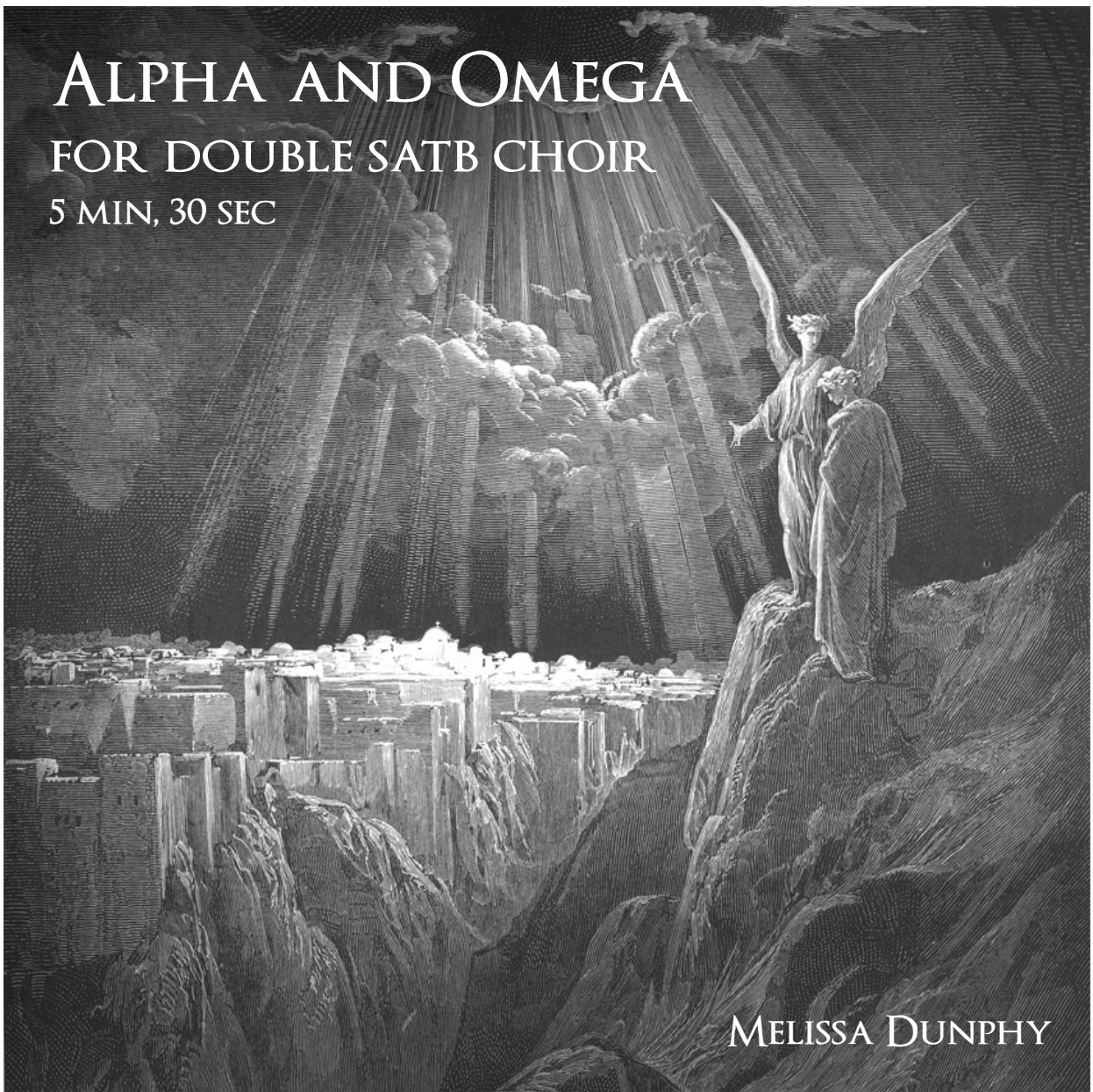


ALPHA AND OMEGA
FOR DOUBLE SATB CHOIR
5 MIN, 30 SEC



MELISSA DUNPHY

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ALPHA AND OMEGA

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I saw in my dream:
I heard in my dream
that all the bells in the city rang again for joy;

The gates were opened,
and behold, the city shone like the sun:
the streets were paved with gold;
and in them walked many men,
with crowns on their heads, palms in their hands,
and golden harps to sing praises withal.

I heard in my dream, that it was said,
"Enter ye into the joy of your Lord."
"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord!"

And after that they shut up the gates,
which when I had seen,
I wished myself among them.

Adapted from "The Pilgrim's Progress"
John Bunyan

I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and earth were passed away.

And I saw the holy city coming down out of heaven.
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
And God shall wipe away all tears;
and there shall be no more death,
neither sorrow, nor crying, nor pain:
for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said,
Behold, I make all things new.
I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

I will give unto him that is athirst
of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Adapted from Revelation 21
King James Bible

Oh, what a beautiful city!

