



LORD, IT BELONGS NOT
TO MY CARE

Introit for SSAATTBB a cappella chorus
by

H. Walford Davies

VOCAL SCORE



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The “renaissance” in English music is generally agreed to have started in the late Victorian period, beginning roughly in 1880. Public demand for major works in support of the annual choral festivals held throughout England at that time was considerable which led to the creation of many large scale works for orchestra with soloists and chorus.

Although a number of those works were engraved, printed and are regularly performed today, performance scores for a considerable number of compositions, both large-scale and more intimate works, are not available. These works were either never engraved or were engraved and printed but are no longer available in the publishers’ catalogues. While the existence of these works is documented in biographies of the composers, the ability to study and, most importantly, to perform these compositions is not possible.

Changes in the International copyright laws, coupled with changing musical tastes, played a pivotal role in creating this void. As a result, music publishers lost the ability to generate revenue from the sale/rental of such music. In 1964, holograph and copyist scores from both Novello and from publishers it represented were offered to the British Library and the Royal College of Music Library (see The RCM Novello Library – The Musical Times, Feb. 1983 by Jeremy Dibble).

These autograph full score manuscripts along with copies of engraved vocal scores, widely available through various online library sources, are now the only resources available for studying and performing these works.

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- Provide open Internet access to the scores to facilitate study, performance and sharing of performance material (program notes, audio, reviews, etc.)

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At various times in his 45-year career, Sir Henry Walford Davies enjoyed wide recognition as a composer, teacher, organist, and lecturer and in the latter capacity, he became England's first popular radio personality on the subject of classical music. He was born 50 years before the advent of radio as a popular broadcast medium, in 1869, and began his formal musical education in his teens in the choir of St. George's Chapel at Windsor. His natural aptitude for music manifested itself in this setting and Davies spent five years as a pupil/assistant to the cathedral organist Walter Parratt. In 1890, he earned a scholarship to the Royal College of Music that allowed him to study with Hubert Parry and Charles Villiers Stanford, and he joined the college's faculty at age 26 as a teacher of counterpoint.



He composed during these years, but it was as an organist that Davies became well-known at a succession of churches in the London area, including seven years at Christ Church, Hampstead, before becoming the organist and choirmaster at Temple Church from 1898 until 1919. Davies later held the conductorship of the Bach Choir and in 1918, after being commissioned a major, he was appointed director of music for the Royal Air Force, the position where he wrote his best-known work, the *RAF March Past*. In 1919, Davies began a distinct new phase of his career when he was appointed professor of music at Aberystwyth, Wales. Over the next 20 years, Davies became one of the leading exponents of Welsh music and musicians, serving as the chairman of the Welsh National Council of Music and acquiring the eternal gratitude of all Welsh people of a musical bent (which by and large meant the entire Welsh population). It was three years later that he received a knighthood. From the end of the teens onward, Davies also found himself in demand as a lecturer on music, his clear diction and outgoing, genial personality making his talks accessible to a wide audience. In the early '20s, he made a series of spoken-word recordings on music for the HMV label. They were so successful that in 1926, the BBC engaged Davies as the speaker on a program called *Music and the Ordinary Listener*, which lasted until the outbreak of war in 1939. In the process, Davies became the most popular classical music personality in England, occupying a position in the culture of that time akin to that of Deems Taylor, Leonard Bernstein, and other speakers on music in the United States. In 1934, following the death of Elgar, Davies was appointed Master of the King's Musick, the equivalent of Poet Laureate, and a position once held by his own teacher, Parratt.

Davies composed music throughout his career, though virtually nothing of his work from the nineteenth century is known. He began emerging in 1904 with the oratorio *Everyman*, which in the years following its premiere was the second-most popular large-scale choral work in England, after Elgar's *The Dream of Gerontius*. Apart from his *RAF March Past*, which remains in the repertory of military and other institutional marching bands (especially in England), Davies' best-remembered works include the *Solemn Melody* (1908), authored for the John Milton tercentenary; and *Jesu, Dulcis Memoria* (1918), his only published original piece for organ.

Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care

Lord, it belongs not to my care
Whether I die or live:
To love and serve Thee is my share,
And this Thy grace must give.

If life be long, I will be glad
That I may long obey;
If short, yet why should I be sad
To welcome endless day?

Christ leads me through no darker rooms
Than He went through before;
He that into God's kingdom comes
Must enter by this door.

