

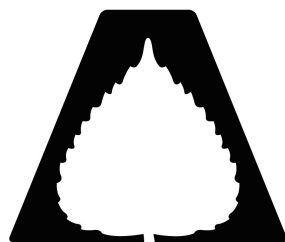
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TTBB a cappella

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Traditional
arr. Christopher Aspaas (ASCAP)



Tenor





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As I went down to the ri-ver to pray, stud-y-in' a-bout that good old way and


Bass



who shall wear the robe and crown? Good Lord, show me the way — Oh, bro-thers,



let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh, bro-thers, let's go down, down to the



bout that good old way and who shall wear the star-ry robe and crown? Good Lord, show me the

way. — Oh, sis-ters fa-ters mo-thers sin-ners let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

Oh sis-ters fa-ters mo-thers sin-ners let's go down, down to the ri-ver to pray.

Alternating verses:

- 2) starry / sisters
- 3) robe and / fathers
- 4) starry / mothers
- 5) robe and / sinners

This song describes the tradition of baptism by immersion where women would enter the water disrobed and the men would wear a robe—thus the alternation of verses between "starry" and "robe and" depending on the masculine or feminine reference.

Performance suggestion: begin with members of the chorus spread throughout the audience on or near the ends of rows. Starting with one singer standing up and singing, the ensemble should rise from their seats and join in the song, moving towards the front of the space and greeting each other as they gather.

Celebration Series (original works for choir)

De Profundis SATB div a cappella
Hear My Prayer SATB div acappella
I Cannot Dance, O Lord SATB div piano
Light, My Light SATB div piano
Music Makers, Dreamers of Dreams SATB and soloist, piano, and cello (or flute)
Ora Pro Nobis (Ave Maria) SATB div and piano
Psalm 46 SATB div and piano
Shout for Joy to the World SATB organ, brass, and opt. children's choir
The Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis) SSATB and keyboard
The Stars are with the Voyager SATB and piano'
Tis Winter SATB div a cappella
Tomorrow, I Will Come (The O Antiphons) SATB div a cappella
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star SATB div a cappella
You Are Mine SATB div a cappella

New Classics Series (selected) (arrangements of popular works)

Bar'chu (Blessed is Adonai) STB and soloists a cappella
How Can I Keep From Singing SSATB a cappella (also available SATB and piano)
I Know I've Been Changed SATB div piano (also available SAB)
Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring (and other verses) Johann Schop, J. S. Bach SATB and keyboard
Of the Father's Love SATB handbells or tone chimes
Oba Se Je (Here Comes the King!) SSATB a cappella
Poor Wayfarin' Stranger (I Wonder As I Wander) SATB div a cappella
Sing On! Dance On! SATB div a cappella
Softly and Tenderly SATB and soloists a cappella
The King of Love and Grace, 2-part piano
Your Little Ones, Dear Lord SATB a cappella

Viking Song (selected) (works for tenor-bass choir)

Cantate Domino, Giovanni Croce TTBB a cappella
Danny Boy, Traditional Irish TTBB div and soloists a cappella
Exsultate Justi, Ludovico Viadana TTBB a cappella
I Know I've Been Changed TTBB and piano
In the Bleak Midwinter TTBB and piano
Music Makers, Dreamers of Dreams TTBB and soloist, piano, and cello (or flute)
Oba Se Je (Here Comes the King!) TTBB div a cappella
Prepare the Way! Traditional Swedish TTBB div a cappella
Ride On, King Jesus TTBB and soloists a cappella
The King of Love and Grace TB and piano

Cecilia Series (works for treble choir)

Do Not Ask Me to Remember SSA and piano
In Excelsis Gloria SSAA piano and viola
Love Divine, Be Present Now, SSAA and piano
Spirit of Life SSAA and piano
What I Wish For You SSAA and piano

