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Three-part Mixed Edition

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## About this piece...

There are three texts that intertwine in this piece: The ancient wise man, Rabban Shim'on ben Gamli'el ("Rabban" means "rabbi"; "ben" means "son of" in Hebrew) says: "*On these three things the whole world stands: justice, truth, and peace.*" Rav Muna ("Rav" is another word for "rabbi") comments on these words by adding: "*Where justice is done, truth is done, and peace is made.*"

The pronunciation of the rabbis' names:

Rah-BAHN Shih-MAWN ben Gahm-lee-EL; Rahv Moon-AH

Adding to the above text are the words:

*Hine ma tov uma naim shevet achim gam yachad.* This text comes from Psalm 133: "*Behold, how good it is for brethren (brothers; people) to dwell together in peace.*" The Hebrew is pronounced: Hee-NAY mah tove oo-MAH nah-EEM ("EEM" starts with a glottal E) SHEH-veht ah-CHEEM gahm yah-CHAHD. The "CH" sounds are made in the back of the throat.

## Performance Notes:

- 1) Please note the tempo change in m. 47. This melody should be sung *pesante*; and, as stated, vigorously—please encourage the singers to have fun with the rhythm and to accent heavily.
- 2) The murmurs starting in Part II at m. 78 are reminiscent of the quiet prayers in a synagogue. In the piece, the sound builds, then abruptly vanishes, leaving Part II alone to start another crescendo.
- 3) The girls who make up the descant part should sing with Part I from mm. 1-37, then out, and in again on the descant starting at m. 42.
- 4) The parts are figured this way:
  - Descant:* a small group of the highest voices
  - Part I:* soprano
  - Part II:* alto/some boys if needed
  - Part III:* boys



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Three-part Mixed Chorus with Descant, a cappella\*

Hebrew text: "Hine Ma Tov"  
Rabban Shim'on ben Gamli'el; Rav Muna

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Ranges: Descant Part I Part II Part III



With conviction ♩ = ca. 132

*mp* *mf* *p*

I

On jus - tice, on truth, on peace, oh peace.

(for rehearsal only)

5 *mp* *mf* *p* *mp*

I

On jus - tice, on truth, on peace, oh peace. On

*mp* *mf* *p* *mp*

II

On jus - tice, on truth, on peace. On

*mp*

III

On

Duration: approx. 2:20

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*mf* *p* *mp*

I  
jus - tice, on truth, on peace, oh peace. On jus - tice, on

II  
jus - tice, on truth, on peace. On jus - tice, on

III  
jus - tice, on truth, peace, peace. On ——— jus - tice, on

15

*mf* *p*, *mf*

I  
truth, on peace, oh peace. Rab - ban — Shim 'on ben Gam - li - 'el —

II  
truth, on peace. Rab - ban — Shim 'on ben Gam - li - 'el —

III  
truth, peace, peace. Rab - ban — Shim 'on ben Gam - li - 'el —

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20 *f*

I said, "On these three things the whole world stands: \_\_\_\_\_

II said, "On these three things the whole world stands: \_\_\_\_\_

III said, "On \_\_\_\_\_

*mf*

25 *p* *mp* *mf* *p*

I \_\_\_\_\_ On jus - tice, on truth, on peace, oh peace.

II \_\_\_\_\_

III jus - tice, truth, and peace.

