

CHORAL HYMNS

FROM THE

RIG VEDA

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OP. 26.

THIRD GROUP.

FOUR HYMNS FOR FEMALE VOICES
WITH ACCOMPANIMENT FOR HARP OR PIANO.

1. Hymn to the Dawn.
2. Hymn to the Waters.
3. Hymn to Vena.
4. Hymn of the Travellers.

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Page 3. Third stave for "Dawn" read "Draw:"

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in left hand for E read D $\flat$.

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I. HYMN TO THE DAWN.

Andante. ♩ = 66.

1st SOPRANO.

* 2nd SOPRANO.

1st ALTO.

2nd ALTO.

HARP.
or
PIANO.

Hear our

Hear our hymn.

Hear our hymn O God - dess,

Hear our hymn O God - - - dess,

hymn O God - - - dess, Rich in

O God - - - - - dess, Rich in

B $\flat$ E $\flat$ A $\flat$ E $\flat$

* As the second Soprano has the melody, this part should slightly predominate.

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Rich in wealth and wis - dom, Ev - er young yet

Rich in wealth and wis - dom, Ev - er young yet

wealth and wis - - - dom, Ev - er young yet

wealth and wis - - - dom, Ev - er young yet

B $\flat$ B $\sharp$ D $\flat$ G $\flat$

an - cient, True to Law E -

an - cient, True to Law E -

an - cient, True to Law E -

an - cient, True to Law E -

8-----to Law E -

B $\flat$ *pp* A $\sharp$ B $\sharp$ D $\sharp$ G $\sharp$

- ter - nal.

- ter - nal.

- ter - nal.

- ter - nal.

- ter - nal. *p* Wak, - ner

p E $\flat$

Wak' - ner of the
Wak' - ner of the song - - -
Wak' - ner of the song - - - birds,
of the song - - - birds,
song - birds, En - - sign of th'E - ter - nal,
- - birds, En - sign of th'E - ter - nal,
En - sign of th'E - ter - - - nal,
En - sign of th'E - ter - - - nal,
Dawn thou near O Fair one, In thy
Dawn thou near O Fair one, In thy
Dawn thou near O Fair one, In thy
Dawn thou near O Fair one, In thy

ra - - diant Char - iot

ra - - diant Char - iot

ra - - diant Char - iot

ra - - diant Char - iot

A₄ B₄ D₄ G₄ *p*

mp Bring to

p Bring to her your

p Bring to her your

E_b B_b

p Bring to her your off - ring,

her your off - ring,

off - ring, Hum - bly

off - ring, Hum - bly

E_b A_b E_b

Hum - - - bly bow be - - fore her,

Hum - - - bly bow be - - fore her,

bow be - fore her,

bow be - fore her,

B $\flat$ B $\sharp$

Raise your songs of wel - come, As she

Raise your songs of wel - come, As she

Raise your songs of wel - come, As she

Raise your songs of wel - come, As she

8- she

D $\flat$ G $\flat$ B $\flat$ *pp*

comes in splen - dour.

comes in splen - dour.

comes in splen - dour.

comes in splen - dour.

8-

A $\sharp$ B $\sharp$ D $\sharp$ G $\sharp$ *p* *morendo*

II. HYMN TO THE WATERS.

GUSTAV VON HOLST.

Allegro. ♩. = 120.

(4-3)

SOPRANOS.

(4-3)

ALTOS.

Allegro. ♩. = 120.

8

HARP
or
PIANO.

p
(4-3) 8

p

Flow - ing from the fir - ma - ment Forth to the o - cean,

p

Flow - ing from the fir - ma - ment Forth to the o - cean,

8

Note. (4-3) denotes that each bar is divided into one of four beats followed by one of three: (3-4) denotes that the three beats come before the four.

Heal - ing all in earth and air, ne - ver halt - ing.

Heal - ing all in earth and air, ne - ver halt - ing.

