

Dwell Together (How Good, How Pleasant)

Douglas Yates — inspired by Psalm 133 • Key: C minor • 116 BPM • 4/4

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INTRO (CALL-IN OVER HORN STABS; BAND VAMPS ON THE ONE)

Cm Dm

Behold! (STAB)

Cm Cm Bb Cm

Come on in the house — everybody, gather 'round;

Cm Cm Cm Cm Gm

we climbed the holy hill to the high and holy ground —

Cm Cm Fm

trumpet on the high road, trombone down low,

Cm Eb Cm Cm

tenor sax gon' testify — now, family, here we go:

Cm Fm Cm Cm Cm

we all walked in as many... but we hit it on the ONE!

VERSE 1 (THE BRETHREN — UNITY; SONG OF ASCENTS)

Cm Fm Bb Cm

Look around this room, look your brother in the face,

Cm Gm Dm

(look around) reach and take his hand,

Fm Bb Eb

(look around) the whole house gonna stand;

Fm Cm Cm Cm Fm

we sang the songs of ascent all the way up the road,

Cm Fm Cm Fm

nobody dwelt alone — come lay down every load;

Cm Ab Fm Cm Cm

we came in a hundred hearts, and we're beating like the one,

Bb Fm Cm Cm

so give me everybody, everybody — here it comes—

PRE-CHORUS (THE COUNT-UP TO THE DOWNBEAT)

Cm Fm Cm Bb Cm

Lift it up, lift it up, till the rafters start to ring,

Eb Ab Cm Cm Eb
 on the one, on the one, let the whole house sing;
 Cm Fm Eb Fm
 and it's four — three — two — hit it—

CHORUS ("BEHOLD!" = HORN STAB; THE DEW-CHORUS SPINE)

Cm Fm Cm
 Behold! (STAB) How good, how pleasant,
 Fm Cm Ab
 when we dwell together as one!
 Fm Eb Cm
 Like the dew upon the mountain,
 Cm Bb Eb
 running down from Hermon's crown —
 Cm Eb Cm
 for there the Lord commanded the blessing:
 Cm Cm
 life forevermore comes down!
 Eb Eb Eb Fm
 It's good (so good), it's pleasant (so sweet) —
 Eb Cm Cm Cm
 how good, how pleasant, when we dwell together as one!

VERSE 2 (THE OIL RUNNING DOWN AARON — DESCENDING HORN LINE)

Bb Cm Cm Fm
 Like the precious oil, poured out on the anointed head,
 Cm Fm Ab Gm Fm
 down the beard of Aaron, down, the way the Spirit's led;
 Bb Ab Ab
 (let it run) down where the garment's spread,
 Cm Bb Cm Eb Fm
 (let it run) to the skirts, to the very last thread —
 Eb Fm Dm Eb Gm
 one oil poured on the head come running to us all,
 Ab Ab Ab Fm Cm
 one blessing on the one, and it covers great and small —
 Cm Cm Cm Cm Cm
 so let it come down, come down (down — down — down),

Cm Cm
come down from on high—

CHORUS (REPRISE)

Cm Cm Cm
Behold! (STAB) How good, how pleasant,
Cm Cm Cm
when we dwell together as one!
Cm Dm Cm
Like the dew upon the mountain,
Cm Bb Cm
running down from Hermon's crown —
Cm Cm Cm
for there the Lord commanded the blessing:
Cm Gm
life forevermore comes down!
Cm Cm Fm Cm
It's good (so good), it's pleasant (so sweet) —

Eb Cm Cm Cm
how good, how pleasant, when we dwell together as one!

HORN BREAK (LEAD-VS-HORNS CALL-OUTS — THE TRADE-OFF)

Fm Cm Cm
(Trumpet!) — go on and talk to me,
Cm Cm Fm
(Trombone!) — take it way down low,
Bb Cm
(Tenor sax!) — you testify,
Cm Gm Dm
all together, on the one — GO!
Fm Bb Eb
Behold! (how good!) — Behold! (how pleasant!)
Fm Cm Cm
one house, one heart, one holy sound —
Cm Fm Cm Fm
(Everybody!) — come on, let the blessing flow —
Cm Fm
Behold! (STAB)

BRIDGE (DEW OF HERMON ON ZION -> COMMANDED BLESSING -> LIFE FOREVERMORE; R&B SOUL-LIFT)

Cm **Ab** **Fm** **Cm**
Like the dew of Hermon falling soft on Zion's hill,
Cm **Bb** **Fm** **Cm** **Cm**
every blade of us is watered, and He's watering us still;
Cm **Fm** **Cm** **Bb** **Cm**
for there — right there — the Lord commanded, and it's done —
Eb **Ab** **Cm** **Cm**
He commanded life forever on the family made one;
Eb **Cm** **Fm**
He commanded the blessing (commanded the blessing!),
Eb **Fm** **Cm** **Fm**
and He's commanding it still (commanding it still!) —
Cm **Fm**
life forevermore (life forevermore!),
Cm **Ab** **Fm** **Eb**
so lift it, lift it, lift it — Behold! (STAB)

FINAL CHORUS (FULL BRASS SHOUT, KEY-LIFT, AD-LIBS)

Cm **Cm** **Bb**
Behold! (STAB) How good, how pleasant,
Eb **Cm** **Eb**
when we dwell together as one!
Cm **Cm** **Cm**
Like the dew upon the mountain,
Eb **Eb** **Eb**
running down from Hermon's crown —
Fm **Eb** **Cm**
for there the Lord commanded the blessing:
Cm **Cm**
(oh!) life forevermore comes down!
Bb **Cm** **Cm** **Fm**
It's good (so good), it's pleasant (so sweet) —
Cm **Fm** **Ab** **Gm**
how good, how pleasant, when we dwell together as one!

OUTRO (GROOVE RIDES; LEAD OVER THE VAMP; COLD STOP)

Fm **Bb** **Ab** **Ab**
(How good, how pleasant) oh, when we dwell as one,

Cm **Bb** **Cm** **Eb**
(How good, how pleasant) under the blessing of the Lord;

Fm **Eb**
life forevermore, life forevermore —

Fm **Dm** **Eb**
one house, one heart, one sound...

Gm **Ab** **Ab** **Ab**
one more time — Behold! (STAB — cold stop)