

Canticum Novum

for SATB choir and orchestra

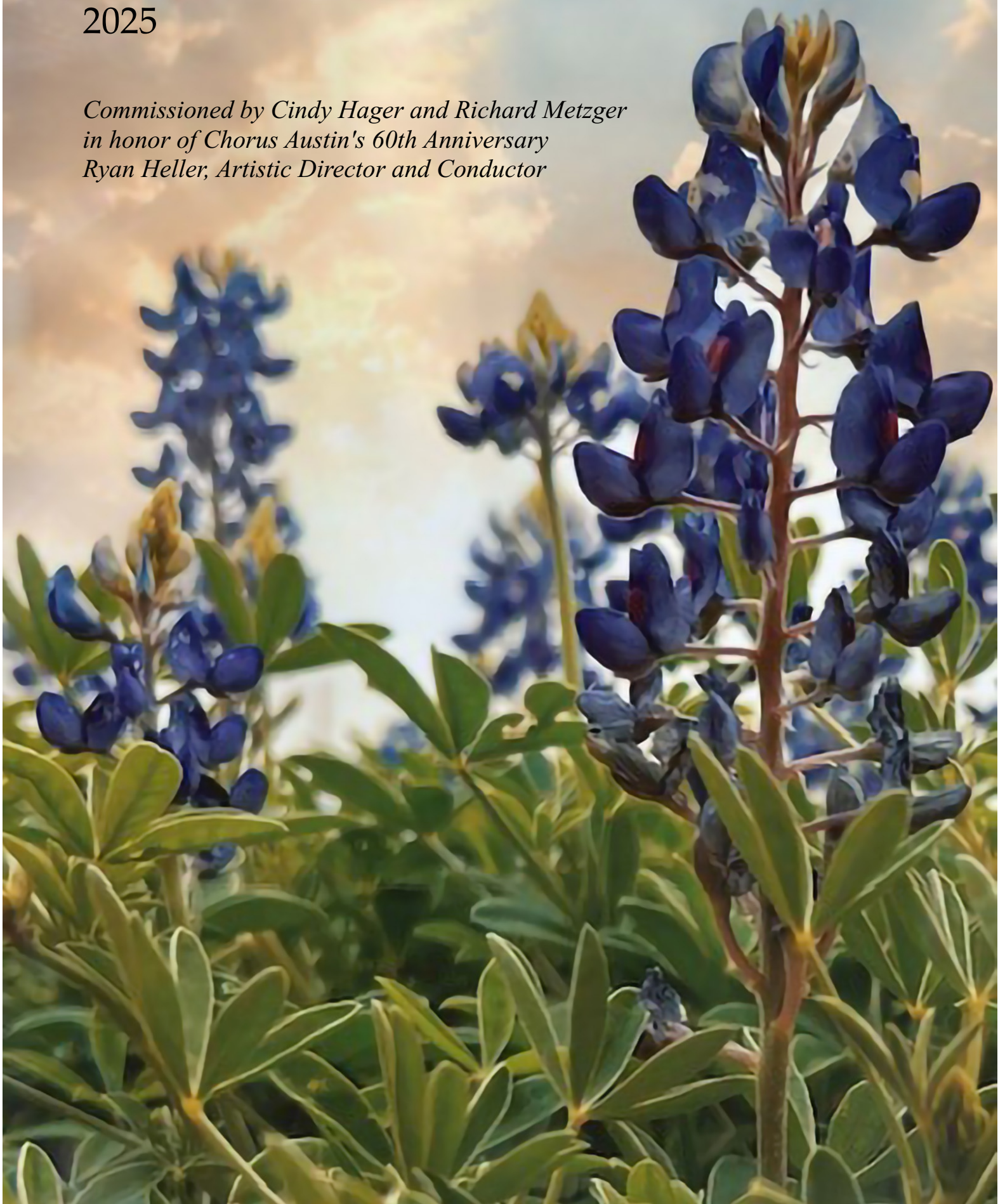
6.5 min

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<i>O quam vita splendeat!</i>	O how my life should shine!
Let us each carry beauty's light, The beating heart of the world in one rhythm, Celebrating the wondrous harmony of many tongues united in song.	
<i>Tellus Mater floruit, Et mirabilia generat; Mille flores tradidit Quo delectemur colore.</i>	Earth, our Mother, has flowered And produces wonderful things She has given a thousand blooms By whose color we are delighted.
We praise life, we praise love. May we always live in glorious light.	
<i>Vivamus semper in luce Mundi tam mirabilis.</i>	Let us always live in the light Of a world that is so amazing.
<i>Carmen nostrum nunc cantandum! Gaudete!</i> We sing a new song!	Our song now must be sung! Rejoice!

