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SATB

Lyrics: Psalm 91

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for a cappella SATB choir
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Performance notes

Vocal percussion:

Pitch: a pitch is chosen to write the sounds on, but they don't have to be performed on this given pitch (there no real pitch sounding).

Pronunciation:

T-sounds:

T-sounds are to be whispered. If this is too demanding for a singer's voice [using so much breath], they can make a T-sound without (much) breath and form the given vowel with their mouth without actually producing it.

To: "o" as in "document"

Te: "e" as in "butter"

Tu: "u" as in "über" (German)

Ti: "i" like "sea"

The idea is to transition in a natural way from "o" to "I" (or the other way around), it doesn't have to be as strict as written.

S-sounds:

S-sounds are to be whispered. The given vowel should not be pronounced separately (hence the brackets), but the singers should open their mouth in correspondence to that vowel in order to create a color difference.

S(i): "i" like "sea"

S(u): "u" as in "über" (German)

S(o): "o" as in "document"

Ch-sounds (s s ch(i) sa ch(oe)):

"Ch" as in "machen" (German)

"Chi-u-o" (tenor bar 76 and further): make a natural transition between vowels (pronounced as above); loudest dynamic occurs on the transition point.

Rhythm claps/stomps (rhythm on ossia staff):

All singers perform both lines simultaneously.

"Stomp" = stomp foot on ground

"On legs" = clap with both hands on your legs

Parlando:

Speak in your own normal, comfortable way, on no specific pitch.

Solos (alto bar 88 and tenor bar 97):

Can be a small group if desired.

Split voices with small noteheads:

- Sopranos (bar 15-19 and 32-36): either sing only lowest note OR both together divisi.
- Basses (bar 59, 63, 107, 111): ideally sing (only!) lowest note, but if not possible for everyone sing ONLY upper note. No divisi!

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From: Psalm 91

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Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

6

Soprano (S)

Alto (A)

Tenor (T)

Bass (B)

10

Soprano (S)

Alto (A)

Tenor (T)

Bass (B)

15

S: mo - re noc - tur - no

A: non ti - me - bis a ti - mo - re noc-tur - no, non ti-

T: 8 s s ch(i) sa ch(oe) s s ch(i) sa ch(oe) s s s s non ti-

B: non ti - me - bis non ti - me - - - bis, non ti - me - - bis,

mf

mp

mf

mf

19 susserando

S: 8 s s ch(i) sa ch(oe) s s ch(i) sa ch(oe)

A: me - bis a ti - mo - re noc-tur - no

T: 8 me - bis a ti - mo - re noc-tur - no i On legs

B: non ti - me - - bis, non ti - me - - bis. non ti-

A

Clap

sffz

sffz

parlando

23

S: non ti - me - bi - - - - - s(i) s(u) s(o)

A: non ti - me - bi - - - - - s s s

T: 8 ti ti ti ti ti ti non ti - me - bi - -

B: me - bi - s s s s non ti - me - - bis, non ti - me - - bi -

mp

mp

mp

suss.

3

27

Soprano (S): *pp*, *sffz*, *mp*
 Alto (A): *pp*, *poco a poco*, *sffz*, *poco a poco*, *mp*, *cresc. poco a poco*
 Tenor (T): *sffz*, *pp*, *sffz*
 Bass (B): *s(i) s(u) s(o)*, *suss.*, *mf*

me - bis, i
 non ti - me - bis,
 s(i) s(u) s(o)
 a _____ sa - git - ta vo - lan - te per di - em

32

Soprano (S): *git - ta*, *vo - lan - te*
 Alto (A): *non ti - me - bis*, *non ti - me - bis*, *non ti - me - bis*,
 Tenor (T): *non ti - me - bis a sa - git-ta vo - lan - te per di - em*
 Bass (B): *s s ch(i) sa ch(oe) s s ch(i) sa ch(oe) s s s s non ti-*

mf
mf
mf
mf

36

Soprano (S): *f*, *suss.*
 Alto (A): *non ti - me - bis*, *non ti - me - bis*, *non ti -*
 Tenor (T): *Clap*, *sffz*, *i*
 Bass (B): *Stomp*, *sffz*, *i*

8
 me - bis a sa - git - ta vo - lan - te per di - em
 me - bis a sa - git - ta vo - lan - te per di - em

B

40

S: non ti - me - bis a ti - mo - re,
A: me - bi - s oh
T: non ti - me - bis
B: non ti - me - bi -

44

S: a ti - mo - re noc - tur - no,
A: oh
T: non ti - me - bis
B: non ti - me - bi -

48

S: oh sussegando
A: non ti - me - bi - s
T: non ti - me - bis a pes - te
B: s

52

Soprano (S) vocal line with dynamic *mp*. The vocal part ends with a fermata.

