

O How happy a thing it is

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - Psalme 133

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CANTVS
MEDIVS
TENOR
or Playnsong
BASSVS

Winchester Tune

O how hap-py a thing it is, and joy - ful for to see
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S. Breth - ren to - ge - ther fast to hold the band of a - mi - ty.
A. Breth - ren to - ge - ther fast to hold the band of a - mi - ty.
T. Breth - ren to - ge - ther fast to hold the band of a - mi - ty.
B. Breth - ren to - ge - ther fast to hold the band of a - mi - ty.

2. It calls to mind the sweet perfume,
and that costly ointment:
Which on the sacrificers head,
by Gods precept was spent.

3. It wet not Aarons head alone,
but dreched his beard throughout:
And finally it did run down
his rich attire about.

4. And as the lower ground doth drink,
the dew of Hermon hill
And Sion with her silver drops,
the fields with fruit doth fill.

5. Even so the Lord doth pour on them
his blessings manifold:
Whose hearts and minds without all guile
this knot do keep and hold.

Critical notes:

This setting is similar to the one of Psalms 23a, 23b, 84, 98, 101, 116 & 150;
text somewhat modernised.