Most Blessed, Most Glorious has always been one of my favorite hymns. I love the marriage of this traditional melody and the Walter Chalmers text. However, there are times when a hymn is so familiar, the text can be lost to familiarity. It can be as simple as adding a new melody to bring a fresh life and new understanding to a well loved text, such as This one. As a foundation, the arrangement rides on a steady eight notes piano motif which adds a contemporary feel and keep the arrangement moving forward. As a bonus and because I so love the original Welsh melody, it appears on the final verse as the chart broadens a bit and opens up for the choir. This is a wonderful opportunity to sing a timeless text and communicate our praise and worship to our immortal, invisible God.

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for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied\*

Words by **WALTER CHALMERS SMITH (1824-1908)** 

Music by **JAY ROUSE** and

TRADITIONAL WELSH MELODY

Arranged by



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