English text by Ryan Heller
Latin text and translation by Philip Barnes
2024

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Instrumentation

Piccolo	Timpani
2 Flutes	Percussion (3 players)
2 Oboes	Bass Drum
English Horn	Suspended cymbal
2 Clarinets in B♭	Crash cymbals
Bass Clarinet in B♭	Tam-tam
2 Bassoons	Triangle
Contrabassoon	Glockenspiel
4 Horns in F	Chimes
3 Trumpets in C	Celesta
3 Trombones	Piano
Tuba	Strings



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Conductor score

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Picc.

Fl. 1.2

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1.2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2

Cbsn.

Hn. 1.2

Hn. 3.4

C Tpt. 1.2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timp.

B. D.

T.-t.

Cel.

Pho.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

Db.

15 16 17

Picc.

Fl. 1.2

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1.2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2

Cbsn.

Hn. 1.2

Hn. 3.4

C Tpt. 1.2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timp.

Glock.

Cel.

Pno.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

Conductor score

A

19 20 21

Picc. *mp* with growing excitement

Fl. 1.2

Ob. 1.2 *mf* 1. solo 2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1.2 *mp*

B. Cl. *mp*

Bsn. 1.2 *mp*

Cbsn.

Hn. 1.2

Hn. 3.4

C Tpt. 1.2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timp.

Tri. *mp*

Glock. *mp*

Cel. *mp*

Pno. *mp*

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla. *mp* leggiero, with growing excitement

Vc. *mp* pizz.

Db. *mp* pizz.

22 23 24 25

Picc. *mf*

Fl. 1.2 *mf*

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn. *mf*

Cl. 1.2 *a2* *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

Bsn. 1.2 *mp*

Cbsn. *mp*

Hn. 1.2 *mf* 1. 2

Hn. 3.4 *mf* 3.

C Tpt. 1.2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1.2 *mf* 2 2 2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timp. *mf*

Sus. Cym. *p*

T. Bells *mp*

Vln. 1 *mf*

Vln. 2 *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf* arco

Db. *mf*

38

poco rit.

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Picc.

Fl. 1.2

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1.2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2

Cbsn.

Hn. 1.2

Hn. 3.4

C Tpt. 1.2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timp.

Sus. Cym.

Cr. Cym.

T. Bells

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

Conductor score

C a tempo

47 48 49 50 51 52 53

Picc.

Fl. 1.2

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1.2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2

Cbsn.

Hn. 1.2

Hn. 3.4

C Tpt. 1.2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timp.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

Let us each car-ry beaut-y's light, the beat-ing heart of the world in one rhy - thm, cel-e-brat-ing the

54 55 56 57 58 59 60

Picc.

Fl. 1.2

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1.2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2

Cbsn.

Hn. 1.2

Hn. 3.4

C Tpt. 1.2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timp.

Glock.

