

If With All Your Hearts

Recitative and aria for tenor from the oratorio *Elijah*

English translation by *William Bartholomew* (1793–1867) of the original German text by *Julius Schubring* (1806–1889), based on the Book of Kings and the psalms.

Set by *Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy* (1809–1847), op.70

Recitative

Ye people, rend your hearts
[ji 'pi.pəl rɛnd jɔɹ hæts]

and not your garments
[ænd nɑt jɔɹ 'gɑɹ.mənts]

for your transgressions:
the prophet Elijah hath sealed the heavens
through the word of God.
I therefore say to ye:
forsake your idols, return to God;
for He is slow to anger,
and merciful, and kind, and gracious,
and repenteth Him of the evil.

Aria

"If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
ye shall ever surely find me."
Thus saith our God.
Oh! that I knew where I might find Him,
that I might even come before His presence!
"If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
ye shall ever surely find me."
Thus saith our God.

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