LIFT UP YOUR VOICE

Psalm 96, adapt. WPR

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562–1621) Edited by William P. Rowan



Notes

Jan Sweelinck was the last of the great Franco-Flemish composers. His creative work spans the end of the Renaissance and the beginning of the Baroque periods.

Sweelinck's brilliant Christmas motet, *Hodie Christus natus est*, is still widely sung throughout the world. His many other works include a collection of motets based on the Genevan psalm tunes entitled *Cantiones sacrae (Sacred Songs)*. It is from this collection that *Lift Up Your Voice* is taken. Many of these motets are particularly fine compositions. Unfortunately their original French language has limited their liturgical usefulness and dissemination.

-William P. Rowan