Pno.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

the won - drous har-mo-ny of man-y tongues, of man-y tongues

the won - drous har-mo-ny of man-y tongues, of

won - drous har-mo-ny, the won-drous har-mo-ny of man-y tongues

won - drous har-mo-ny, the won - drous har - mo-ny of man - y tongues, of

65

D

67 68 69 70 71

Picc. *f* *fp*

Fl. 1.2 *f* *fp*

Ob. 1.2 *f*

Eng. Hn. *f*

Cl. 1.2 *f* *p* *fp*

B. Cl. *f*

Bsn. 1.2 *f* *fp*

Cbsn. *f*

Hn. 1.2 *f* *fp*

Hn. 3.4

C Tpt. 1.2 *f* *fp* *f*

C Tpt. 3 *f* *fp* *f*

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3 *fp* *fp* *fp*

Tba. *fp* *fp* *fp*

Timp. *f*

Sus. Cym. *f*

Cr. Cym. *f*

Pno. *f*

S. *f* O quam vi - ta splen - de - at!

A. *f* O quam vi - ta splen - de - at!

T. *f* O quam vi - ta splen - de - at! O quam vi - ta splen - de -

B. *f* O quam vi - ta splen - de - at! O quam vi - ta splen - de -

Vln. 1 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Vln. 2 *f* *f* *p*

Vla. *fp* *f* *fp*

Vc. *fp* *f* *fp*

Db. *fp* *fp* *fp*

72 73 74 75 76

Picc. *f* *fp*

Fl. 1.2 *f* *fp* *mf*

Ob. 1.2 *mf*

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1.2 *fp* *p*

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2 *a2* *mf*

Cbsn.

Hn. 1.2

Hn. 3.4 *f* *fp*

C Tpt. 1.2 *fp*

C Tpt. 3 *fp*

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3 *f* *fp*

Tba. *f* *fp*

Timp.

Pno. *f* *mf*

S. *mf*
O quam vi - ta splen - de - at! O quam vi - ta,

A. *mf*
O quam vi - ta splen - de - at! O quam vi - ta,

T. *mf*
at! O quam vi - ta, O quam

B. *mf*
at! O quam vi - ta, O quam

Vln. 1 *f* *p*

Vln. 2 *f* *p*

Vla. *f* *p*

Vc. *f* *mf*

Db. *f* *fp*

poco accel. .

rit.

81 *a tempo* 82 83 84 85

Picc. *ff*

Fl. 1.2 *ff*

Ob. 1.2 *ff*

Eng. Hn. *ff*

Cl. 1.2 *ff*

B. Cl. *ff*

Bsn. 1.2 *ff*

Cbsn. *ff*

Hn. 1.2

Hn. 3.4

C Tpt. 1.2 *ff*

C Tpt. 3 *ff*

Tbn. 1.2 *ff*

Tbn. 3 *ff*

Tba. *fp*

Timp. *ff*

B. D.

Sus. Cym. *p* *ff* *p* *ff*

Cr. Cym. *ff* *ff*

Pno. *ff*

S.

A. *at!*

T. *at!*

B.

