

## **Meditation**

### **Psalm 19:14**

By Robert Beaser

Edited by Judith Clurman

#### **Text:**

*Yih'yu l'ratzon imreifi, v'hegyon libi l'fanekha.* (Adapted from the prayer book.)

#### **Translation:**

May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

#### **Performance Note:**

*Meditation* was commissioned by the Temple Choral Society of Bruce L. Green. The first performance of the piece took place on Sunday, May 10, 2001, in New York City, as part of the Sabbath worship on the 50th anniversary of the Temple Choral Society. Judith Clurman conducted the Temple Choral Society with the assistance of the Juilliard Choral Union. Allison Sniffin played the piano and David Ruben was the soloist.

The words of *Meditation* are a beautiful quotation from the psalms. It is found in the prayer book as a private, daily meditation that concludes the Amidah, the central prayer of the Jewish service. With their simple directness, these words convey a sense of deep faith and fervent questioning. In setting them I was mindful not only of their important place in Jewish liturgy, but also of the way in which they embody a universal essence of private prayer.

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Committed by Cantor Bruce L. Ruben  
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Tenderly, ♩ = 46

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

\* Solo

Piano

*p*

Yi - b' - l' - e - m - re - i -

5

Solo

Pno

*poco cresc.*

fi - son bi - l' - fa - ne -

9

Solo

Pno.

*mf*

cha - A - do - nai - tsu - ri - v' -

\* or small group of singers

12 *mp*

Solo

- po - a - li, A - do - nai

Pno.

15

Solo

tu - ri y' go

Pno.

*dim. poch. rit.*

19 *A tempo mp*

5.

im - rei - fi, v'

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im - rei - fi, v'

im - rei - fi, v'

Yi - l' - yu l' - ra - tzon im - rei - fi, v'

Pno.

*mp*

**PREVIEW**  
**Low Resolution**

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S. *heg - yon - li - bi - I' - fa - ne - cha,*

A. *heg - yon - li - bi - I' - fa - ne - cha,*

T. *heg - yon - li - bi - I' - fa -*

B. *heg - yon - li - bi*

Pno.

27 *A Tempo* *mf*

S. *v' - go - a - li,*

A. *tu - ri - v' - go - a - li,*

T. *tu - ri - v' - go - a - li,*

B. *A - do - nai tu - ri - v' - go - a - li,*

Pno.