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ALPHA AND OMEGA

Melissa Dunphy

I

Adagio $\text{♩} = c.40$

p *mf* *p*

Soprano
I saw, I saw in my dream; I saw ___ in my dream; I

Alto
I saw, I saw in my dream; I saw ___ in my dream; I

Tenor
I saw, I saw in my dream; I saw ___ in my dream;

Bass
I saw, I saw in my dream; I saw ___ in my dream;

II

p *mf* *mf*

Soprano
I saw a new heav en and a new earth, I saw: Oh, what a beau ti-ful cit-y!

Alto
I saw a new heav en and a new earth, I saw: Oh, what a beau ti-ful cit-y!

Tenor
I saw a new heav en and earth, I saw: Oh, what a beau ti-ful cit-y!

Bass
I saw a new heav en and earth, I saw: Oh, what a beau ti-ful cit-y!

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S. heard in my dream that all the bells in the cit - y rang for joy, *f*

A. heard in my dream that all the bells in the cit - y rang for joy, *f*

T. *p* I heard in my dream that all the bells rang for joy, *f*

B. *p* I heard in my dream that all the bells rang for joy, *f*

S. for the first heav-en and earth were passed a- *p*

A. for the first heav-en and earth were passed a- *p*

T. for the first heav-en and earth were passed a- *p*

B. for the first heav-en and earth were passed a- *p*

15

S. *p* joy; *mf* I saw, I saw. *f* The gates were op - ened,

A. *p* joy; *mf* I saw, I saw. *f* The gates were op - ened,

T. *p* joy; *mf* I saw, I saw. *f* The gates were op - ened,

B. *p* joy; *mf* I saw, I saw. *f* The gates were op - ened,

S. way. And I saw, I saw, I saw the hol - y cit - y com-ing *mf* *f*

A. way. And I saw, I saw, I saw the hol - y cit - y com-ing *mf* *f*

T. way. And I saw, I saw, I saw the hol - y cit - y com-ing *mf* *f*

B. way. And I saw, I saw, I saw the hol - y cit - y com-ing *mf* *f*

21

S. *f* and be-hold, be - hold, be - hold, be - hold, be - hold, be -

A. *f* and be hold, be - hold, be - hold, be - hold, be - hold, be -

T. - - - - -

B. - - - - -

S. *f* down out of heav-en. Be - hold, be - hold, be - hold, be - hold, be -

A. *f* down. out of heav-en. Be - hold, be - hold, be - hold, be - hold, be -

T. down out of heav-en.

B. down out of heav-en.

25

S. *f* hold, be - hold, the cit - y shone like the sun: *pp* the

A. *f* hold, be - hold, the cit - y shone like the sun: *pp* the

T. *f* Be - hold, be - hold, the cit - y shone like the sun: *pp* the

B. *f* Be - hold, be - hold, the cit - y shone like the sun: *pp* the

S. hold, be - hold. *mf* Oh, what a beau-ti-ful cit - y!

A. hold, be - hold. *mf* Oh, what a beau-ti-ful cit - y!

T. *f* Be - hold, be - hold. *mf* Oh, what a beau-ti-ful cit - y!

B. *f* Be - hold, be - hold. *mf* Oh, what a beau-ti-ful cit - y!

30

S. *p* sun: the streets were paved with gold;

A. *p* sun: the streets were paved with gold;

T. sun: the streets were paved with gold;

B. *p* sun: the streets were paved with gold;

S. *p* The tab-er-nac-le of God is with men, and God shall wipe a-way all

A. *p* The tab-er-nac-le of God is with men, and God shall wipe a-way all

T. *p* The tab-er-nac-le of God is with men, and God shall wipe a-way all

B. *p* The tab-er-nac-le of God is with men, and God shall wipe a-way all

35

S. *p* and in them walked man - y men, with crowns on their heads, palms in their hands, and gold

A. *p* and in them walked man - y men, with crowns on their heads, palms in their hands, and gold

T. and in them walked man - y men, palms in their hands, and gold

B. and in them walked man - y men, palms in their hands, and gold

S. *p* tears; and there shall be, there shall be, there shall be, there shall

A. *p* tears; and there shall be, there shall be, there shall be, there shall

T. *p* tears; there shall be, there shall be, there shall

B. *mf* tears; there shall

41

S. *f* - en harps to sing prais-es with-al. Oh, what a

A. *f* - en harps to sing prais-es with-al. Oh, what a

T. *f* - en harps to sing prais-es with-al. Oh, what a

B. *f* - en harps to sing prais-es with-al. Oh, what a

S. *f* be no more death, nei-ther sor-row,

A. *f* be no more death, nei-ther sor-row,

T. *f* be no more death, nei-ther sor-row,

B. *f* be no more death, nei-ther sor-row,

44

S. beau-ti-ful cit-y! Oh, what a beau-ti-ful cit-y! Oh, what a beau-ti-ful cit-y! *rit.*

A. beau-ti-ful cit-y! Oh, what a beau-ti-ful cit-y! Oh, what a beau-ti-ful cit-y!

T. beau-ti-ful cit-y! Oh, what a beau-ti-ful cit-y! Oh, what a beau-ti-ful cit-y!

