

ken davies
PSALM 53

(The Fool Has Said In His Heart)

for SATB choir a cappella

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performance time c. 2:50

Program Notes

This SATB a cappella choir work was completed in January 2016 for submission to a choir composition competition in London, UK. The competition specified the work be based on a choice of three psalms which the juried choral group felt lacked adequate music. One of those was Psalm 53. The work uses the text from the King James Version which which the composer slightly adapted grammar to 21st century usage.

About the Composer

Ken Davies' (www.kendavies.net) acoustic and electronic works have appeared at numerous new music festivals such as the Society of Composers, Electroacoustic Barn Dance, Southeastern Composers League (he is a past president), New Music on the Bayou, ClarinetFest, and London New Wind Festival (UK). Since 2002, he resides in coastal south Mississippi. Awards include the Mississippi Arts Commission's Performing Arts Fellowship for Composition (three times) and the Mississippi Music Teachers' Association's Commissioned Composer Of The Year. His music studies were at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Yale, MTSU at Murfreesboro (MA trombone), and the University of Colorado at Boulder (MM composition).

Text King James Version
 adapted by Ken Davies
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Psalm 53

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Adagio ♩ = 66 *f*

Soprano
 The fool the fool has said in his

Alto
f
 The fool *f* the fool has said in his

Tenor
 The fool the fool has said in his

Bass
f
 The fool the fool has said in his

The fool
Adagio ♩ = 66 *f*
 the fool has said in his

6

S
 heart, "There is no God." The fool has said in his heart,

A
 heart, "There is no God." The fool has said in his heart,

T
 heart, "There is no God." The fool has said in his heart,

B
 heart, "There is no God." The fool has said in his heart,

6

11

S "There is no God."

A "There is no God."

T "There is no God." Cor - rupt are they. They have done a - bom-in - a - ble in -

B "There is no God." Cor - rupt are they. They have done a - bom-in - a - ble in -

16

S The fools!

A The

T iq - ui - ty; there is none who does good.

B iq - ui - ty there is non who does good.

21

S God looked down from Hea - ven up - on the child - ren of men, to

A fools! God looked down from Hea - ven up - on the child - ren of men, to

T

B

26

S see if there were an - y who did un - der - stand who did seek God.

A see if there were an - y who did un - der - stand who did seek God.

T

B

The

The

26

31 *mf*

S The fools! Ev - 'ry one of them has gone back. They have all be-come

A The fools! Ev - 'ry one of them has gone back. They have all be-come

T 8 fools! Ev - 'ry one of them has gone back. They have all be-come

B fools! Ev - 'ry one of them has gone back. They have all be-come

36 *spoken* *p* *f* *spoken*

S filth - y; There are none who do good, no, not *spoken*

A *spoken* filth - y; There are none who do good, no, not *spoken*

T *spoken* filth - y; There are none who do good, no, not *spoken*

B *spoken* filth - y; There are none who do good, no, not

41 *mp*

S one! who

A one!

T one!

B *mp* one! Have the work - ers of in - iq - uit - y no know - ledge?

41 *mp*

45 *mp*

S eat up my peo - ple as they eat bread; God?

A *mp* and have they not called up - on God?

T *mp* and have they not called up - on God?

B God?

45 *mp*

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VOCAL

Mountain Dreams - tenor or soprano & piano
Nature's Paintbrush - tenor or soprano & piano
Beach Thoughts - tenor or soprano & piano
Window To The Stage - tenor or soprano & contrabass
Bayou Sketches - soprano, horn in F, & piano
Message In A Bottle - medium voice & piano
A Psalm Of Life - tenor or soprano & piano
If Any Man Serve Me (The Deacon's Song) - medium voice & piano
Our Lord's Prayer (pop style new music) - baritone solo - w. SATB optional - track or charts
Thank You, Mom (pap ballad) - medium voice and piano (accompaniment track available)
Our Lord's Prayer - (new music) - medium voice and recorded accompaniment track

CHORAL

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence SATB/organ, 2 tpts, 2 tbns
An Easter Call To Worship SATB a cappella
Psalm 117 SATB/piano
God, The Artist Of Creation SATB/organ
Who Shall Separate Us From The Love Of Christ? SATB a cappella
Psalm 153 SATB a cappella
Day And Night SATB a cappella
Psalm 53 SATB a cappella
Make A Joyful Noise - SATB & rock band w. horns or track
Our Lord's Prayer - (new music) - medium solo voice, SATB choir & rock band w. horns