

Sing in a Season

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for SATB and piano or small ensemble

vocal score

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Composer's note

Sing in a Season was written for the 50th anniversary of the Plano Civic Chorus, which began in the autumn of 2022. The request for this piece came from their conductor, Ralph Stannard, in early 2021, when we were slowly beginning to emerge from the Covid pandemic. Under the circumstances, we felt we needed a piece that could express what music, and particularly singing, which we had all missed so much, might mean to us. The poet Charles Bennett, in his three elegant and ultimately transformative poems, urges us to look to the diversity and richness of the surrounding natural world for ways to find our voice. The work concludes with an inspirational call from Charles's pen with the words: 'So may our lives, improvised as we go along, now and then take flight to become a song.'

Duration: c.15 minutes

An alternative accompaniment for small ensemble (fl, ob, cl in A, hn in F, timp, org) is available for purchase (ISBN 978-0-19-356581-4)

Commissioned for the 50th anniversary of the Plano Civic Chorus; Ralph F. Stannard, Artistic Director

Sing in a Season

1. Follow the music

Charles Bennett (b. 1954)

BOB CHILCOTT

Fresh and light ♩ = c. 69

**SOPRANO
ALTO**

**TENOR
BASS**

PIANO

p

ah _____

p

Fol-low the mu - sic, _____

Fresh and light ♩ = c. 69

p

ah _____

fol-low the mu - sic, _____

5

9

mp

ah

mp

fol-low the mu - sic,

13

p

ah

p

fol-low the mu - sic,

17

ah

the mu - sic.

21

mp

I move, I move through the wood on tip - toe

mp

on

25

from one song, from one song to the next.

tip - toe, tip - toe, to the

29

mf bright trail, a bright

next. *mf* Their music is a bright trail, bright

33

trail, a net - work of ae - rial path -

f

f

f

37

- ways.

p

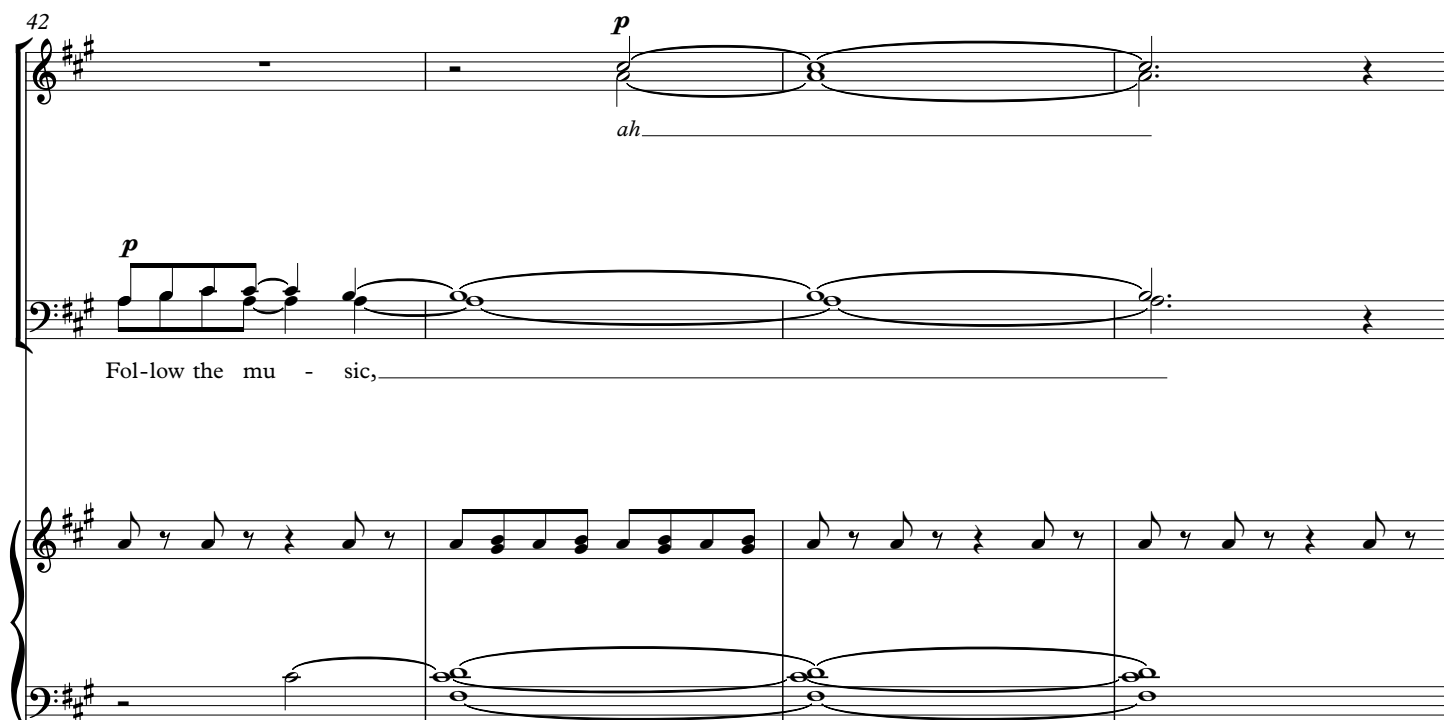
42

p

ah

p

Fol-low the mu - sic,



46

ah

fol-low the mu - sic,