B. beau-ti-ful cit-y! Oh, what a beau-ti-ful cit-y! Oh, what a beau-ti-ful cit-y!

S. — nor cry-ing, nor pain:

A. — nor cry-ing, nor pain:

T. — nor cry-ing, nor pain:

B. — nor cry-ing, nor pain:

49 *pp* *a tempo*

S. Oh! *pp*

A. Oh! *pp*

T. Oh! *pp*

B. Oh! *pp*

S. *p* for the for - mer things are passed a -

A. *p* for the for - mer things are passed a -

T. *p* for the for - mer things are passed a -

B. *p* for the for - mer things are passed a -

53 *pp* *mp*

S. Oh! *pp* I heard, I heard in my dream,

A. Oh! *pp* I heard, I heard in my dream,

T. Oh! *pp* I heard, I heard in my dream,

B. Oh! *pp* I heard, I heard in my dream,

S. way. *mp* And he, *f* he that sat up - on the

A. way. *mp* And he, *f* he that sat up - on the

T. way. *mp* And he, *f* he that sat on the

B. way. *mp* And he, *f* he that sat on the

58 *mf* *accel.* *pp* *f*

S. I heard in my dream, that it was said, it was said, it was said, "En - ter ye in - to the

A. I heard in my dream, that it was said, it was said, it was said, "En - ter ye in - to the

T. I heard in my dream, that it was said, it was said, it was said, "En - ter ye in - to the

B. I heard in my dream; that it was said, "En - ter ye in - to the

S. throne, and he, and he, he said, he said, he said,

A. throne, and he, and he, he said, he said, he said,

T. throne, and he, and he, he said, he said, he said,

B. throne, and he, and he, he said, he said, he said,

63

S. joy of your Lord. "En - ter ye in - to the

A. joy of your Lord. "En - ter ye in - to the

T. joy of your Lord. "En - ter ye in - to the

B. joy of your Lord. "En - ter ye in - to the

S. *f* Be - hold, I make all things new. _____

A. *f* Be - hold, I make all things new. _____

T. *f* Be - hold, I make all things new. _____

B. *f* Be - hold, I make all things new. _____

Be - hold, I make all things new. _____

67

S. joy of your Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

A. joy of your Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

T. joy of your Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

B. joy of your Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

S. Be - hold, I make all things new.

A. Be - hold, I make all things new.

T. Be - hold, I make all things new.

B. Be - hold, I make all things new.

71

ff relentless

S. is the Lord! and O - me - ga, I am Al - pha, I am Al - pha and O -

ff relentless

A. is the Lord! I am Al - pha and O - me - ga,

ff relentless

T. is the Lord! and O - me - ga, I am Al - pha, I am Al - pha and O -

ff relentless

B. is the Lord! I am Al - pha and O - me - ga,

ff relentless

S. I am Al - pha and O - me - ga, I am Al - pha, I am Al - pha

ff relentless

A. I am Al - pha and O - me - ga,

ff relentless

T. I am Al - pha and O - me - ga, I am Al - pha, I am Al - pha

ff relentless

B. I am Al - pha and O - me - ga,

78

S. me-ga, O-me-ga, I am Al-pha and O-me-ga, I am Al-pha and O-me-ga,

A. I am Al-pha and O-me-ga, I am Al-pha and O-me-ga, I am Al-pha and O-me-ga,

T. me-ga, O-me-ga, I am Al-pha and O-me-ga, I am

B. I am Al-pha and O-me-ga, I am Al-pha and O-me-ga, I am

S. and O-me-ga, I am Al-pha and O-me-ga, I am Al-pha,

A. I am Al-pha and O-me-ga, I am Al-pha,

T. and O-me-ga, I am Al-pha and O-me-ga, I am Al-pha and O-

B. I am Al-pha, I am Al-pha and O-me-ga, I am Al-pha and O-

Adagio

86

S. the be-gin-ning. And af-ter that they

A. the be-gin-ning. And af-ter that they

T. Al-pha, the be-gin-ning. And af-ter

B. Al-pha, the be-gin-ning.

S. I am Al-pha, and the end. *p* will

A. I am Al-pha, and the end. *p* I will

T. me-ga, and the end.

B. me-ga, and the end.

92

S. shut up the gates, which when I had seen,

A. shut up the gates which when I had seen,

T. that they shut up the gates, which when I had seen,

B. they shut up the gates, which when I had seen,

S. give un-to him that is a-thirst I will give of the fount-ain of the

A. give un-to him that is a-thirst I will give of the fount-ain of the

T. I will give of the fount-ain of the

B. I will give of the fount-ain of the

I will give of the fount-ain of the

98

S. I wished, I wished, I wished, I wished my-self a-mong them.

A. I wished, I wished, I wished my-self a-mong them.

T. I wished, I wished.

B. I wished.

S. wat-er of life free - ly, free - ly, free - ly.

A. wat-er of life free - ly, free - ly, free - ly.

T. wat-er of life free - ly, free - ly, free - ly.

B. wat-er of life free - ly, free - ly, free - ly.