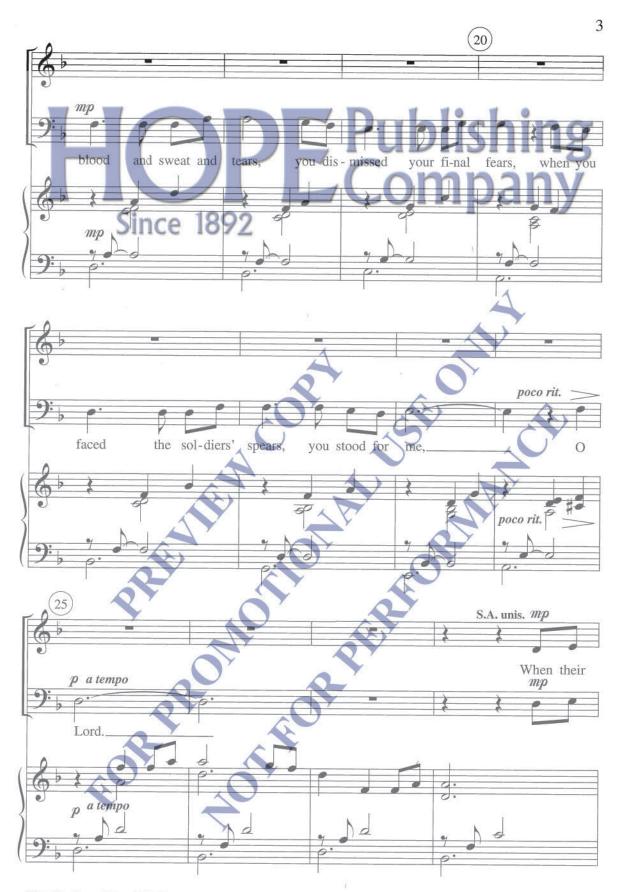
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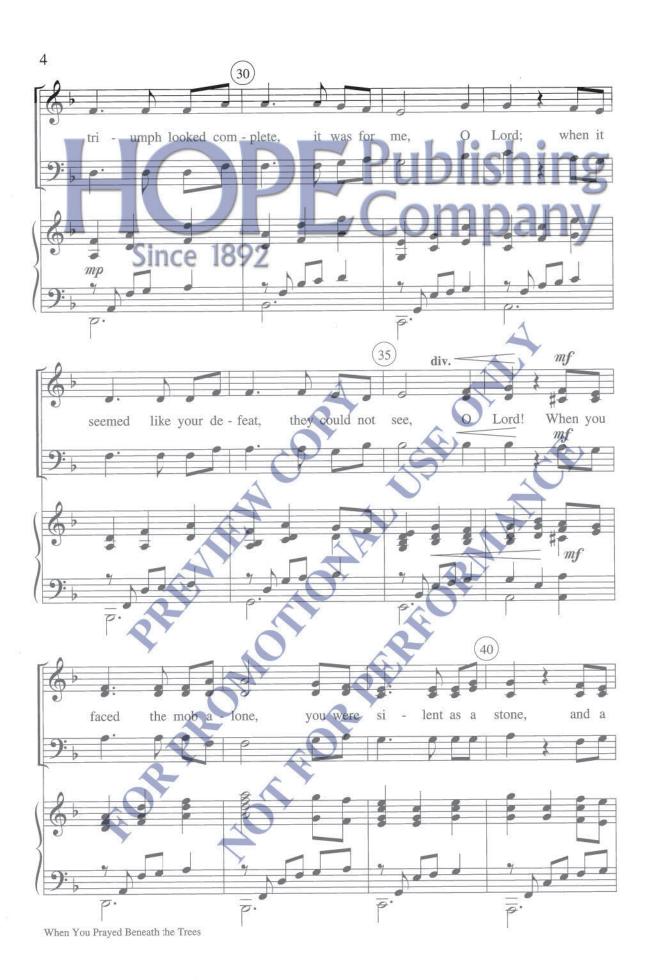


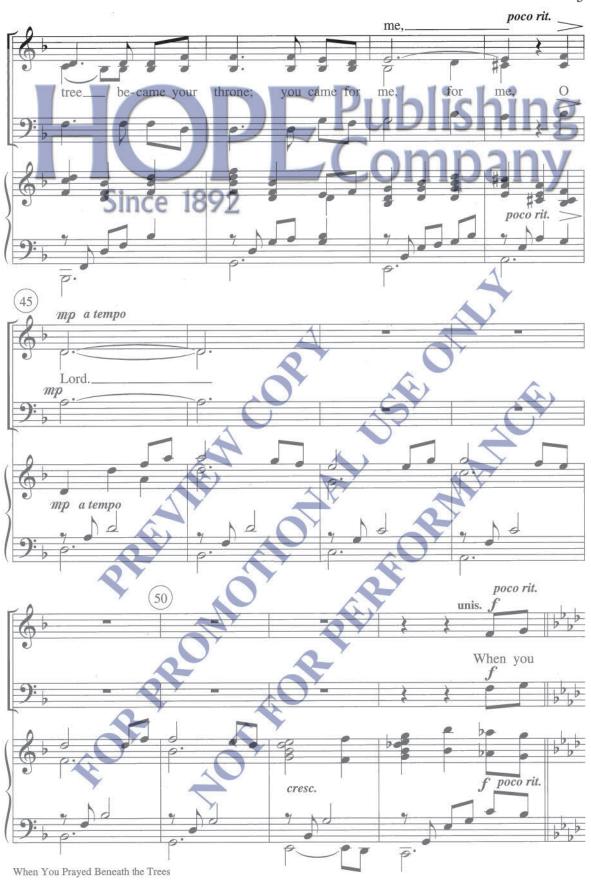
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The opening lines of this Christopher Idle text were inspired by the first three Gospels' description of our Lord praying in the garden of Gethsemane, and in the light of John 17:20-

> I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word...

The text weaves around the 'tree' theme found in many about the cross and is especially meaningful during the days of Holy

Since When You Prayed Beneath the Trees
by Christopher Idle

When you prayed beneath the trees, it was for me, O Lord; when you cried upon your knees, how could it be, O Lord? When in blood and sweat and tears, you dismissed your final fears, when you faced the soldiers' spears, you stood for me, O Lord.

When their triumph looked complete it was for me, O Lord; when it seemed like your defeat they could not see, O Lord! When you faced the mob alone you were silent as a stone. and a tree became your throne; you came for me, O Lord.

When you stumbled up the road, you walked for me, O Lord; when you took your deadly load that heavy tree, O Lord; when they lifted you on high, and they nailed you up to die, and when darkness filled the sky, it was for me, O Lord.

When you spoke with kingly power, it was for me, O Lord; in that dread and destined hour, you made me free, O Lord; earth and heaven heard you shout, death and hell were put to rout, for the grave could not hold out; you are for me, O Lord.

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