



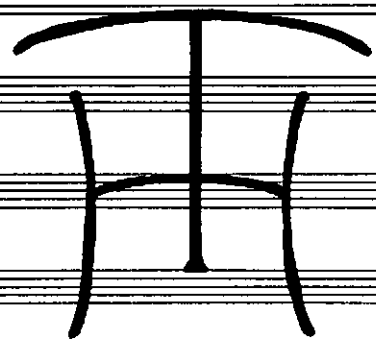
for The Cheltenham Bach Choir

THE
SEASONS
OF
MAN (1983)

CHORAL CYCLE FOR MIXED CHOIR

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DURATION: c 15 minutes

Note. Certain passages may be sung by a SEMI-CHORUS
(c 16 voices) AD LIB., as indicated.

1. CRADLE SONG *

GENTLY ROCKING. $\text{♩} = 112$

S *pp*
 Ba-lu-la-lu, la-lu-la-low la-lu-la-lu, la-lu-la-low, Ba-lu-la-lu, la-lu-la-low, la-lu-la-lu, la-lu-la-low,
 A Sweet dreams form a shade

S
 Ba-lu-la-lu, la-lu-la-low, la-lu-la-lu, la-lu-la-low, Ba-lu-la-lu, la-lu-la-low, la-lu-la-lu, la-lu-la-low,
 A O'er my lovely in-fant's head, Sweet dreams of pleasant streams By

S
 Ba-lu-la-lu, la-lu-la-low, la-lu-la-lu low, Lu-la-lay, lu-la-lay, my
 A hap-py silent moon-y beams. Lu-la-lay. ...
 T Lu-la-lay. ... Sweet sleep
 B Lay, Ba-lu-la-lu-la-lu, Ba-lu-la-lu-

piano
 reduction
 (for
 rehearsal
 only)

S
 ba-by, lu-la-lay, my ba-by, lu-la-lay, my
 A Lu-la-lay. ... Lu-la-lay.
 T with soft down Weave thy brows an in-fant crown, Sweet sleep
 B la-lu, Ba-lu-la-lu-la-lu, Ba-lu-la-lu-la-lu, Ba-lu-la-lu-la-lu, Ba-lu-la-lu-



slight rall. - - - - in time

S
ba - by, lu - la - lay ... lu - la - lay.

A
lu - la - lay. ... lu - la - lay. ...

T
an - gel mild, Ho - ver o'er my hap - - py child.

B
- la - lu, Ba - lu - la - lu - lar, Ba - lu - la - lu, la - lu - la - lu - la - lu. Lu - la - lay, my

Ba - lu - la - lu, la - lu - la - low, la - lu - la - lu, la - lu - la - low, Ba - lu - la - lu, la - lu - la - low,

Sweet smiles, in the night Ho - ver o - ver

Lu - la - lay, my ba - by, Lu - la - lay, my ba - by,

ba - by, Lu - la - lay, my ba - by, Lu - la - lay, my

(slight hold back)

la - lu - la - lu, la - lu - la - low. Sweet smiles, mother's smiles, All the live - long

my de - light; Ba - lu - la - lu la - lu - la - lu - lay Ba - lu - la - lu - low

Lu - la - lay, Lu - la, lu - la - lay, Lu - la, lu - la - lay, my

ba - by, Lu - la - lay, Lu - la - lay, Lu - la - lay, my

rall. ----- in time: slightly slower (♩ = c 100)

night ... be-guiles. ... Sweet moans, dove-like sighs Chase not slum-ber
 la-lu-lay, Sweet moans, dove-like sighs Chase not slumber ...
 ba by. Mm. (closed lips) (mm)
 ba by. Lu la lay, Lu la

(sing!)
 Sleep, pretty ... wan-ton...
 from thy ... eyes. Sleep, pretty wan-ton, Do not cry. Ba-lu-la-lu, la-lu-la-low,
 from thy eyes. Sweet moans, sweet-er smiles All the
 Sleep, do not cry ... And I will sing a
 lay. Sweet moans, Sweet-er smiles. Lu-la-

SOLO
 S
 lu-la-lay, my ba-by.
 la-lu-la-lu, la-lu-la-low, Ba-lu-la-lu, la-lu-la-low.
 A
 dove-like moans ... be-guiles. ...
 T
 lul-la-by. ... Lu-lay, my ba-by.
 B
 lay. Sleep, my ba-by.



