

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

SATB

Words: Bernard of Clairvaux

Music: John B. Dykes

Arranged by Sally DeFord

♩ = 110 - 120

Obbligato

mp

rit.

V. 1: Tenor/Bass
V. 2: Soprano/Alto

mp

a tempo

Je - sus, the ve - ry thought of thee with sweet - ness fills my breast,
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the mem - 'ry find,

16 18 20 22

— But sweet - er far thy face to see and in thy pres - ence
— A sweet - er sound than thy blest name, O Sa - vior of man -



1. *Obbligato*

24 *mp* 26 28 30

rest. _____

rit.

2. *Obbligato*

32 *mp* 34 36

kind. _____

38 40 42

rit.

44 *Soprano: p*

Hope of the con - trite heart, O joy, joy of

46 48 50

Alto: p

O hope of ev - 'ry con - trite heart, O joy, joy of

Tenor/Bass: mf

O hope of ev - 'ry con - trite heart, O joy of all the meek,

a tempo mf

52 54 56

all the meek, How kind thou art, how good to those who

all the meek, To those who fall how kind, How good to those who

To those who fall, how kind thou art, How good to those who

58 60 62 64

seek. _____

seek. _____

seek. _____

rit. Soprano *a tempo* 66 68 70

Alto

f Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou, As thou our prize wilt

Tenor

Bass

rit. *a tempo* *f*

72 74 76 78

be, _____ *piu f* Je - sus be thou our glo - ry now, And through e -

piu f

80 82 84

ter - ni - ty.

86 88 90 92

p Je - sus, be thou our glo - ry now, And through e - *p*

rit. *p*

94 96 98

(stagger breathing)

ter - ni - ty. *rit.*

rit.