

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted

Recitative and air from the oratorio the *Messiah* (tenor)

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Accompanied recitative

Comfort **ye,** **comfort** **ye** **my** **people,** **saith** **your** **God.**
[ˈkʌm.fə(ɔɐ̯)t ji ˈkʌm.fə(ɔɐ̯)t ji maɪ ˈpi.pəl sɛθ jɔɐ̯ ɡəd]

Speak **ye** **comfortably** **to** **Jerusalem,**
[spɪk ji ˈkʌmpf.tə.bli tu dʒə.ˈruː.sə.lə(ɛ)m]

and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished,
that her iniquity is pardoned.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness;
prepare ye the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Air

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted,
and ev'ry moutain and hill made low;
the crooked straight and the rough places plain.

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IPA transcription is available for download.

Thank you!



¹ The IPA transcription is in Mid-Atlantic pronunciation with British Received Pronunciation (RP) alternates.