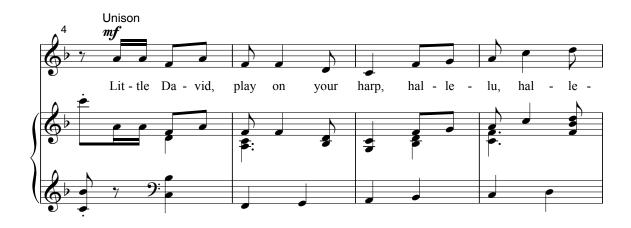
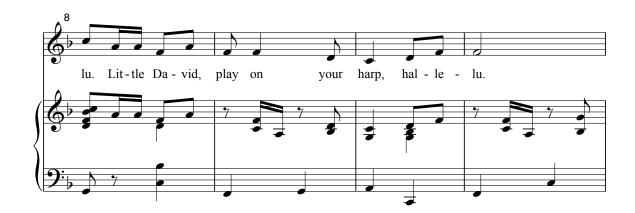
- (Based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 2 Samuel 5:1-4; Psalm 9:1-2; Psalm 33:2-4, 22)
- Reader 1: The Lord said to the judge and prophet Samuel, "I have chosen a new king for Israel. Fill your horn with oil and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."
- Reader 2: So Samuel did as the Lord said and went to Bethlehem. There Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel.
- Reader 3: But the Lord said to Samuel, "My anointed one is not here, for I do not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart."
- Reader 1: So Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen any of these. Are these all the sons you have?"
- Reader 2: Jesse replied, "There is still my youngest son, but he is out taking care of the sheep."
- Reader 3: "Send for him. We will not sit down to eat until he arrives."
- Reader 1: So Jesse sent and had his youngest son, David, brought in. He was a fine boy who bravely tended the flock and liked to play the harp.
- Reader 2: Then the Lord said to Samuel, "Anoint David, for he is the one I have chosen to be king."
- Reader 3: So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the presence of his brothers.
- Reader 1: From that day on, the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power.
- Reader 2: And David was thirty years old when he became king over Israel. And he reigned forty years.
- Reader 3: David also wrote many psalms, giving praise to God.
- Reader 1: "I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. I will tell all the miracles you have done."
- Reader 2: "I will praise you with the harp. I will make music and sing a new song."
 - All: "I will put my hope in you, O Lord, for your love endures forever."

Little David, Play On Your Harp

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