8-

mp In - dra, Lord of Heav'n formed their cour - ses,

mp In - dra, Lord of Heav'n formed their cour - ses,

8-

mp 8- (E $\flat$)

mf In - dra's migh - ty laws can ne - ver be bro - ken.

mf In - dra's migh - ty laws can ne - ver be bro - ken.

8-

mf (B $\flat$) (A $\flat$) (A $\sharp$) (C $\sharp$)

p Cleans - ing wa - ters flow ye on, has - ten and help us.

p Cleans - ing wa - ters flow ye on, has - ten and help us.

8-

p (B $\flat$) (C $\sharp$)

Piano introduction. The right hand features arpeggiated chords, and the left hand plays a continuous eighth-note pattern. The tempo is marked with a '4' in a circle.

Continuation of the piano introduction. The right hand features arpeggiated chords, and the left hand plays a continuous eighth-note pattern. The tempo is marked with a '4' in a circle.

(3-4) *mf* Lo, in the wa-ters, dwell-eth One, —

(3-4) *mf* Lo, in the wa-ters, dwell-eth One, —

(3-4) *mf* (C#) (G#)

Vocal and piano accompaniment for the first line of the hymn. The vocal parts enter with a melody in 3/4 time, and the piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with arpeggiated chords and eighth-note patterns.

Know-er of all on earth and

Know-er of all on earth and

(A#)

Vocal and piano accompaniment for the second line of the hymn. The vocal parts continue the melody, and the piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with arpeggiated chords and eighth-note patterns.

sea, _____

sea, _____

The first system of the musical score. It consists of two vocal staves (Soprano and Alto) and a piano accompaniment. The vocal staves have a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment has a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics "sea," are written under the vocal staves. The piano accompaniment features a flowing, arpeggiated melody.

Whose dread com - mand no man may shun, _____

Whose dread com - mand no man may shun, _____

(A⁺)

mf

The second system of the musical score. It continues the vocal and piano parts. The lyrics "Whose dread com - mand no man may shun," are written under the vocal staves. The piano accompaniment continues with the same arpeggiated melody. A dynamic marking of *mf* (mezzo-forte) is present. A chord symbol (A⁺) is written below the piano part.

Va - ru - na, sov - ran Lord is

Va - ru - na, sov - ran Lord is

(F⁺) (C⁺) (E^b) (A^b)

The third system of the musical score. It continues the vocal and piano parts. The lyrics "Va - ru - na, sov - ran Lord is" are written under the vocal staves. The piano accompaniment continues with the same arpeggiated melody. Chord symbols (F⁺) (C⁺) (E^b) (A^b) are written below the piano part.

He. _____

He. _____

The fourth system of the musical score. It continues the vocal and piano parts. The lyrics "He." are written under the vocal staves. The piano accompaniment continues with the same arpeggiated melody.

mf
On - ward ye wa - ters on - ward

mf (B $\flat$)

(4-3) A FEW VOICES ONLY.

ppp
Cleans-ing wa - ters, flow ye on, Has-ten and help

(4-3)
hie,

(4-3)

(3-4)
us.

(3-4)
Dance in the bright beams of the

(3-4)

(4-3)
Cleans-ing wa - ters, flow ye on, Has-ten and help

(4-3)
sun,

(4-3)

(3-4)

us.

(3-4)

O - bey the ru - ler of the

(3-4)

sky Who dug the path for you to

(A^b)

(4-3)

(4-3)

run.

(4-3) (B^b)

dim.

