

I Am With You
Based on Isaiah 46 NIV
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A choral reading for three voices on Isaiah 46. Could be performed with scripts/binders in hand. Spoken with authority. Three actors face outwards, towards the audience. They do not interact with one another.

ALL *(As God)* "I am with you."

ONE Other Gods stoop and bow down together.

TWO Unable to rescue.

THREE Unable to free.

ONE Other Gods go off into captivity, but the Lord says,

TWO & THREE *(As God)* "Listen to me!"

ONE *(As God)* "You descendants of Jacob,"

TWO *(As God)* "All the remnant of the people of Israel,"

ONE *(As God)* "You, youth of _____ (insert division)."

THREE *(As God)* "You whom I have upheld since your birth,"

ONE *(As God)* "And have carried since you were born."

TWO *(As God)* "Even to your old age and gray hairs..."

ALL *(As God)* "I am with you!"

ONE *(As God)* "I will sustain you."

TWO *(As God)* "I have made you."

THREE *(As God)* "I will carry you."

TWO *(As God)* "I will rescue you."

ALL (As God) "I am with you!

ONE & TWO (As God) "With whom will you compare me?"

TWO & THREE (As God) "Who will count me equal?"

THREE Some worship gold.

ONE They make statues of it and place it in a spot that cannot move.

TWO Even though someone cries out to it-

ALL - it cannot answer!

TWO It cannot save them from their troubles.

ALL BUT!

ONE Remember this-

THREE -keep this in mind-

TWO -take it to heart, you rebels.

ALL I. Am. God.

ONE -and there is no other.

ALL I am God.

TWO -and there is none like me.

ALL I am God.

THREE (As God) "I make known the end from the beginning,"

ONE (As God) "My purpose will stand."

TWO (As God) "What I have said - I will bring about."

THREE *(As God)* "What I have planned - I will do.

ALL *(As God)* " Listen to me!"

ONE *(As God)* "You stubborn-hearted-"

TWO *(As God)* "You who are now far from my righteousness."

ONE & TWO *(As God)* "I am bringing my righteousness near!"

THREE *(As God)* "It is not far away."

ONE *(As God)* "And my salvation will not be delayed."

ALL *(As God)* "I. Am. God."

TWO *(As God)* "I will grant salvation to you."

ALL *(As God)* "I am God."

THREE *(As God)* "I am with you."

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