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This arrangement is flexible to suit the needs of many vocal ensembles and performance contexts. Though I have found that it is quite brilliant around quarter note = 166, the piece retains its integrity through a range of tempo options. Also, the accompaniment is intended as a guideline. Accompanists may choose to modify the prescribed accompaniment, perhaps by maintaining the bass line and leaving out some of the suggested right-hand runs, or by improvising entirely new ideas to support this exciting gospel style. Enjoy!

—James DesJardins

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for SA Voices with Keyboard

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Without a Swing (♩ = ca. 160)

Keyboard



Keyboard introduction in B-flat major, common time. The right hand features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The piece begins with a forte (f) dynamic.

4 Soprano

f

Josh - ua fought the bat-tle of Jer - i - cho, —

Alto

Josh - u - a fought, he fought the bat-tle

f

7

Jer - i - cho, —

Jer - i - cho, — Josh — ua fought the bat-tle of

Josh - u - a

fought he fought the bat-tle

Josh - u - a

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Jer - i - cho, and the walls came a tum-bl - in' down. _

fought, he fought the bat - tle walls came a tum-bl - in' in the mor - ning

13

p Josh - ua fought the bat - tle of Jer - i - cho, Jer - i - cho, _

p Josh - u - a fought, he fought the bat - tle Josh - u - a

16

Jer - i - cho, Josh - ua fought the bat - tle of Jer - i - cho and the

fought, he fought the bat - tle Josh - u - a fought, he fought the bat - tle

19 *f* 3rd Time to Coda 1.

walls came a - tum - bl - in' down. — You may talk a - bout your kings of

f 3rd Time to Coda

walls came a - tum - bl - in' down. — You may talk a - bout your kings of

1.

22 (1.)

Gid - e - on. You may talk a - bout your men of — Saul But there's

Gid - e - on. You may talk a - bout your men of — Saul But there's

(1.)

25 (1.)

none like good old Josh - u - a at the bat - tle of Jer - i - cho. —

none like good old Josh - u - a at the bat - tle of Jer - i - cho. I'm sing - in'

(1.)

29 [2.]

(down.) Then up to the walls_ of Jer - i - cho they

(down.) Then up to the walls_ of Jer - i - cho they

[2.]

32

marched with spear in hand. — “Now blow your trum - pets”

marched with spear in hand. — “Now blow your trum - pets”

35 *D.S. al Coda* ☼

Josh - u - a cried_ “for the bat - tle is in my hand.”_

Josh - u - a cried_ “for the bat - tle is in my hand.” I’m sing - in’

D.S. al Coda ☼

38 Coda \oplus *ff*

(down.) Josh - u - a

(down.) fought the

Coda \oplus

40

Josh - u - a

bat - tle of Jer - i - cho fought the

42

Josh - u - a

bat - tle of Jer - i - cho fought the

44

and the walls came tum - bl - in'

bat - tle of Jer - i - cho the walls came tum - bl - in'

47

down! _____ and the

Josh - ua fought the bat - tle of Jer - i - cho _____ and the

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walls came a - tum - bl - in' down.

walls came a - tum - bl - in' down.


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