Vln. 1 *ff*

Vln. 2 *ff*

Vla. *fp*

Vc. *fp* *ff*

Db. *fp* *ff*

E Moderato $\text{♩} = c.63$
88

94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102

S. *mp*
mi - ra - bi - lia ge - ne - rat, mi - ra - bi - lia ge - ne - rat;

A. *mp*
et mi-ra - bi - lia ge - ne - rat ge - ne - rat;

T. *mp*
et mi-ra - bi - lia ge - ne - rat, mi-ra - bi - lia ge - ne - rat;

B. *mp*
lus Ma - ter flo - ru - it, et mi-ra - bi - lia ge - ne - rat, ge - ne -

Vln. 1 *mp*

Vln. 2 *mp*

Vla. *mp*

Vc. *mp*

Db. *mp*

F Poco piu mosso $\text{♩} = c.69$

104 105 106 107 108 109 110

Fl. 1.2 *mf*

Ob. 1.2 *mf*

Eng. Hn. *mp*

Cl. 1.2 *mf* a2 *mp*

B. Cl. *mf* a2 *mp*

Bsn. 1.2 *mf* *mp*

Hn. 1.2 1. *mf* 2. *mp*

Hn. 3.4 3. *mp*

S. *mf* *mp*
Mil - - le flo - res mil - - le flo - res

A. *mf* *mp* *p*
Mil - - le flo - res mil - - le flo - res tra -

T. *mf* *mp*
Mil - - le flo - res, mil - - le flo - res

B. *mf* *mp*
-rat; Mil - - le flo - res, mil - - le

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla. *mf* *mp* *p*

Vc. *mf* *mp*

Db. *mf* *mp*

111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118

B. Cl. *sub. p*

Bsn. 1.2 *sub. p*

Hn. 1.2 *sub. p*

Hn. 3.4 *p*

S. *p* mil - - le flo - res, mil - - le flo - res, *mf dolce* mil -

A. di - dit, mil - - le flo - res tra - di - dit,

T. *p* mil - le flo - res tra - di - dit, tra - di - dit,

B. *p* flo - res, mil - - le flo - res tra - di - dit,

Vln. 1 *p* *mf dolce*

Vln. 2

Vla. *p*

Vc. *p*

Db. *p*

G 120 121 122 123 124 125 126

Fl. 1.2 *mf dolce*

Ob. 1.2 *mf dolce*

Eng. Hn. *mf dolce*

Cl. 1.2 1. *mf dolce*

S. - le flo - res, mil - le flo - res tra - di - dit, tra - di - dit,

A. *mf dolce* mil - le flo - res, mil - - le flo - res, *mp* mil - le flo - res tra -

T. *mf dolce* mil - le flo - res tra - di - dit, mil le flo - res tra - di - dit,

B. *mf dolce* mil - - le flo - res tra di - dit, tra - di - dit,

Vln. 1 *mf dolce*

Vln. 2 *mf dolce* *mp*

Vla. *mf dolce*

Vc. *mf dolce*

Db. *mf dolce*

127 128 129 130 131 132 133

Ob. 1.2

Cl. 1.2

B. Cl.

T. Bells

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

mp *mf* *p* *mf* *mf* (enharmonic) *mp*

quo de - lec - te - mur,

di - dit, tra - di - dit quo de - lec - te -

mil - le flo - res tra - di - dit quo de - lec - te - mur,

mil - le flo - res mil - le flo - res tra - di - dit quo de - lec -

rit.

134 135 136 137 138

Ob. 1.2

Cl. 1.2

B. Cl.

Timp.

Sus. Cym.

T. Bells

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

mp *mp* *mp* *pp*

de - lec - te - mur co - lo - - - -

- - - - mur co - lo - - - re.

de - lec - te - mur co - lo - - - -

te - mur co - lo - re, co - - - lo - - - -

Maestros - C.69

140 141 142 143 144 145

Picc.

Fl. 1.2

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1.2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2

Cbsn.

Hn. 1.2

Hn. 3.4

C Tpt. 1.2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timp.

Sus. Cym.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

- re. We praise_ life, we praise_ love.

We praise life, we praise love. May we al-ways live in glo - ri-ous light, May we

- re. We praise love. May we al-ways live in glo - ri-ous light,

- re. We praise love, we praise life, we praise_ life, we praise_ love. May we

146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154

Picc. *mf* *f* *espress.* *fp*

Fl. 1.2 *f* *espress.* *fp* *mp*

Ob. 1.2 *f* *espress.* *fp* *f* *espress.* *fp*

Eng. Hn. *f* *espress.* *mp* *f*

Cl. 1.2 *f* *espress.* *mp* *f*

B. Cl. *f* *espress.* *fp*

Bsn. 1.2 *f* *espress.* *mp* *f* *espress.* *fp*

Cbsn. *f* *espress.* *mp* *p*

Hn. 1.2 *f* *espress.* *fp*

Hn. 3.4 *f* *espress.* *fp*

C Tpt. 1.2 1. *mp* *f* *p*

C Tpt. 3 1. *mp* *f* *p*

Tbn. 1.2 1. *mp* *f* *p*

Tbn. 3 *f* *espress.* *mp* *p*

Tba. *f* *espress.* *mp* *p*

Timp. *f* *espress.* *mp* *f* *mp*

Sus. Cym. *pp* *f*

Glock. *mf* *mp*

S. *mf* May we al - ways live in light. *mp* *p*

A. *mf* al - ways live in glo - ri - ous light, live in light, in light. *mp* *p*

T. *mf* live in glo - ri - ous light. May we al - ways live in light. *mp* *p*

B. *mf* al - ways live in glo - ri - ous light, live in light. *mp* *p* Vi-

Vln. 1 *f* *espress.* *mp*

Vln. 2 *f* *espress.* *mp*

Vla. *f* *espress.* *mp*

Vc. *f* *espress.* *mp* *p*

Db. *f* *espress.* *mp*

[illegible]

160 161 **a tempo** 162 163 164 165 **rit.** 166 167

Picc.

