

Higher Ground

Words by Johnson Oatman, Jr. (1860-1948)

Melody by Charles H. Gabriel (1856-1932)

arr. William Horne

Flowing (♩ = c. 76)

SA *mp*

TB *mp*

Piano *mp*

I'm press-ing on the up-ward way, New heights I'm

Ped. * *Ped.* * *Ped. simile*

7

gain-ing ev-ery day; Still pray-ing as I on-ward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on high-er ground."

Pno.

13

Lord, lift me up, and let me stand By faith on Can-aan's ta-ble-land; A high-er plane than I have

Pno.

13

*Leo. *Leo. *Leo. *Leo. *Leo. *Leo. *Leo. **

19

found, Lord, plant my feet on high-er ground. My heart has

Pno.

19

p

*Leo. *Leo. *Leo. *Leo. *Leo. *Ped. simile*

25

no de-sire to stay where doubts a - rise and fears dis - may; *mp*

25

Though some may

Pno.

29 *mf* Lord, lift me
Pno. dwell where these a - bound, My prayer, my aim, is high - er ground.

34 up, and let me stand By faith on Can - aan's ta - ble - land; A high - er plane than I have

39 found, Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground.

Pno. *mf* *mp*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble and bass staves) and a piano accompaniment (Pno., grand staff). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system (measures 29-33) includes the lyrics 'Lord, lift me dwell where these a - bound, My prayer, my aim, is high - er ground.' The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a more active bass line. The second system (measures 34-38) includes the lyrics 'up, and let me stand By faith on Can - aan's ta - ble - land; A high - er plane than I have'. The piano part continues with similar accompaniment. The third system (measures 39-43) includes the lyrics 'found, Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground.' The piano part concludes with a final chord. Dynamics include mezzo-forte (mf) and mezzo-piano (mp).

Rit. - - - Poco meno mosso

A, or alto solo

44

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I want to live a-bove the world, though Sa-tan's darts at me are

44

Pno.

pp

50

hurled; for faith has caught a joy - ful sound, The song of saints on high - er ground.

50

Pno.

56

Lord, lift me up, and let me stand By faith on Can - aan's ta - ble - land; A high-er

56

Pno.

Here the pianist may double the choir quietly.

Rit.

61

plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on high-er ground.

Pno.

mp

Poco a poco - - - Tempo I

66

mp

I want to scale the ut-most height and catch a gleam of glo-ry

Pno.

mp

p

legato pedal

71

mf

bright; But still I'll pray 'till heav'n I've found, "Lord, lead me on to high - er ground."

Pno.

mf

f

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76 Lord, lift me up by faith on
Lord, lift me up and let me stand By faith on Can - nan's ta - ble - land; A high-er

76 Pno.

81 Can - nan's land; Lord, plant my feet on high - er
plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground. *mf*

81 Pno.

87 ground, on high - er ground, on high - er ground. *Rit. mp*
On high - er ground. *mp*
On high - er ground. *mp*
On high - er ground. *mp*

87 Pno.