JESUS WILL MAKE US HIS OWN

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied,*
with optional flute**



- * Also available for S.A.B. voices, No. 5885, and two-part mixed voices, No. 5886.
- ** Flute part may be found on pages 15-16.

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* Adapted from the hymn *Softly and Tenderly*, words and music by Will L. Thompson (1847-1909). 5884









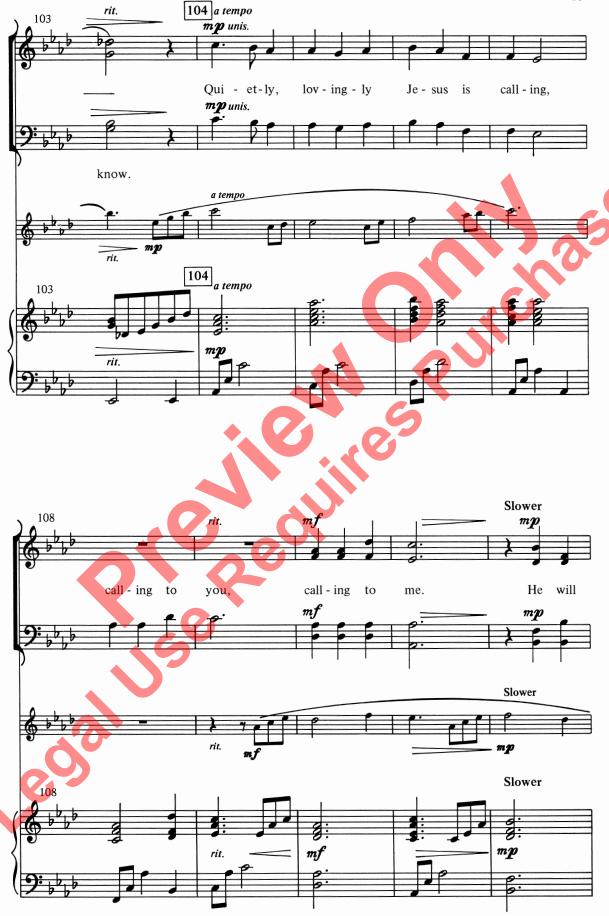
* Flute part may be omitted from here to 96 if desired.













Jesus Will Make Us His Own is a general anthem incorporating the beloved hymn, Softly and Tenderly. It is especially appropriate for stewardship, evangelism, or Lenten services. Suggested corresponding lectionary readings include Psalms 124 and 130, Ezekiel 37: 1-14, Matthew 11: 25-30, and John 11: 1-45. One basic homiletical theme is that Jesus offers New Life to all who truly follow in His way.

In rehearsal, strive for a lyric legato with a basic pulse of one beat per measure. To energize the lovely phrases, instill in the choir a strong sense of the underlying eighth note pulse. Ask the singers to perform m. 9-25 on "noo," articulating a constant stream of eighth notes and listening for the matching eighth note arpeggios in the accompaniment. Add text without sacrificing the momentum of this exercise.

Don Besig is Director of Music at Perinton Presbyterian Church in Fairport, New York. He has over thirty years of experience teaching vocal music in the public schools of western New York. Recognizing a need for choral music written especially for student singers, Besig began composing for his own choirs. Since 1973, over three hundred of his compositions and arrangements have been published.

Nancy Price holds B.M. and M.M. degrees in music from Ithaca College. She began singing in elementary school choirs directed by Don Besig and in her senior year of college first worked with him as a lyricist. Since 1980 they have collaborated on over one hundred compositions for school and church. Both Besig and Price have received several ASCAP Special awards.