

# I Give Him to the LORD

From I Samuel 1

To Mom Hughes,  
who lives Hannah's prayer

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The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 4/4. The piece is divided into eight systems of music, each with a measure number at the beginning. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings like 'Freely' and 'With motion'. The lyrics are: 'In bit-ter-ness of soul Han-nah wept much and prayed. There in the tem-ple to the LORD a vow she made. "O LORD al-might-y, look up-on your ser-vant's mis-er-y, and give her a son, O please re-mem-ber me. "Then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no ra-zor will ev-er be used on his head. Then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life. I will give him to the LORD." With joy, she went her way seek-ing fa-vor from the LORD, and in the course of time a son was her re-ward. The LORD re-mem-bered Han-nah, so she chose a fit-ting name: She called the ba-by Sam-uel, "Be-cause I asked the LORD for him." "I will take him and pre-

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43 F maj7 B $\flat$  F d g C7  
 sent him be-fore the LORD, and he will live there al - ways. I will

50 F F maj7 B $\flat$  F/C C7 F  
 take him and pre-sent him be-fore the LORD. I will give him to the LORD." Af-ter

58 F *Expressively* 3 d g A7 d  
 that her hus-band El - ka - nah made the an - nual trip a - lone, while Han - nah stayed be -

63 g C7 F d  
 hind and nursed and weaned the boy at home. Af - ter he was weaned, up to the

68 g C7 c $\sharp$ 7 A7 d A7 D D7  
 house of God they went. There to the LORD a sac-ri-fice the fam-ily did pre - sent. "I

74 G e a D7 e A7  
 prayed for this child and the LORD has gran - ted me what I asked of

80 D7 G C G d $\sharp$ 7 e C  
 Him. So now I give him to the LORD. I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be

87 D7 G G C G d $\sharp$ 7  
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93 e C D7 G  
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