Come, Lord, when grace hath made me meet
Thy blessed face to see;
For if Thy work on earth be sweet,
What will Thy glory be!

My knowledge of that life is small,
The eye of faith is dim;
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,
And I shall be with Him.

Richard Baxter
1681

Richard Baxter (12 November 1615 – 8 December 1691) was an English Puritan church leader, poet, hymnodist, theologian, and controversialist. Dean Stanley called him “the chief of English Protestant Schoolmen”. After some false starts, he made his reputation by his ministry at Kidderminster, and at around the same time began a long and prolific career as theological writer. After the Restoration he refused preferment, while retaining a non-separatist Presbyterian approach, and became one of the most influential leaders of the Nonconformists, spending time in prison. His views on justification and sanctification are somewhat controversial and unconventional within the Calvinist tradition because his teachings seem, to some, to undermine salvation by faith, in that he emphasizes the necessity of repentance and faithfulness.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Baxter

Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care

Richard Baxter
1615 - 1691

Introit for SSAATTBB a cappella chorus

H. Walford Davies
1917

Soprano
Alto
CANTORIS
Tenor
Bass

Soprano
Alto
DECANI
Tenor
Bass

Soprano
Alto
DECANI
Tenor
Bass

CANTORIS

Soprano
Alto
DECANI
Tenor
Bass

is my share, And this Thy grace must give. If life be long, I will be glad that I may long o -

is my share, And this Thy grace must give. If life be long, I will be glad that I may long o -

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pp Solo *p* Full (Cantoris & Decani)

Lord, it be-longs not to my care whe-ther I die or live; To love and serve Thee

To love and serve Thee

To love and serve Thee

To love and serve Thee

To love and serve Thee

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

13

CANTORIS

S
bey; If short, yet why should I be sad To wel - come end - less day.

A
bey; If short, yet why should I be sad To wel - come end - less day.

DECANI

T
bey; If short, yet why should I be sad To wel - come end - less day.

B
bey; If short, yet why should I be sad, why sad?

p *(p)* *pp*

18

CANTORIS

S

A

DECANI

T
Solo (Decani) *p cresc.* He —

B
p Christ leads't me through no dark - er rooms Than He went thru' be - fore; He — *pp* *p cresc.*

23

CANTORIS

Full *f*

Come, Lord, when grace has

DECANI

Solo (Decani) *p* Full *f*

Must en - ter by this door. Come, Lord, when grace hath

Solo (Decani) *p* Full *f*

He that comes, — must en - ter by this door. Come, Lord, when grace —

T 8

— that in - to God's king - dom comes, must en - ter by this door. Come, Lord, when grace hath

B

— that in - to God's king - dom comes, must en - ter by this door. Come, Lord, when grace hath

28

CANTORIS

made me meet Thy bless - ed face to see; For if Thy work — be sweet,

DECANI

S

made me meet Thy bless - ed face to see; — For if Thy work on earth be sweet,

A

— hath made me meet Thy face to see; For if Thy work on earth be sweet,

T 8

made me — meet, Thy bless - ed face to see; For if Thy work on earth be sweet,

B

made me — meet Thy bless - ed face to see; For if Thy work on earth be sweet,

33 *p* *pp*

CANTORIS
What will Thy glo - ry be! My know - ledge of that life is

S *p* *pp*
What will Thy glo - ry be! My know - ledge of that life is

A *p* *pp*
What will Thy glo - ry be! My know - ledge of that life is

DECANI
T *p* *pp*
What will Thy glo - ry be! My know - ledge of that life is

B *p* *pp*
What will Thy glo - ry be! My know - ledge of that life is

37 *cresc.*

CANTORIS
small, The eye of faith — is dim; But, 'tis e - nough that

S *cresc.*
small, The eye of faith — is dim; But, 'tis e - nough that

A *cresc.*
small, The eye of faith is dim; — But, 'tis e - nough that

DECANI
T *cresc.*
small, The eye of faith — is dim; But, 'tis e - nough that

B *cresc.*
small, The eye of faith is dim; But, 'tis e - nough that —

41

CANTORIS

Christ knows all, And I shall be with Him.

S

Christ knows all, And I shall be with Him.

A

DECANI

Christ knows all, And I shall be with Him.

T

Christ knows all, And I shall be with Him.

B

Christ knows all, And shall be with Him.

pp



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