

# Hymn of the Week

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## Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

**Text:** Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1985

This text was written for a Hymn Society competition for Advent Hymns in 1985. This hymn was submitted to the competition with David Ashley White's tune.

*Stanza 1.* All four gospels identify John the Baptist with the prophecy of Isaiah 40:3 (see Matthew 3:1–12, Mark 1:2–8, Luke 3:1–20; John 1:19–28). The preaching attributed to him in stanzas 1 and 2 is based primarily on the account in Matthew.

*Stanza 2.* There are intentional echoes here of Galatians 5:22–23 and Colossians 3:1–2.

*Stanza 3.* The final stanza attempts to blend the acclamation of John the Baptist (John 1:29, 26) with the frequent images of the triumphant Lamb in the Book of Revelation (5:6–14).

–Carl P. Daw, Jr. (from *A Year of Grace*, © 1990 Hope Publishing Co.).

**Music:** LAGRANGE, David Ashley White, 1985.

*Tune named for the Texas town, home of the composer's family.*

PROPHET'S VOICE, Alfred V. Fedak, 1988.

**Topics:** Advent, Biblical Names (John the Baptist), Lamb of God

**Scriptural references:** Isaiah 40:3; Matthew 3:1–12; Mark 1:2–8; Luke 3:1–20; John 1:19–29; Galatians 5:22–23; Colossians 3:1–2; I John 1:29, 36; Revelation 5:6–14

### Publications

*Faith We Sing* (United Methodist Publishing, 2002)

*Sing the Faith* (Westminster/John Knox, 2003)

*Sing the Story* (Mennonite Publishing, 2007)

*Songs of Rejoicing* (Selah, 1989)

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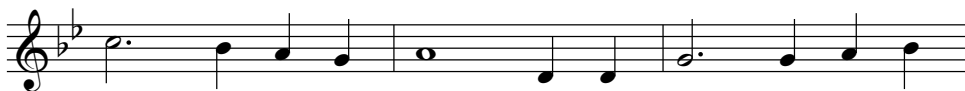
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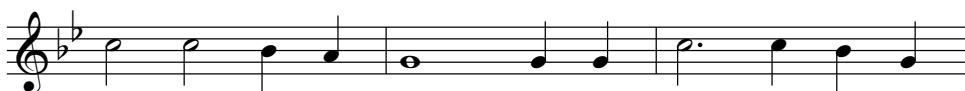
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