

# Ma'oz Tzur

## Rock of Ages

Arranged by Kevin Weed

Traditional melody and lyrics

SATB choir, piano, optional solos

This well-known traditional song for Hanukkah is presented here for choir with a dramatic piano accompaniment. One verse is given in Hebrew and two in English. The second English verse is the translation of the Hebrew. Several websites, including the wikipedia page for Ma'oz Tzur, give additional verses, pronunciation, and much interesting historical background material.

Measures 1 - 8 may be done with small groups instead of solos; or with one, or more, each soprano, alto, tenor, and bass adding every 2 bars. Or one solo may sing it all.

The apostrophe ' as in Y', L', and t' sounds like a soft "ih" or schwa.

There are many spellings for Hebrew transliterations.

This arrangement may work well *a capella*, without piano. Include it in your caroling packet.

Majestic ♩ = 100

*poco rit.*

**A** *a tempo*  
Solo

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

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*f* *mf* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Ma-oz tzur y' -

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The purchaser may make copies of this arrangement for his/her ensemble.

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Ma'oz Tzur web page with information and recordings



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S shu - a - ti L' - cha na - eh l' - sha - bey - ach, Ti - kon beyt t' - fi - la - ti, V' - sham to - da n' - za -

A Solo L' - cha na - eh l' - sha - bey - ach, Ti - kon beyt t' - fi - la - ti, V' - sham to - da n' - za -

T Solo Ti - kon beyt t' - fi - la - ti, V' - sham to - da n' - za -

B Solo V' - sham to - da n' - za -

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**B** tutti

S bey - ach. L'eyt ta - chin mat - bey - ach mi - tzar — ham - 'na - bey - ach,

A tutti bey - ach. L'eyt ta - chin mat - bey - ach mi - tzar — ham ham - 'na - bey - ach,

T tutti bey - ach. L'eyt ta - chin mat - bey - ach mi - tzar — ham - 'na - bey - ach,

B tutti bey - ach. L'eyt ta - chin mat - bey - ach mi - tzar — ham - 'na - bey - ach,

C

S Az eg-mor b'-shir miz-mor, ha - nu - kat ha-miz - bey - ach. Az eg-mor b'-

A Az eg-mor b'-shir miz-mor, ha - nu - kat ha-miz - bey - ach. Az eg-mor b'-

T Az \_\_\_ eg-mor b'-shir \_\_\_ miz-mor, ha - nu - kat ha-miz - bey - ach. Az \_\_\_ eg-mor b'-

B Az \_\_\_ eg-mor b'-shir \_\_\_ miz-mor, ha - nu - kat ha-miz - bey - ach. Az \_\_\_ eg-mor b'-

D

22 S shir miz-mor, ha - nu - kat ha-miz - bey - ach.

A shir miz-mor, ha - nu - kat ha-miz - bey - ach.

T shir miz-mor, ha - nu - kat ha-miz - bey - ach. Child-ren of the wan-der - ers

B shir miz-mor, ha - nu - kat ha-miz - bey - ach. Child-ren of the wan-der - ers

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S

A

T

B

wheth-er free or\_ fet - tered wake the ech - oes of the songs Where you may be\_

wheth-er free or\_ fet - tered wake the ech - oes of the songs Where you may be\_