8

8

TUTTI.

pp Flow - ing from the fir - ma - ment Forth to the o - cean,
pp Flow - ing from the fir - ma - ment Forth to the o - cean,
pp 8-

Heal - ing all in earth and air, ne - ver halt - ing.
 Heal - ing all in earth and air, ne - ver halt - ing.
 8-

mp In - dra, Lord of Heav'n formed their cour - ses,
mp In - dra, Lord of Heav'n formed their cour - ses,
 8- *mp* (E $\sharp$) (E $\flat$)

mf In - dra's migh - ty laws can ne-ver be bro - ken.
mf In - dra's migh - ty laws can ne-ver be bro - ken.
 8- *mf* (B $\flat$) (A $\flat$) (A $\sharp$) (C $\sharp$)

ppp

Cleans - ing wa - ters flow ye on, Has - ten and help us.

ppp

Cleans - ing wa - ters flow ye on, Has - ten and help us.

8-

(B $\sharp$) *ppp*

8-

8-

(E $\sharp$)

8-

pppp
gliss.

III.

HYMN TO VENA.

(THE SUN RISING THROUGH THE MIST.)

Adagio. ♩ = 56.

pp (A few voices only)

SOPRANOS. *Ve - na comes born of light, He

pp (A few voices only)

ALTOS. *Ve - na comes born of light, He

Adagio. ♩ = 56.

HARP.
or
PIANO. B $\flat$ E $\flat$ F $\sharp$ *pp*

drives the ma - ny col - our'd clouds on - ward - Here, where the

drives the ma - ny col - our'd clouds on - ward - Here, where the

B $\sharp$ F $\sharp$ G $\sharp$ B $\flat$ E $\flat$

sun - light and the wa - - - ters min - gle

sun - light and the wa - - - ters min - gle

C $\sharp$ E $\flat$ G $\sharp$ C $\sharp$

*pronounce *Vayna*.

Note. All the chords are to be struck well together and not played in the usual 'arpeggio' manner.

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senza cresc.

Our songs — float up and ca - res — the new-born

senza cresc.

Our songs — float up and ca - res — the new-born

senza cresc.

Tutti. pp

in - fant Ve - na comes! —

Tutti. pp

in - fant Ve - na comes! —

cresc. poco a poco

The child of cloud and mist ap - pear-eth on the ridge of the sky, He

cresc. poco a poco

The child of cloud and mist ap - pear-eth on the ridge of the sky, He

cresc. poco a poco

shines on the sum - mit of cre - a - tion — The hosts pro -

shines on the sum - mit of cre - a - tion — The hosts pro -

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ff *pp*

- claim the glo - ry of our Common Fa - ther — Ve - na comes.

- claim the glo - ry of our Common Fa - ther — Ve - na comes.

B♭ F♯ A♭ B♭ C♯

(The small notes in these chords are to be played on the Harp only, not the Piano.)

ppp *Cadenza* *rall.*

Andante con moto.

p con espress.

p dolce

He hath come to the bo - som of his be -

p dolce

He hath come to the bo - som of his be -

- lov - ed. Smil - - ing on him, She
 - lov - ed. Smil - - ing on him, She

bear - eth him to high-est heav'n.
 bear - eth him to high-est heav'n.

With yearn - ing heart On thee we
 With yearn - ing heart On thee we

gaze, O gold wing'd messen - ger — of migh - ty
 gaze, O gold wing'd messen - ger — of migh - ty

Ab Fb Db Cb Gb

Ab Bb Cb Db Eb Fb Gb

accel. e cresc.
accel. e cresc.

Allegro.

Gods. _____

Gods. _____

Allegro.

ff

dim.

8

Adagio.

pp

Wise men see him in their li - ba - tions As the sa - cri - fice —

pp

Wise men see him in their li - ba - tions As the sa - cri - fice —

Adagio.

pp

B $\flat$ E $\flat$ (D $\flat$) F $\sharp$ B $\flat$ F $\sharp$ G $\sharp$

poco cresc.

e - ter - nal heights, *cresc.*

mounts to the e - ter - nal heights, ming - ling with our so - lemn

poco cresc.

mounts to the e - ter - nal heights, ming - ling with our so - lemn

poco cresc.

