

# The Promised Son of David

Douglas Yates — inspired by Psalm 89:3-4, 26-27 • Key: Bb major (builds to a triumphant final key change) • 76 BPM • 4/4

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## INTRO (HAMMOND B3 SWELLS; HAND-CLAPS LAND ON 2 AND 4; THE CHOIR VAMPS AS THE LEAD STARTS TO TESTIFY)

**Bb** **Bb** **Eb** **F**  
Well, God made a promise a long, long time ago--

**F** **Bb**  
(a long time ago!)

**Bb** **Eb** **Eb**  
and look what love has done:

**Eb** **F** **Gm** **Gm**  
Ring it in the morning, tell it through the snow--

**Eb** **Eb** **Eb**  
the promised Son of David's come!

## VERSE 1 (DRIVING -- THE COVENANT SWORN; PS 89:3-4)

**Bb** **Bb** **Eb** **Bb** **F**  
He swore it to David, He swore it by His name--

**Eb** **Bb** **Bb**  
a covenant that time could never break:

**Bb** **Bb** **Bb** **Gm**  
"Your seed will I establish, your throne forever stand,

**F** **Bb** **Eb** **Bb**  
to all the generations, for My own name's sake!"

**Bb** **Bb** **Gm**  
Well, kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall,

**Eb** **Bb** **Bb**  
but the word He swore stands over all--

**Eb** **Gm** **F** **Bb**  
and here, in a manger, the promise is done:

**Eb** **Eb** **Bb** **Bb**  
so lift up your head and behold the Son!

## REFRAIN -- THE SHOUT HOOK (FULL CHOIR TRADES WITH THE LEAD; BIG CLAP-ALONG, TAMBOURINE RINGING)

**Bb Eb Gm**  
 Oh, what a Son! (what a Son!)  
**Gm Bb Bb**  
 the promised Son of David's come!  
**Eb F Bb**  
 Sworn from of old, and now He's here--  
**Gm Eb Bb**  
 the highest King of all the earth!  
**Bb Eb Bb**  
 Clap your hands, let the rafters ring,  
**Cm F Bb**  
 lift Him high, let the whole house sing:  
**Eb Gm Bb**  
 God kept His word and heaven's begun--  
**Bb Eb Bb**  
 oh, praise Him, praise Him, what a Son!

## VERSE 2 (THE SON WHO CALLS GOD FATHER; PS 89:26)

**Bb Bb Bb Gm**  
 And this little One in the hay and the cold  
**Eb F Bb Bb**  
 one day will cry with a Son's own voice:  
**Gm Eb Bb Bb**  
 "You are my God, my Father, my Rock, my stronghold,  
**Eb Bb F**  
 the rock of my salvation!"--O church, rejoice!  
**Bb Eb Bb**  
 Well, the One the angels bow before  
**Cm Bb Bb**  
 has come to a stable, a lowly door;  
**Eb Gm Bb Gm**  
 Yet still He is God, and God is His own--  
**Eb Gm F Bb**  
 so run to the manger and worship the Son!

## REFRAIN (BIGGER -- THE CHOIR STACKS, THE ORGAN CHURNS UNDERNEATH)

**Bb Eb Bb**  
 Oh, what a Son! (what a Son!)

Bb Eb F  
 the promised Son of David's come!  
F Bb Bb  
 Sworn from of old, and now He's here--  
Eb Eb Eb  
 the highest King of all the earth!  
F Gm Gm  
 Clap your hands, let the rafters ring,  
Eb Eb Eb  
 lift Him high, let the whole house sing:  
Bb Bb Eb  
 God kept His word and heaven's begun--  
Bb F Eb  
 oh, praise Him, praise Him, what a Son!

**BRIDGE / SHOUT VAMP (CALL-AND-RESPONSE CLIMAX; PS 89:27 -- ORGAN CHURNING, CHOIR ANSWERING THE LEAD)**

Bb Bb Bb  
 I will make Him My firstborn! (Firstborn!)  
Bb Bb Gm F Bb  
 higher than the kings of the earth! (higher than them all!)  
Eb Bb Bb Bb  
 Every crown, come lay it down-- (lay it down!)  
Gm Eb Bb Bb  
 there's a greater King been born! (a greater King!)  
Eb Gm F  
 So wave your hands (wave your hands!)  
Bb Eb Eb  
 stomp your feet (stomp your feet!)  
Bb Bb Bb Eb Gm  
 Sing it to the mountains, sing it up and down the street:  
Gm Bb Bb  
 the First and the Highest, the Everlasting One--  
Eb F Bb  
 oh, glory, hallelujah, what a Son!

**FINAL REFRAIN (KEY CHANGE UP -- EVERYTHING AT FULL: LEAD AD-LIBBING OVER THE MASS CHOIR, TAMBOURINE, ORGAN, BIG DRUMS)**

**Gm**                      **Eb**                      **Bb**  
 Oh, what a Son! (what a Son!)  
**Bb**                      **Eb**                      **Bb**  
 the promised Son of David's come!  
**Cm**                      **F**                      **Bb**  
 Sworn from of old, and now He's here--  
**Eb**                      **Gm**                      **Bb**  
 the highest King of all the earth!  
**Bb**                      **Eb**                      **Bb**  
 Clap your hands, let the rafters ring,  
**Bb**                      **Bb**                      **Bb**  
 lift Him high, let the whole house sing:  
**Gm**                      **Eb**                      **F**  
 God kept His word and heaven's begun--  
**Bb**                      **Bb**                      **Gm**  
 oh, praise Him, praise Him, what a Son!

**TAG (CHOIR OUT, HANDS LIFTED, SLOWING -- THEN ONE LAST SHOUTED HIT)**

**Eb**                      **Bb**                      **Bb**                      **Eb**  
 He's the promised One... the Son of David's come...  
**Bb**                      **F**                      **Bb**                      **Eb**  
 (what a Son!) -- oh, glory... what a Son!