

God Distinguished (*Pala*)

Pala is the Hebrew word defining "to be wonderful, to distinguish" and thus to separate from comparison with anything or anyone else. *Pala* not only describes but defines God (e.g. Gen 18:14; Ps 9:1) who alone is distinguished above all and beyond all comparison, yet is wonderfully present and involved with us (Isa 9:6). Only God is *pala* and is worthy of our worship.

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The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a tempo marking of 84 and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The score is divided into four systems, each with a measure number (1, 7, 15, 23) and a key signature change to one sharp (F#). The first system includes a tempo change to 150. The lyrics are: "Pa - la - pa - la - pa - la! Verse 1: You O God are be- yond, and com - pare to no - thing! You O God stand a - lone! You be won - der - ful, be - yond hu - man words. You the Word, won - der - ful! Verse 2: You are dis - ting - uished". The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass staves, notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

1 $\bullet = 84$ D (Sing "pala" strong, like a shofar) Pa - la - pa - la - pa - la! $\bullet = 150$ D Verse 1: You O God are be-

7 A G A G E yond, and com - pare to no - thing! You O God stand a -

15 A D A G A lone! You be won - der - ful, be - yond hu - man words.

23 G E A A You the Word, won - der - ful! Verse 2: You are dis - ting - uished

31 E A D E A A

be-yond com - par-ing. You are, on - ly you! You God are sep'-rate, Pa -

39 E A D E A D $\bullet = 84$

com-pare to no one. You have no e - qual!

46 $\bullet = 144$ D A

la - pa - la - pa - la! **Verse 3:** You O God are be - yond. You a -

53 G A G E A

lone dis - ting - uished. Won - der - ful, won - der - ful!

61 A E A D E A D.C al Fine

You are, you on - ly be-yond and pre-sent Won-der - full the Word!

69

$\bullet = 84$
D

Ending:

Pa - la — pa - la — pa - la!