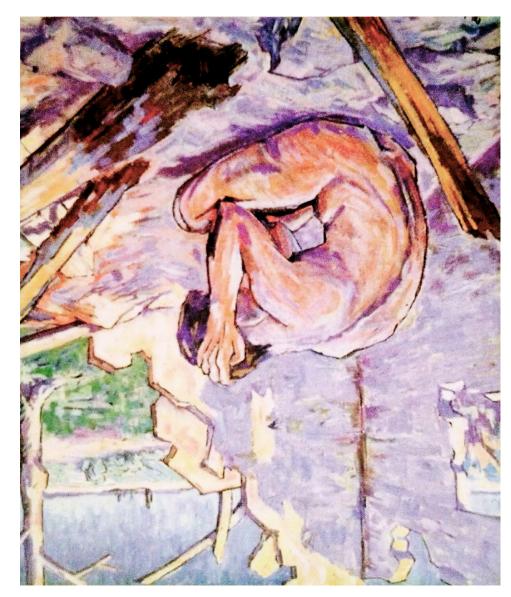
## Job Sat Upon the Ash Heap

An anthem for SATB choir written by Arthur Eschenlauer

Piano accompaniment by F. Michel Kline

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<u>http://eschenlauer.com/music/JobSatUponTheAshHeap/satb/</u>

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Job struggles to explain why he suffers so much.

Conventional wisdom proclaimed that one must suffer for what he has done wrong. Job believes this, and yet he still suffers, even when he tried to do everything right. But, because he believes that God is just, he asks God to explain why God is making him suffer so horribly.

I met a priest who had left the ministry and entered law school, so I asked him what his perspective on divine justice is. He said:

Job is sitting in the garbage dump, scraping the boils on his skin with a broken piece of pottery, and he cries out to God, 'What did I do to deserve this?' God comes in a whirlwind and replies ... 'Nothing'. But where the story really ends is several thousand years later, when God comes to earth as one of us to tell Job, 'Move over. Make room on the garbage heap for Me, too. Because I will not make your suffering go away, but I will share it with you, I will experience it completely, and I will be there to strengthen you in your struggle.' God does not cause the suffering; God participates in the recovery.

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Practice video (instrumental SATB parts with synthesized piano): <a href="https://youtu.be/BLJcaqFqrUc">https://youtu.be/BLJcaqFqrUc</a> or, equivalently, at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/JobSatPractice">https://tinyurl.com/JobSatPractice</a>

Practice part emphasizing Soprano

https://youtu.be/UCjBhR2epkM = https://tinyurl.com/JobSatSoprano

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Practice part emphasizing Alto  $\underline{https://youtu.be/OIdoF05sqao} = \underline{https://youtu.be/OIdoF05sqao} = \underline{https://youtu.be/OIdoF05sqao}$ 

Practice part emphasizing Tenor  $\underline{https://youtu.be/1g3AW0cnleM} = \underline{https://tinyurl.com/JobSatTenor}$ 

Practice part emphasizing Bass

https://youtu.be/4Vq4bvMkOhk = https://tinyurl.com/lobSatBass

Video (recording of arrangement for solo Baritone and Piano): <a href="https://youtu.be/OkWqMfXvzNo">https://youtu.be/OkWqMfXvzNo</a>





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