

Because He Lives

(Soprano II/Tenor Duet)

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about ♩ = 70

f rubato

Soprano

rubato 1. Be-cause he lives, Be-cause he rose in migh- ty tri-umph from the grave, I put my
lives, My heart is filled with peace a- mid a world of fear, And through the

trust in him, and seek to fol- low him in faith, Be-cause he lives, Be-cause he lives, Tenor

rubato Be-cause he lives, I shall find
Be-cause he lives, There is no

strength to stand a-gainst the temp-ter's pow'r, He is my re-fuge and de- fense in ev- 'ry trou-bled hour, Be-cause he
task so great that I can- not en- dure, I bear no heart- ache that his ten-der mer- cy can-not cure, Be-cause he

18

Be-cause he lives I can bear what- ev- er bur- den may be mine, I am en-

lives. lives. Be- cause he lives,

cir-cled in the arms of love di- vine, Be-cause he lives,

Be-cause he lives he will ban-ish ev-'ry sha- dow of my

Be-cause he lives,

26

pain, Ev-'ry sor- row will be swal-lowed up in him, For in his hand is heal-ing for the

1.

30 wea- ry soul, This I know, 32 Be- cause he lives. 34

wea- ry soul, This I know, Be- cause he lives.

This I know, Be- cause he lives.

colla voce

2. 36 2. Be-cause he lives. 38 Be-cause he lives, I will walk in

lives. Be-cause he lives, I will fear no dark- ness,

light,

Be-cause he lives, hope shines ev-er bright,

Be-cause he

Be-cause he lives, I will praise his kindness,

46

lives, I will seek his right-eous-ness,

48

Be-cause he

Be-cause he lives, I'll fol-low where he leads,

50

lives, I shall conquer e-ven death, And I shall live

52

be-cause he lives, rit. Be-cause he

And I shall live because he lives,

rit.

54

lives, I will re-joice in Christ, and glo-ri fy his name,

56

And with the wil-ling voice of gra-ti-tude pro-

a tempo

Be-cause he lives, I will glo-ri fy his name,

a tempo

58

claim, My Sav- ior lives! Be-cause he lives, He will ban- ish ev- ry sha-dow of my pain, Ev-ry
 (Be-cause he lives.)

62

sor- row will be swal-lowed up in him, For in his hand is heal-ing for the wea- ry soul, This I

66

know, *p* This I know, be-cause he lives.

68

70

rit.

In the Silent Garden - *Interlude* - Because He Lives

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Narrator: How gratefully we testify that the creator of the world "was made flesh and dwelt among us"; that he, in his infinite love, suffered for the grief

and sin of every man and woman born into mortality; that he arose from the grave and lives today. Of the reality of his resurrection many have testified, beginning with an angel

who announced to the grieving disciples: "Fear not, for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified. He is not here; for he is risen." And in our own time, a prophet declared:

"And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: That he lives! For we saw him, even on the right hand of

God..." Because he lives, we have the promise that we, too, will be freed from the grave by his power, for by his own victory over death, Jesus conquered death for all mankind.

In this assurance, we gain strength to meet the challenges of our lives, we find comfort in our times of sorrow,
and we live in hope of eternal life, because Jesus lives.

Interlude

Because He Lives - - Come, Lord Jesus

Narrator: Because Jesus lives, we are blessed to have his power and guidance in our own lives. Through his spirit, given to each of us freely, and through living prophets who speak in his name, he leads and directs us as we

rit. *a tempo* *rit.* *a tempo*

strive to fulfill our purpose on this earth. And in accordance with his Father's great plan, in a time not far distant, he will return to us in glory, to reign upon the earth as our king. In that day,

rit.

"God shall wipe away all tears from [our] eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain..." "nation shall not lift up sword against

a tempo *12* *rit.*

nation, neither shall [we] learn war anymore." In anticipation of this glorious time of peace, we echo the words of John:

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

rit. *16* *a tempo* *rit.* *proceed without pause*