B $\flat$ E $\flat$ C $\sharp$ E $\flat$ C $\sharp$ G $\flat$ A $\flat$ *cresc.* F $\sharp$ B $\flat$

chant. _____

He stands e - rect in high - est

chant. _____

He stands e - rect in high - est

mf

E $\flat$ C $\flat$ E $\flat$ B $\flat$ B $\flat$

poco accel. rai - ment,

heav'n, Clad in no - ble rai - - ment, Arm'd with shin - ing

poco accel.

heav'n, Clad in no - ble rai - ment, Arm'd with

f *poco accel.* *A*

piu mosso *ff*

wea - pons, Hurl - ing light to the far - thest re - - gion,

ff *piu mosso*

shin - - ing wea - pons, Hurl - ing light to the far - thest re - - gion,

piu mosso *B*

Re - joic - - ing in his ra - - diant splen -

Re - joic - - ing in his ra - - diant splen -

B *fff*

- dour.

- dour.

accel. *ad lib.*

IV.

HYMN OF THE TRAVELLERS.

The God invoked in this hymn is the Guide of travellers
along the roads of this world and along that leading to the next.

Moderato. ♩ = 108.

SOPRANOS.

ALTOS.

HARP
or
PIANO.

p (B $\flat$) (C $\sharp$) (E $\flat$) (G $\sharp$)

p 1st SOPRANOS ONLY. (2-3)

Go — thou on be-fore us, Guide — us on our way, Migh - ty One.

Ah.

(2-3)

*Tutti.
cresc.*

Make — our jour-ney plea - sant, Ne - ver let us stray. Won - der - work - er heark-en,

cresc.

Note. The normal rhythm is that of three beats followed by two. When the two come first 2-3 is written over the bar.

f
Come in thy splen - dour, come in thy migh - ty pow'r.

f

mf
Tram - ple on the wick - ed, All who would op - pose,
mf
Ah Ah

mf

(2-3)
Migh - ty One. Drive a-way the rob - ber, Drive a-way your foes. Won - der-worker hearken,
cresc.
Ah Ah Ah

(2-3)
cresc.

f
Come in thy splen - dour, come in thy mighty pow'r!

f
Come in thy splen - dour, come in thy mighty pow'r!

ff (2-3)
 As we jour - ney on - ward, Songs to thee we raise, Migh - ty One.
 As we jour - ney on - ward, Songs to thee we raise, Migh - ty One.

Thou didst aid our fa - thers, Guard us all our days. Won - der work er heark en,
 Thou didst aid our fa - thers, Guard us all our days. Won - der worker hearken,

Come in thy splen - dour, come in thy migh - ty pow'r.
 Come in thy splen - dour, come in thy migh - ty pow'r.

dim.

f dim. poco a poco (2-3)
 Ah Ah Ah

f dim. poco a poco
 Feed us and in - spire us, Keep us in thy care Migh - ty One (2-3)

f dim. poco a poco

Lead — us past pur-su - ers Un - to mea-dows fair. (2-3) Won - der - work-er heark-en,

Ah Ah

Lead — us past pur-su - ers Un - to mea-dows fair. (2-3) Won - der - work-er heark-en,

Ah Ah

Come in thy splen - dour, come in thy migh-ty pow'r. Ah

crese. Ah

Come in thy splen - dour, come in thy migh-ty pow'r. Ah

crese. Ah

dim.

Morendo. Ah Ah

ONE SOLO VOICE. Ah

Morendo. Ah

pp ONE SOLO VOICE. Ah

pp ONE SOLO VOICE. Ah

rall. ppp

The musical score is written for a voice and piano ensemble. It consists of several systems of staves. The vocal parts are written in treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score includes various musical markings such as dynamics (p, pp, ppp, cresc., dim.), articulation (accents), and performance instructions (Morendo, rall., ONE SOLO VOICE). The lyrics are written below the vocal staves, and there are vocalizations 'Ah' indicated throughout. The piece concludes with a 'rall. ppp' marking.