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LUX

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FOR EIGHT SINGERS (SSAATTBB)

DURATION SEVEN MINUTES

COMMISSIONED BY THE SWINGLE
SINGERS BACH 2000 PROJECT

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This work was commissioned by the Swingle Singers for their Bach 2000 series of concerts. The title (set in Latin) is an inscription in the archiepiscopal chapel in Ravenna - Aut lux nata aut capta hic libera regnat. I feel this captures my feelings about Bach's music and my notion of music generally. I wanted to create a work which captures a delicate moment suspended in time, floating in the ebb and flow of whispered melodic lines brushing against each other and overlapping gently. Like a taut wire humming and vibrating in slight movement. It was like trying to capture the essence of an exquisit split second musically extended. Having said this, with the closeness of intervals, this setting moves away from conventional ideas of harmony. Tension is present even in the sublime, and nowhere is this more beautifully heard than in the music of Bach.

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1. *Not too slowly - plaintively.*

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S
Aut lux na-ta aut cap-ta hic
Aut lux na ta aut cap-ta hic libe regret Aut lux

A
Aut lux na-ta est aut cap-ta hic
Aut lux na-ta aut cap-ta hic

T
Aut lux na-ta aut cap-ta hic
Aut lux na ta aut cap-ta hic

B
Aut lux na-ta aut cap-ta hic libe-

Aut lux na-ta

S
li-be-ra regnet
na-ta aut cap-ta (aut) Cap-ta

A
li-be-ra regnat

T
li-be-ra regnat Aut lux na-ta aut
li-be-ra regnat aut lux

B
na regnat Aut lux na-ta aut
aut Cap-ta hic li-be-ra reg-net

S
Aut lux na - ta
hic li - be - ra reg -

A
Aut lux na ta
Aut lux na - ta

T
Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat
na ta est aut cap - ta

B
cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat
Aut lux na - ta

Aut lux na - ta

S
aut Cap - ta hic li - be - ra
nat lux na -

A
ta aut Cap - ta hic li -
aut Cap - ta hic li - be -

T
Aut lux na - ta
hic li - be - ra reg - nat

B
aut Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat
aut Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat

3.

S
reg - nat Ant lux na - ta aut
ta Ant Cap - ta
A
be - ra reg - nat
ra reg nat Ant lux na - ta aut
T
aut Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat
B
Ant lux na - ta aut
Ant lux na - ta

S
Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat
li - be - ra reg - nat Ant lux
A
Ant lux na - ta aut Cap - ta hic
Cap - ta ta hic li - be - ra
T
aut lux na - ta aut Cap - ta hic
aut Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat
B
Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat
aut Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat

S
Aut lux na - ta aut
na - ta aut cap - ta hic

A
li - be ra regnat Aut
reg - nat Aut lux na - ta aut cap - ta hic

T
li - be - ra reg - nat
Aut lux

B
Aut lux
nata aut

S
cap - ta hic li - be - ra
li - be - ra reg nat Aut lux

A
lux nata aut cap - ta
li - be - ra reg - nat Aut

T
Aut lux na - ta aut
na - ta aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra

B
cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat
aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat

5.

S
reg - net Aut lux na - ta aut
na - ta aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg -

A
hic li - be - ra reg -

T
lux na - ta aut cap - ta
hic li - be - ra reg - nat Aut lux
reg - nat Aut lux na - ta aut cap - ta

B
Aut lux na - ta aut cap - ta
Aut lux na - ta

S
Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg
nat Aut lux na - ta aut cap - ta hic

A
nat aut lux na - ta aut
hic li - be - ra reg - nat

T
na - ta aut cap - ta
na - ta aut

B
hic li - be - ra reg - nat Aut lux
aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat

Soprano (S): nat, Aut lux na - ta
 Alto (A): li - be - ra, cap - ta hic libera reg - nat
 Tenor (T): hic, Aut lux na - ta aut cap - ta
 Bass (B): na - ta aut capta hic li - be - ra reg - nat Aut
 Bass (B): Aut lux na - ta

Soprano (S): aut, reg - nat Aut, cap - ta hic li - be -
 Alto (A): hic li - be - ra reg - nat, Aut lux na - ta aut
 Tenor (T): lux na - ta, aut capta hic
 Bass (B): lux na ta, aut capta hic li - be - ra reg -
 Bass (B): aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat

7.

Soprano (S): ra reg - nat Ant lux na - ta

Alto (A): aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra

Tenor (T): ta aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra

Bass (B): li - be - ra reg - nat Ant lux na - ta aut cap - ta

Soprano (S): li - be - ra aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra

Alto (A): reg - nat Ant lux na - ta

Tenor (T): na - ta aut cap - ta hic

Bass (B): hic li - be - ra reg - nat Ant lux na - ta aut

S
 ra reg- nat Aut lux na- ta aut
 aut Cap- ta hic 3 li -

A
 aut Cap- ta hic li - be - ra reg -
 ta aut hic li -

T
 li - be - ra reg - nat Aut lux na- ta
 ta aut cap- ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat Aut lux

B
 Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat Aut lux
 Aut lux na - ta

S
 Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg- nat Aut lux
 be - ra reg- nat Aut lux

A
 be - ra reg- nat Aut lux
 nat Aut lux

T
 aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg- nat Aut lux
 na - ta aut cap- ta hic li - be - ra reg- nat Aut lux

B
 na - ta aut cap- ta hic li - be - ra reg- nat Aut lux
 aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg- nat Aut lux

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