

Acoustic Sincerity One (1)

4. The "Greater Is He That Is In Me" Medley

Arr. Kenneth E. Robertson

Liner Notes

A cheerful arrangement, built on the excellent foundation of "Greater Is He That Is In Me" by Lanny Wolfe, surrounded by I John 4:4 in the New Testament Greek, the first verse of "Victory in Jesus," and an original verse.

Story

Southern Gospel is one of my foundational musical influences. I dearly loved the *Cathedral Quartet* of the 1980's and 1990's. Those guys could really sing and their music touched me deeply. During that period, they released an acapella album during that still inspires me today (and, yes, it's on vinyl at 33^{1/3} speed).

- The basic foundation of this medley is Lanny Wolfe's chorus "Greater Is He That Is In Me" that was popular in the 1970's and 1980's; it continues to encourage me through some of my rough days.
- I added the first verse of "Victory in Jesus," penned an original second verse based on James 5:16, and added a tenor descant part, dedicated to little Ernie Phillips, formerly of the *Kingsmen*.
- The original arrangement of this medley had a "nonsense phrase" for the bass singer, also known as "the George Younce part" because he might have had fun with it. Later, two fine college professors, Dr. Holly Hearon of Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, and Dr. Kimberly Majeski of Anderson University in Anderson, IN, taught me how to pronounce I John 4:4 in the New Testament Greek, and I substituted it for the previous "nonsense phrase."

I hope that you, George Younce, Glenn Payne, and Ernie Phillips all enjoy this acapella Southern Gospel arrangement.

Lyrics

Underlying Chorus²

Greater is He that is in me, greater is He that is in me
Greater is He that is in me than He who is in the world.

First descant verse³

Oh victory in Jesus my Savior forever
He sought me and He bought me
With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood

Second descant verse⁴

The Father, Son and the Spirit
Are ruling for all time
So don't let the liar
Put doubts within your mind
The Holy Spirit is moving
Where fervent prayers are heard
So grab a-hold and be standing upon
The promises in God's word

¹ - Scripture Reference I John 4:4 (NIV)

² - Underlying Chorus by Lanny Wolfe, 1973, *Benson Corporation, Inc.* Nashville, TN. Used with permission.

³ - *Chorus of Victory in Jesus* by Eugene M. Bartlett, Sr., 1939, 1967 Albert E. Brumley & Sons. Used with permission.

⁴ - Arrangement, Descant Tune, and Second Descant Verse by Kenneth E. Robertson

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