

THE EVERLASTING ARMS

for SATB Choir and Piano (optional Handbells)

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms with Nothing But the Blood

Arranged by Joseph J. Corporon (ASCAP)

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He has been actively arranging and composing since 2021, specializing in music for church choirs and instrumental music based on Christian hymnody or music of the great composers.

Joe and his wife, Donna, are the proud parents of two daughters and two sons. They also enjoy their four fur babies – three cats and a dog. In his spare time Joe enjoys developing websites, and learning the intricacies of EndeavourOS Linux and other open source software.



Notes

The Everlasting Arms for SATB Choir and Piano has been arranged by Joseph I. Corporon (ASCAP).

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms, by Nisha A. Hoffman and Anthony J. Showalter, was inspired by Deuteronomy 33:27, “The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms” (KJV). As these words are sung, contemplate what it means to find refuge in our heavenly Father's arms in times of fear and trial, and to allow His joy and peace to replace our loneliness and anxiety.

When *Nothing But the Blood*, by Robert Lowry, was first published in 1876, Hebrews 9:22 was quoted underneath the title: “Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.” This song elaborates on that idea, repeatedly stating that “nothing but the blood of Jesus” purifies us. The third stanza acknowledges that “thought of good that I have done” can save. As the hymn is sung, contemplate the significance of sin in separating us from God, and the great value of Jesus's work on the cross.

The anthem starts with a slow introduction. The next section contains a verse and refrain from each hymn. This is followed by the centerpiece of the arrangement: a vocal ostinato in the Altos, Tenors, and Basses that accompany the Sopranos, singing the 2nd and 3rd verses from *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms* in augmentation. The piece ends with a slow section similar to the introduction.

An optional Handbell part is included.

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Words and Music by E. A. Hofmann, A. J. Showalter,
and Robert Lowry

Rubato, freely (♩ = 60)

Soprano Alto: *p* What a fel - low - ship, *cresc.*

Tenor Bass: *p* What a fel - low - ship, *cresc.*

Piano: *p* What a fel - low - ship, *cresc.*

Rit..... (♩ = 100)

Soprano: *mf* joy di - vine. Ooh *dim.* What a fel - low - ship, *mf*

Tenor Bass: *mf* *dim.* What a fel - low - ship, *mf*

Piano: *mf* *rit.....* (♩ = 100) *mf*

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8 10

S
A
what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness,

T
B

8 10

Pno

12

S
A
what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,

T
B
Lean - ing on Je - sus,

12

Pno

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16

S
A

lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms; lean ing,

T
B

lean - ing on Je - sus, Lean - ing on Je - sus,

Pno

20

S
A

lean - ing, lean ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

T
B

lean - ing on sus,

Pno

20

cresc.

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24 *f*

S
A

What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of Je sus.

f

T
B

24

Pno

28

S
A

30

Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

T
B

What can make me whole a - gain?

28

Pno

30

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32

S
A

O pre - cious is the flow that makes me bright as snow;—

T
B

Pno

36

S
A

no oth - er but I know; noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

T
B

Pno

40

S
A

Noth - ing but the blood, but the blood, but the blood of Je - sus.

T
B

40

Pno

42

What O how have I sweet to walk
Noth - ing but the blood, but the blood, but the blood of Je - sus.

S
A

T
B

L.H. (or opt. handbells/handchimes)

simile

Pno

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44

S
A

in what this have I to fear,
pil - grim way,
I to fear,

Noth - ing but the blood, but the blood, but the blood of Je - sus.

T
B

Pno

46

S
A

lean - - - ing on the ev - - er - -
lean - - - ing on the ev - - er - -

Noth - ing but the blood, but the blood, but the blood of Je - sus.

T
B

Pno

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- last - - - ing arms;
- last - - - ing arms?

48

S
A

Noth - ing but the blood, but the blood, but the blood of Je - sus.

T
B

Pno

50

O how bright the path
I have bless - ed peace

50

S
A

Noth - ing but the blood, but the blood, but the blood of Je - sus.

T
B

Pno

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52

S
A

grows from day to day,
with my Lord so near,

Noth - ing but the blood, but the blood, but the blood of Je - sus.

T
B

Pno

54

S
A

lean - - - ing on the ev - - er - -
lean - - - ing on the ev - - er - -

Noth - ing but the blood, but the blood, but the blood of Je - sus.

T
B

Pno

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- last - - - ing arms.
- last - - - ing arms.

2x To Coda (m. 66) ⊕

56

S
A

T
B

56

Noth - ing but the blood, but the blood, but the blood of Je - sus. O pre - cious

Pno

56

2x To Coda (m. 66) ⊕

60

59

S
A

T
B

59

is the flow that makes me bright as snow; no oth - er fount I know;

60

Pno

59

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64 D.S. al Coda (m. 42) \oplus Coda

S A noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus. Lean - ing,

T B lean - ing on Je - sus,

64 D.S. al Coda (m. 42) \oplus Coda

Pno

67 70

S A lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms; lean - ing,

T B lean - ing on Je - sus, Lean - ing on Je - sus,

67 70

Pno

71

S
A

lean - - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

T
B

lean - ing on Je - sus,

Pno

71

rit.....
dim.

dim.

rit.....
dim.

Rubato, freely (♩ = 60)

p

What a fel - low - ship,

What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine.

p *cresc.* *f*

p *cresc.* *f*

Rubato, freely (♩ = 60)

What a fel - low - ship,

p *cresc.* *f*

[73]

[73]

77 *cresc.* *ff*

S
A
Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus!

cresc. *ff*

T
B

77 *cresc.*

Pno

The musical score consists of five staves. The top two staves are for Soprano (S) and Alto (A), with lyrics underneath. The next two staves are for Tenor (T) and Bass (B). The bottom staff is for Piano (Pno), split into treble and bass clefs. The score begins at measure 77. Dynamics include *cresc.* and *ff*. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are: "Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus!".

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