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S

A

T

B

scat - tered. Yours the mes - sage cheer - ing That the time is near - ing

scat - tered. Yours the mes - sage cheer - ing That the time is near - ing

scat - tered. Yours the mes - sage cheer - ing That the time is near - ing

**F**

S  
Oo \_\_\_\_\_ Oo \_\_\_\_\_

A  
Oo \_\_\_\_\_ Oo \_\_\_\_\_

T  
8 Which will see all men free Ty-rants dis - ap - pear - ing. Which will see

B  
Which will see all men free Ty-rants dis - ap - pear - ing. Which will see



42 **G Slower, Grand**

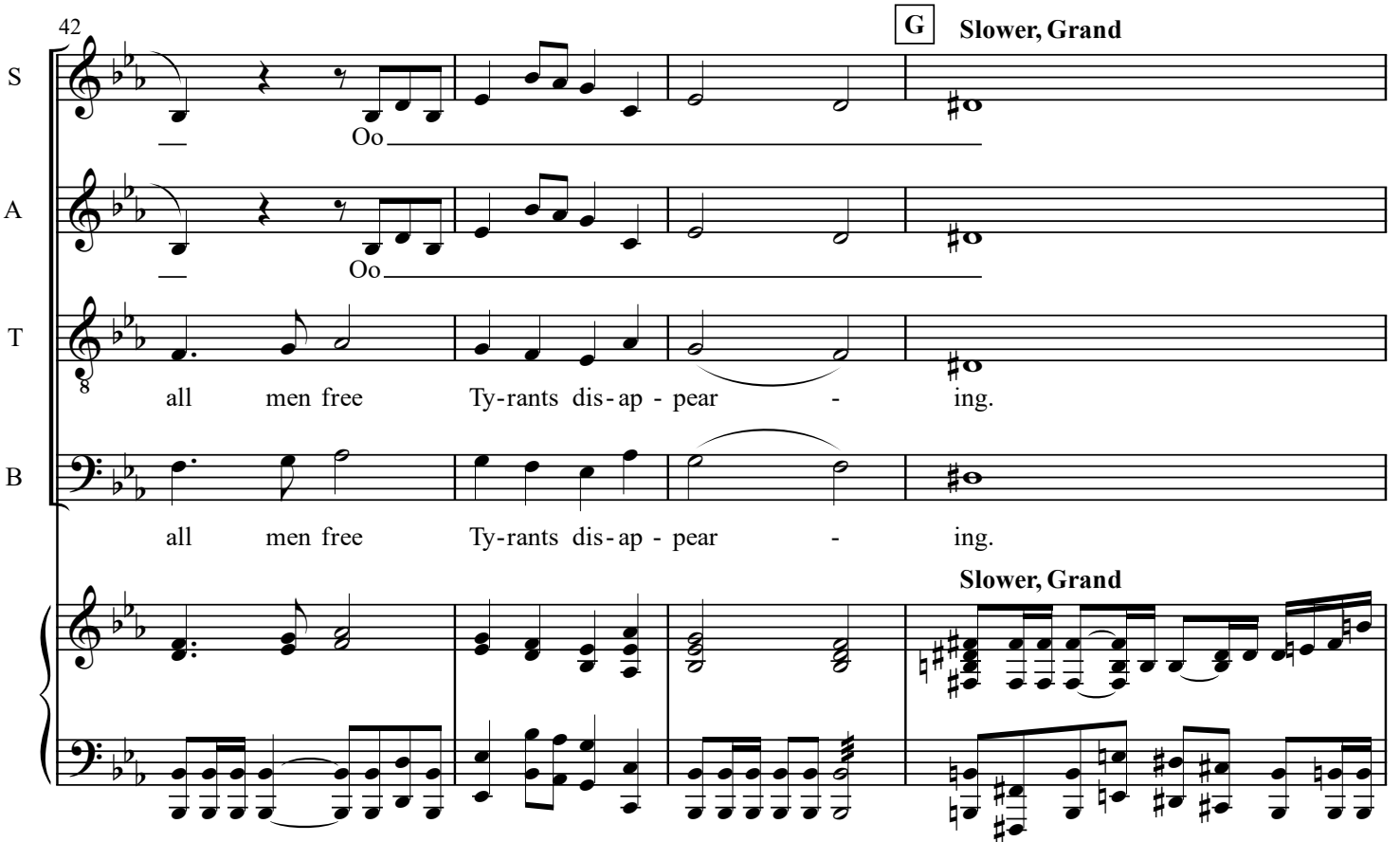
S  
Oo \_\_\_\_\_

A  
Oo \_\_\_\_\_

T  
8 all men free Ty-rants dis-ap - pear - ing.

B  
all men free Ty-rants dis-ap - pear - ing.

**Slower, Grand**



46 *rit.*

Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B) parts are shown with rests. The piano accompaniment includes a *rit.* marking.

**H** Slower Tempo ♩ = c. 88

S  
Rock of ag - es, let our song Praise your sav - ing pow - er. You a - mid the

A  
Rock of ag - es, let our song Praise your sav - ing pow - er. You a - mid the

T  
Rock of ag - es, let our song Praise your sav - ing pow - er. You a - mid the

B  
Rock of ag - es, let our song Praise your sav - ing pow - er. You a - mid the

Slower Tempo ♩ = c. 88

54 I

S rag-ing foes Were our shel-t'ring tow - er. Fur-ious they as - sailed us

A rag-ing foes Were our shel-t'ring tow - er. Fur-ious they as - sailed us

T rag-ing foes Were our shel-t'ring tow - er. Fur-ious they as - sailed us

B rag-ing foes Were our shel-t'ring tow - er. Fur-ious they as - sailed us

59 J

S But your arm a - vailed\_\_ us. And your word broke their sword

A But your arm a - vailed us.\_\_\_\_ And your word broke their sword

T But your arm a - vailed us. And\_\_\_\_ your word broke\_\_\_\_ their sword

B But your arm a - vailed\_\_ us.\_\_\_\_ And\_\_\_\_ your word broke\_\_\_\_ their sword

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S  
When our own strength failed us. And your word broke their sword

A  
When our own strength failed us. And your word broke their sword

T  
8 When our own strength failed us. And your word broke their sword

B  
When our own strength failed us. And your word broke their sword

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S  
when our own strength failed us.

A  
when our own strength failed us.

T  
8 When our own strength failed us.

B  
When our own strength failed us.