## Let all the world





When the Choral Scholars of the South West of England approached me to write an anthem for their virtual evensong (due to lockdown conditions), I couldn't resist. The event was to be used as a fundraiser for my favourite charity, the Cathedral Choirs' Emergency Fund – sorely needed at a time when cathedral music was already in peril, from shortage of money (please do donate: www.justgiving.com/campaign/cathedralchoirs).

They asked me to set George Herbert's Antiphon (I) "Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing" and the biggest challenge for me has been trying to get the famous hymn setting out of my head (I failed, as you will see from the church bell patterns in "My God and King"). Originally set for AATTBB + AATTBB, and here arranged for SATB+SATB, I did manage to fulfil their request for plenty of solos, to go round. These solos are accompanied by "we sing" in 12 different languages, including from those parts of the world that have been worst hit by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The anthem is dedicated to choral scholars everywhere and I am deeply grateful to Esmée Loughlin-Dickenson and her fellow Choral Scholars at Truro Cathedral for commissioning me. Also to John and Nigella Tyson for generously supporting production costs.

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Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, My God and King.

Cantiamo, śpiewamy, nous chantons, wir singen, me laulame, nosotros cantamos, tunaimba, my poyem, maa mikhoneem, vi singer, wŏmen changgē, hum gaate hai...

The heav'ns are not too high, His praise may thither fly: The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, My God and King.

Cantiamo, śpiewamy, nous chantons, etc.

The church with psalms must shout, No door can keep them out: But above all, the heart Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, My God and King.

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

All phrases can be found with audio guide online – except for the Persian.

Italian: cantiamo can-tee-ah-mo

Polish: śpiewamy shpje-vah-mi (short i, as in hit)
French: nous chantons noo shon-to(n) (silent n)

German: wir singen veer sing-en

Estonian: me laulame me low-lah-me (short e, ow as n cow)

Spanish:nosotros cantamosno-so-tros can-tah-mosSwahili:tunaimbatoo-nah-eem-bahRussian:my poyemmoo pah-yom

Persian: maa mikhoneem mah mee-cho-neem (ch as in Bach, short o as in got)

Norwegian: vi singer vee sing-ier (like premier)

Chinese 'simple': women changge wo-men chung-ger (short o, short u and er as in bright<u>er)</u>
Hindi: hum gaate hai bum gah-tay he (short u as in put, short e as in get)