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30 *mp* *mf* *p* *mp*

I On jus - tice, on truth, on peace, oh peace. On

II *mp* *mf* *p* *mp*  
On jus - tice, on truth, on peace. On

III *mp*  
On \_\_\_\_\_

35 *mf* *p* *mf* *f strong*

I jus - tice, on truth, on peace, oh peace." Rav Mu - na add - ed, "Where

II *mf* *p* *mf* *f strong*  
jus - tice, on truth, on peace." Rav Mu - na add - ed, "Where

III *mf* *p* *mf* *f strong*  
jus - tice, on truth, peace, peace." Rav Mu - na add - ed, "Where

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40 Descant

*f*

Hi - ne ma tov, —

*mp*

I jus - tice is done, truth is done, and peace is made, — and

II jus - tice is done, truth is done, and peace is made, — and

III jus - tice is done, truth is done, and peace is made, — and

*mf* **Vigorously, in one** ♩. = 60 *f*

— Hi - ne ma tov, — Hi - ne — ma tov — u -

*mf* *f*

I peace is made.” — Hi - ne — ma tov — u -

II peace is made.” — Hi - ne — ma tov — u -

III peace is made.” — Hi - ne — ma tov — u -

**Vigorously, in one** ♩. = 60

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ma — na - im she - vet a - chim gam ya - chad. Hi -

I  
ma — na - im she - vet a - chim gam ya - chad. Hi -

II  
ma — na - im she - vet a - chim gam ya - chad. Hi -

III  
ma — na - im she - vet a - chim gam ya - chad. Hi -

55

ne — ma tov — u - ma — na - im she - vet a - chim gam

I  
ne — ma tov — u - ma — na - im she - vet a - chim gam

II  
ne — ma tov — u - ma — na - im she - vet a - chim gam —

III  
ne — ma tov — u - ma — na - im she - vet a - chim gam —



61

*mf*

ya - chad. Hi - ne ma tov, Hi -

*mf*

I ya - chad. Hi - ne ma tov u - ma na - im.

*mf*

II ya - chad. Hi - ne ma tov she - vet a - chim, —

*f*

III ya - chad. Hi - ne ma tov u - ma na - im

67

ne ma tov u - ma na - im. Hi - ne ma

I Oo — Hi - ne ma

II — a - chim gam ya - chad, gam ya - chad. Hi -

III she - vet a - chim gam ya - chad. Hi - ne ma

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72 *f*

tov. On peace, a - chim gam ya -

I *f*

tov. On jus-tice, on truth, on peace, a - chim gam ya -

II *f*

ne - ma tov. On jus-tice, on truth, a - chim gam - ya -

III

tov - u - ma - na - im she - vet a - chim gam - ya -

78 *p*

chad. \_\_\_\_\_

I *p* *p*

chad. \_\_\_\_\_ And on jus-tice, - on truth, jus-tice, - on truth,

II *pp* *p* *mp*

chad. On jus-tice, on truth, and on jus - tice, on truth, and on

III *p* *mp*

chad. \_\_\_\_\_ And on



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*mf* *f*

And on jus-tice,— on truth, jus-tice,— on truth,

*mp* *mf* *f*

I jus-tice,— on truth, jus-tice,— on truth, jus-tice,— on truth, jus-tice,— on truth,

*mf* *f*

II jus - tice, on truth, and on jus - tice, on truth, and on

*mf* *f*

III jus - tice, on truth, and on jus - tice, on truth, and on,

87

*p*

I And on jus-tice,— on truth, jus-tice,— on truth,

*sub.pp* *p* *mp*

II jus - tice, on truth, and on jus - tice, on truth, and on

*mp*

III And on

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91 *mf* *molto rit.*

And on jus-tice,— on truth, jus-tice,— on truth.

*mp* *molto rit.* *mf*

I jus-tice,— on truth, jus-tice,— on truth, jus-tice,— on truth, jus-tice,— on truth.

*mf* *molto rit.*

II jus - tice, on truth, and on jus-tice,— on truth, jus-tice,— on truth.

*mf* *molto rit.*

III jus - tice, on truth, and on jus-tice,— on truth, jus-tice— on truth.

95 *f* *mp* *ff*

Hi - ne ma tov, — Hi - ne ma tov, Peace!

*f* *pp* *ff*

I Peace! — Peace. — Peace!

*f* *pp* *ff*

II Peace! — Peace. — Peace!

*f* *pp* *ff*

III Peace! — Peace. — Peace!

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