

Choir SATB a cappella

Day and Night

Text by
Judy Davies

Music by
Ken Davies



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for SATB Choir a cappella

Performance time 3:00

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Andante ♩ = 69

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano for rehearsal only

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New buds spring

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up a-long a fence-lined path, their frag-rant scent fill-ing Ap-ril's air.

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Day And Night - duration 3 minutes
for SATB a cappella choir

Program Note

This poem by award-winning poet Judy Davies provided a secular setting for an a cappella piece submitted to a composition competition in London, England. The poem presents word painting of forest nature throughout a 24 hour period. This collegiate level piece is colored by some of the composer's favorite rich four-note harmonies and the soft mood of an a cappella choir.

Text

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Day begins as sunlight touches earth
with warming rays encouraging subtle
growth on limbs. Spring slips in on
fairy feet, slender shoots erupting in
a flurry of floral color. New buds
spring up along a fence-lined path,
their fragrant scent filling April's air.

Woods teem with runaway birches,
quietly shedding translucent veils.
Ferns clutch into fists at my touch;
willow weep moss at my fingertips.

Night enters softly on padded feet,
dragging its luxurious blanket into place.
The sun explodes in a brilliant burst of
evening color before settling into hiding,
silently overtaken by dark.

Day breathes a welcome sigh, heat
dissipates into cool, a rising moon peeks
from behind billowy clouds. Stars come
to life amidst an indulgent blackness and
an inaudible peace envelops the night.

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).

Choral and Vocal Music
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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 tbn
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