2. CHILDHOOD*

AT A GENTLE LILT (but moving forward): ♩ = 60

A *p* (distantly)
Cling, swing, Spring, sing, Swing up in-to the ap-ple - tree. ...

T (Dw.)

A ... cling

T II *p* (distantly)
Spring, sing, cling, swing, Gol - den head black wing.

p

S *mp*
Chil-dren's voices ... in the or- chard ... Between the blossom and the fruit-time:

I *mp*
... and the fruit-time: ...

A
swing, Spring, sing, cling, swing, Spring, sing, sing.

T I
Spring, sing, cling, swing, gol - den head, black wing,

T II
chil - dren's ... voi(ce) ... - ces ... in

mp

* New Hampshire (T.S.Eliot) and Farm Child (R.S.Thomas)

S
Gol- den head, crui- son head, ... { Between the green tip and the root.
... Gol- den head, ... crui- son head ...

A
Ah *triste* Ah

T
Spring, sing, cling, swing, Gol- den head, black wing,
... the ... or - ... - chard, ... Gol - ...

mf Black wing, brown wing ho- ver o- ver: *mp(sudd)* Twenty years and the spring is o- ver; ...
... To-

mf Black wing, brown wing ho- ver o- ver: *(mf)* Twenty years and the spring is o- ver; Gol- den
Spring, sing, cling, swing, Gol- den head, black wing, Gol- den
... den ... head, ... black wing.



To - morrow grieves, *mp* slight cresc. *DN.*
 - day grieves, ... Co-ver me a - ver, light - in - leaves; ...
 head, black wing, black wing. Cling, swing,
 head, ... black wing. ... Swing up in - to the apple - tree. ...

mp slight cresc.

Much slower and ralling. - - - -
mp
 S Gol - den head, ... black wing, ... Swing up in - to the apple - tree. ...
 A Gol - den head, black wing,
 spring, swing, cling, swing, spring, sing,
 T Golden head, ... black wing,
 Gol - den head, black wing,
mp *p*

QUICKER, ♩ = 80 (♩ = ♩ always)

S ...
 T { Look at this village boy, his head is stuffed with all the nests he knows, ...
 B Look at this village boy, his head is stuffed with all the nests he knows, his pockets with

mf

T ... and bits of glass, { the fruits of hours Spent in the fields by thorn and thistle

B ... snail-shells ... and glass, ...

B flowers, ... and glass, the fruits of hours Spent in the fields by thorn and thistle

tuft. ... Look at his eyes, ... see the hare-bell hiding there;

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Mark has the sun has freckled his smooth face un-der that bush of

Mark, mark has the sun has freck- led his smooth face ... under the

Mark, ... mark has the sun has freckled his face un- der that bush of



T
B

hair that dares the wind, And in the mizen now ... notice his

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mp *rall.*

slightly slower

poise; ... from such un-con-scious grace earth breeds and

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mf

rall. *Original speed (♩. = c 60)*

A
T
B

beckons ... to the stubborn plough. ... Spring, sing, Spring, (distantly)

beckons ... to the stubborn plough. ... Spring, (distantly)

beckons ... to the stubborn plough. ... Spring, (distantly)

dim. *(2)*

S *div. me.* children's voices ... in the orchard ...

A Swing up in-to the apple-tree. ... cling, swing, swing,

T sing, cling, Swing up in-to the apple-tree. ...

B ... Spring, sing, cling, swing,

B ... mm (mouth closed)

Cling, swing, ...

S ... Between the blossom and the fruit-time: Gol-den head, crimi-son head, ...

A ... fruit-time: ... Gol-den head, ... crimson

T Spring, sing, cling, swing,

B Gol-den head, black wig, swing ...

B mm. mm.

Swing, sing, ... Cling, swing, ...