Alto (A) vocal line with dynamic *mp*, starting with "oh".

Tenor (T) vocal line with dynamic *mp*, singing "in te - ne - bris am - bu - lan - te".

Bass (B) vocal line with dynamic *mp*, singing "in te - ne - bris am - bu - lan - te".

Text: non ti-me - bi - s

56

C

Soprano (S) vocal line with dynamic *f*, singing "non ti - me - bis a pes - te".

Alto (A) vocal line with dynamic *f*, singing "non ti - me - bis a pes - te".

Tenor (T) vocal line with dynamic *f*, singing "On legs".

Bass (B) vocal line with dynamic *f*, singing "Clap".

Text: in te -

62

Soprano (S) vocal line, singing "ne - bris am - bu - lan - te".

Alto (A) vocal line, singing "ne - bris am - bu - lan - te".

Tenor (T) vocal line, singing "ne - bris am - bu - lan - te".

Bass (B) vocal line, singing "ne - bris am - bu - lan - te".

Text: ff non ti - i > >

Text: ne - - bris am - bu - lan - - te non ti - - me - - bis

D

Soprano (S): *ff*
 Alto (A): *ff dim. poco a poco*
 Tenor (T): *8*
 Bass (B): *ff*

lyrics: a pes - te in te - ne - bris am - bu -
 me - bis, non ti - me - bis, non ti - me - bis, non ti - me -
 non ti - me - bis
 a bis a pes - te in te -
 pes - te in te - ne - bris

E

Soprano (S): *71*
 Alto (A): *bis, non ti - me - bis, non ti - me - bis, non ti - me - bis, non*
 Tenor (T): *8 ne - bris am - bu - lan - te*
 Bass (B): *am - bu - lan - te*

lyrics: lan - - - - te
 bis, non ti - me - bis, non ti - me - bis, non ti - me - bis, non
 ne - bris am - bu - lan - te
 am - bu - lan - te ng

Soprano (S): *mf*
 Alto (A): *mf*
 Tenor (T): *8*
 Bass (B): *mf*

lyrics: non ti - me - bi - s(i) s(u) s(o) i
 ti - me - bis, non ti -
 ch(i) s(fz) i u o o
 ng

79

sfz

Soprano (S) vocal line.

Alto (A) vocal line: me - bis, non ti - me - bis.

Tenor (T) vocal line: *p* non ti - me - bis, non ti - me - bis.

Bass (B) vocal line: *p* ng

83

Soprano (S) vocal line.

Alto (A) vocal line: bis, non ti - me - bis, non ti - me - bi - s.

Tenor (T) vocal line: non ti - me - bis, non ti - me - bis.

Bass (B) vocal line: ng

88

Soprano (S) vocal line.

Alto (A) vocal line: solo *mp* non ti - me - bi - s, non ti - me - bi - s, non ti -

Tenor (T) vocal line: non ti - me - bis, non ti - me - bis.

Bass (B) vocal line: i

93

F

Soprano (S): - - - - -

Alto (A): me - - - bi - - - s, non ti - me - bis, non
non ti - me - bis, solo *mf*, non ti -

Tenor (T): 8 non ti - me - bis,
non ti - me - bis, *mp*

Bass (B): - - - - -

i

98

Soprano (S): - - - - -

Alto (A): ti - me - bis, non ti -

Tenor (T): 8 me - - bis, non ti - me - bis, non ti -

Bass (B): - - - - -

i

102

G

Soprano (S): - - - - -

Alto (A): me - bis, non ti - me - bis, non ti -

Tenor (T): 8 me - - - - - bis, non ti - me - bis, non ti -

Bass (B): - - - - -

f sub., non ti - *f sub.*, non ti -
On legs, *f sub.*, *f sub.*, non ti -

106

Soprano (S): me - bis a mor - su in - san - i -

Alto (A): me - bis a mor - su in - sa - ni -

Tenor (T): - - - - i

Bass (B): - - - - in te -

me - bis a pes - te in te -

110

Soprano (S): en - tis me - ri - di - e e

Alto (A): en - tis me - ri - di - e non ti -

Tenor (T): - - - - i

Bass (B): ne - bris am - bu - lan - te non ti - me - bis

H ***ff*** dim. poco a poco

S

A ***ff*** dim. poco a poco

T

B

me - bis, non - ti - me - bis, non ti - me - bis, non ti -

ff dim. poco a poco

8 non ti - me - bis a mor - su

f

t(i) t(u) t(u) t(u) t(u)

118

S

A ***mf***

T

B

me - bis, non - ti - me - bis, non ti - me - bis, non ti -

mf

8 in - sa - ni - en - tis me -

ff ***mf***

t(e) t(e) t(o) t(o)

121

S

A

T

B

me - bis, non - ti - me - bi - s

8 ri - di - - e

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