

What Are We Doing?

(From the Secular Hymnal)

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♩=108

Music: "Macchabaeus" by George Frederick Handel, 1747
(traditional hymn: "Thine Be the Glory")

The musical score consists of four staves: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The key signature is F# major (one sharp). The time signature is common time (indicated by '4'). The vocal parts sing in unison. The lyrics are as follows:

D Bm Em A D Bm

Soprano (S):
1. "What are we do - ing here on pla - net earth?" chirps the lit - tle chi - cken,
2. "What are we do - ing here on pla - net earth?" buz - zes the mo - squi - to,

Alto (A):
1. "What are we do - ing here on pla - net earth?" chirps the lit - tle chi - cken
2. "What are we do - ing here on pla - net earth?" buz - zes the mo - squi - to,

Tenor (T):
1. "What are we do - ing here on pla - net earth?" chirps the lit - tle chi - cken
2. "What are we do - ing here on pla - net earth?" buz - zes the mo - squi - to,

Bass (B):
1. "What are we do - ing here on pla - net earth?" chirps the lit - tle chi - cken
2. "What are we do - ing here on pla - net earth?" buz - zes the mo - squi - to,

The musical score continues with the same four staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and key signature (F# major). The lyrics are as follows:

7 Em A⁷ D Bm F# Bm Em F#

Soprano (S):
pon - der - ing its birth. Oinks_ the_ lit - tle pig - let, snorts the car - i - bou,
pon - der - ing its birth. Croaks the_ fa - ther bull - frog, hoots the wise old owl,

Alto (A):
pon - der - ing its birth. Oinks the lit - tle pig - let, snorts the car - i - bou
pon - der - ing its birth. Croaks the fa - ther bull - frog, hoots the wise old owl,

Tenor (T):
pon - der - ing its birth. Oinks the lit - tle pig - let, snorts the car - i - bou
pon - der - ing its birth. Croaks the fa - ther bull - frog, hoots the wise old owl,

Bass (B):
pon - der - ing its birth. Oinks the lit - tle pig - let, snorts the car - i - bou
pon - der - ing its birth. Croaks the fa - ther bull - frog, hoots the wise old owl,

17 D Bm Em A

Soprano (S) | Alto (A) | Tenor (T) | Bass (B)

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(Note: chord symbols support the soprano melody, not necessarily the SATB harmony)