

Psalm 83, May Doubts of Self Within

*May doubts of self within, the stealers of my joy,
float away on your breath like spinning chaff,
like spiraling smoke from a forest blaze.*

For they wish to plan my harm.

*My heart is still and rests in your promise:
"I will free the fields and meadows of your joy,
and breathe away all doubt."*

Music by Patricia Van Ness (1951)
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*from MUSIC FOR THE PSALMS,
dedicated in its entirety to Peter Sykes

Adapted by Van Ness from
*The Psalter,
The Book of Common Prayer*

♩ = 50 The tempo may be adjusted if desired.
If increased, please do not rush words.

sempre molto legato

Soprano/Alto

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May doubts of self with-in

Organ

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S./A.

Org.

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S./A. A

Org.

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S./A. A

Org.

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S./A. A

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S./A. A

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