** that comes and goes, depending on things that happen to you. **Joy** is an **attitude** that helps you be thankful in all things and at all times! God wants us to be joyful and praise Him for all the gifts and wonders that surround us!

Use the letters of the word happy to list some things that make you happy.

h
a
p
p
y

Use the letters of the word joyful to list some things God does that bring joy to you. Share these things with your friends.

j
o
y
f
u
l

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Dramatic Hymn Introduction



Play each musical phrase after the preceding scripture is read. The melody may be played by bells or keyboard. The last note of each phrase may be held as an underscore to the reading of the scripture that follows. A keyboard should play with the melody as notated on the final, harmonized phrase.

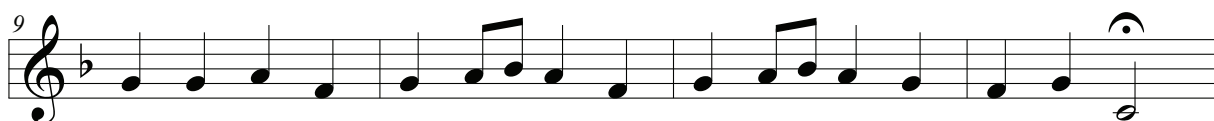
Reader 1: “Our lips will shout for joy as we sing our praise to You, because Your love has rescued us.” (Psalm 71:23, paraphrase)



Reader 2: “Our hearts are filled with Your praise. We will tell everyone of Your power and majesty.” (Psalm 71:8, paraphrase)



Reader 1: “Our hope is in You, O Lord. We will praise You more and more.” (Psalm 71:14, paraphrase)



Reader 2: “Who is like You, O God? You have done great things!”

Reader 1 and Reader 2: “Your righteousness reaches the heavens!”

(Psalm 71:19, paraphrase)