Fl. 1.2

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1.2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2

Cbsn.

Hn. 1.2

Hn. 3.4

C Tpt. 1.2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timpani

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

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Conductor score

J Joyous ♩ = c.60

170 171 172

Picc.

Fl. 1.2

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1.2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2

Cbsn.

Hn. 1.2

Hn. 3.4

C Tpt. 1.2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timp.

Sus. Cym.

Cr. Cym.

T. Bells

Pno.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

173 174 175 176 177 178

Picc. *f* *fp*

Fl. 1.2 *f* *fp*

Ob. 1.2 *f* *fp*

Eng. Hn. *f* *fp*

Cl. 1.2

B. Cl. *fp*

Bsn. 1.2 *fp*

Cbsn. *f*

Hn. 1.2 *fp*

Hn. 3.4 *f* *fp*

C Tpt. 1.2 *f* *fp*

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3 *fp*

Tba. *fp*

Timpani *f*

Sus. Cym.

Cr. Cym.

T. Bells *f*

Pno. *f*

S. Car - men nos - trum nunc can - tan - dum! car - men nos - trum

A. -tan - dum! Car - men nos - trum nunc can - tan - dum! Car - men nos - trum

T. Car - men nos - trum nunc can - tan - dum! car - men nos - trum

B. -tan - dum! Car - men nos - trum nunc can - tan - dum! Car - men nos - trum

Vln. 1 *f*

Vln. 2 *f*

Vla. *fp*

Vc. *fp*

Db. *fp*

K

185 186 187 188 189

Picc.

Fl. 1.2

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1.2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2

Cbsn.

Hn. 1.2

Hn. 3.4

C Tpt. 1.2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1.2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timp.

Sus. Cym.

Cr. Cym.

T. Bells

Pno.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

de - te! We sing a new song! Gau - de - te! We

de - te! We sing a new song! Gau - de - te! We

de - te! We sing a new song! Gau - de - te! We

de - te! We sing a new song! Gau - de - te! We

190 191 192 193

Picc. *f* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Fl. 1.2 *f* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Ob. 1.2 *f* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Eng. Hn. *f* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Cl. 1.2 *f* *ff* *ff* *ff*

B. Cl. *f* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Bsn. 1.2 *f* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Cbsn. *f* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Hn. 1.2 *f* *ff* *f* *fp*

Hn. 3.4 *f* *ff* *f* *fp*

C Tpt. 1.2 *f* *ff* *f* *fp*

C Tpt. 3 *f* *ff* *f* *fp*

Tbn. 1.2 *f* *ff* *f* *fp*

Tbn. 3 *f* *ff* *f* *fp*

Tba. *f* *ff* *f* *fp*

Timp. *f* *ff* *f* *fp*

Sus. Cym. *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Cr. Cym. *f* *ff* *f* *ff*

Pno. *f* *ff* *f* *ff*

S. sing a___ new song! A new song!

A. sing a___ new song! A new song!

T. sing a___ new song! A new song!

B. sing a___ new song! A new song!

Vln. 1 *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Vln. 2 *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Vla. *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Vc. *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Db. *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

194 195 196 197 198

Picc. *fff*

Fl. 1.2 *fff*

Ob. 1.2 *fff*

Eng. Hn. *fff*

Cl. 1.2 *fff*

B. Cl. *fff*

Bsn. 1.2 *fff*

Cbsn. *fff*

Hn. 1.2 *ff* *fp* *fff*

Hn. 3.4 *ff* *fp* *fff*

C Tpt. 1.2 *ff* *fff*

C Tpt. 3 *ff* *fff*

Tbn. 1.2 *ff* *fp* *fff*

Tbn. 3 *fff*

Tba. *fff*

Timp. *ff* *fp* *fff*

Sus. Cym. *f* *p* *fff*

Cr. Cym. *f* *p* *fff*

T. Bells

Pno. *ff* *fff*

S. A new song!

A. A new song!

T. A new song!

B. A new song!

Vln. 1 *fff*

Vln. 2 *fff*

Vla. *fp* *fff*

Vc. *fp* *fff*

Db. *fp* *fff*