

We Join to Sing "Hosanna"  
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN and PASSION CHORALE ( 7.6.7.6.D)  
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*Stanzas 1-3 are sung to VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN*

1. We join to sing, "Hosanna," and wave our branches high!  
The One who comes to save us the pow-ers will defy,  
To cast off our oppression and set the people free.  
God's chosen One is coming, our hope for liberty!

2. Upon a humble beast now he comes God's reign to bring,  
As Zechariah told of the coming of this king:  
"Rejoice, O Daughter Zion! Again, I say Rejoice!  
The One who comes to save you is God's anointed choice!"

3. He comes astride a donkey and rides to victory;  
The crowd is all in frenzy great David's son to see!  
"Hosannas" ring around him with loud triumphant cheers,  
But all this celebration belies our direst fears.

*[An improvised interlude forms a bridge to a different tune  
(PASSION CHORALE) to which the final stanza is sung.]*

4. Still upward his parade moves, and upward it will end:  
Toward Golgatha's sad torture the naive hopeful wend.  
We join to sing, "Hosanna," and wave the palm branch high!  
But something in us whispers, "This king will surely die."