

PROGRAMME NOTE

This short work was written as a gift to my friend James MacMillan, to celebrate his 60th birthday, and as a tribute to his extraordinary creative gift, which has been an inspiration to me for many years.

It was first performed by The Cumnock Tryst Festival Chorus (conducted by Eamonn Dougan) on 6th October 2019 at The Cumnock Tryst Festival.

The text is a poem from *Carmina Gadelica*, the collection of Gaelic songs and blessings collected and translated by Alexander Carmichael between 1860 and 1909.

Sally Beamish 2019

Good Wish

Wisdom of serpent be thine,
Wisdom of raven be thine,
Wisdom of valiant eagle.

Voice of swan be thine,
Voice of honey be thine,
Voice of the Son of the stars.

Bounty of sea be thine,
Bounty of land be thine,
Bounty of the Father of heaven.

for Jimmy

Good Wish

from *Carmina Gadelica*

Translated by Alexander Carmichael

Sally Beamish

Andante maestoso ♩=84

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

7

S.

A.

T.

B.

13

S.

A.

T.

B.

Wis - dom be thine,

Wis - dom of ser - pent be thine,

mmm mmm

Wis - dom of ra - ven ra - ven

Wis - dom Wis - dom

mmm mmm

be thine, Wis - dom of va - li - ant ea - gle. Ah

be thine, Wis - dom of va - li - ant ea - gle. Ah

Wis - dom of va - li - ant ea - gle. of va - li - ant ea - gle.

Wis - dom of va - li - ant ea - gle.