

# Magnificat

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Duration: 4 minutes

women's choir and piano

The text of *Magnificat* comes from the famous song in Luke 1:46-55. Mary, the mother of Jesus, has just been told by an angel that she will bear God's son, and she celebrates God's favor on her. Though this text has been set many times, I chose to set it using the English Standard Version translation and with a women's choir, since it is a woman who originally spoke the text.

*Magnificat* was premiered in Turner Recital Hall in Nashville, TN on February 27, 2014.