

*Commissioned for the Saint Louis Chamber Chorus, Artistic Director Philip Barnes,
by Matthew Chapman and Leslie Chapman Bell, in loving memory of their brother, Michael Chapman,
and in honour of their parents, Edward and Barbara Chapman.*

Silver swan

English text by Anon.

Latin text by Gaius Valerius Catullus (c.84–c.54 BC)

BOB CHILCOTT
(after Orlando Gibbons)

Tenderly ♩ = c.46

CHOIR 1

SOPRANO
Sil - ver_ swan, sil - ver_ swan, sil -

ALTO
Sil - ver swan, sil - ver swan, sil -

TENOR
Sil - ver swan, sil - ver swan, sil -

BASS
Sil - ver_ swan, sil - ver_ swan, sil -

CHOIR 2

SOPRANO
Sil - ver, sil - ver_ swan, sil - ver_ swan.

ALTO
Sil - ver, sil - ver_ swan, sil - ver swan.

TENOR
Sil - ver, sil - ver_ swan, sil - ver_ swan.

BASS
Sil - ver, sil - ver swan, sil - ver swan.

Duration: 5 mins

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mp

- ver, sil - ver, sil - ver swan. Sil - ver

mp

- ver, sil - ver, sil - ver swan. Sil - ver

mp

- ver, sil - ver, sil - ver swan. Sil - ver

mp

- ver, sil - ver swan. Sil - ver

mp

The sil - ver swan, who liv - ing had no note,

mp

The sil - ver swan, who liv - ing had no note,

mp

The sil - ver swan, who liv - ing had no note,

The sil - ver swan,

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SOPRANO SOLO

mp

ah

CHOIR 1

S. swan, When death ap - proached un -

A. swan, When death, when death ap - proached, ap - proached un -

T. swan, When death, when death ap - proached, ap - proached un -

B. swan, When death, when death ap - proached un -

CHOIR 2

S. sil - ver, sil - ver, sil - ver, sil - ver swan.

A. sil - ver, sil - ver, sil - ver swan.

T. sil - ver, sil - ver, sil - ver, sil - ver swan.

B. *mp* sil - ver, sil - ver, sil - ver swan.

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ah

p

- locked her si - lent throat; Sil - ver, sil - ver swan,

p

- locked her si - lent throat; Sil - ver, sil - ver swan,

p

- locked her si - lent throat; Sil - ver, sil - ver swan,

p

- locked her si - lent throat; Sil - ver, sil - ver swan,

p

Sil - ver swan, sil - ver

p

Sil - ver swan, sil - ver

p

Sil - ver swan, sil - ver

p

Sil - ver swan, sil - ver