

A Song for the Season of Creation

Lead Sheet

a song for everyone for Creationtide 2019
 commissioned by the Church of England's Environment Working Group
 dedicated to Nina Bennet and The Choir of St Bride's Church, London

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try to avoid taking breaths where dotted slurs are shown

Spacious, slow ♩ = 54

Unison Voices

D Am Em⁷ G(sus²) D Am⁷ Em⁷ G(sus²) D Am

Ev-ry-thing holds to-ge-ther,

7 Em⁷ G(sus²) D Am Em⁷ D/F# G(add⁹) C⁷

ev-ry-thing, ev-ry-thing, From stars that pierce the dark like li-ving sparks, To

10 D A/C# C G E/B F#/B E/B F#/B

se-cret seeds that o-pen ev'ry spring, From span-ning ga-la-xies to spin-ning quarks,

14 N.C. D/A Am Em⁷ G(sus²) D Am

Ev-ry-thing holds to-ge-ther and co-heres, co-heres, Un-fold-ing from the cen-tre whence it

18 Em⁷ D/F# G(add⁹) C⁷ Bm F#m F C(sus⁴) C

came. And now that hid-den heart, and now that hid-den heart, that

21 Ab Eb(sus⁴) Eb Bb/D Cm⁷ C⁵(add⁹)

hid-den heart of things ap-pears, of things ap-pears,

24 D Am Em⁷ G(sus²) D/A Am

The first-born of cre-a-tion takes a name,

More urgent ♩ = 66

27 Em⁷ D/F# G C⁷ Bm⁷ Am⁷ Em Em⁷ C D⁷/C C D⁷/C

takes a name. And shall I see the one through whom I

33 C D7/C C D7 Eb F7/Eb Eb F7/Eb Eb F7/Eb Eb F

am? Shall I be-hold the one for whom I'm made,

39 C D7/C C D/A N.C. Ab Eb Gb Db C/E C/E

mf *ff* *p*

The light in light, the flame with-in the flame, the flame, **Ei-kon tou*

** Pronounced ee-kon too the-oo. In too the t is soft, part-way to a d, as in Italian. In the, th is as in thing, and e is as in set. In Greek: εικὼν τοῦ θεοῦ.*

45 D/F# C/G D/A C D7/C C rit. . . .

the - ou, im-age of my God? *Ei-kon tou* the - ou, *Ei-kon tou* the - ou.

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52 C(add9)/G Am Em7 G D Am Em G(sus2)

pp *pp*

He

57 D Am Em7 G(sus2) D Am

comes, a lit-tle child, to bless my sight, my sight, That I might come to him for life and

60 Em7 D/F# G C7 D A/C# C C(sus2) G Bb Bb(sus2) F G(sus2)

mp *mf* *f* *ff*

light, He comes to bless my sight, That I might come to

64 A(sus4) D/A Am Em G D/A Am

p *mf*

him for life and light, life and light,

68 Em D/F# G(add9) C7 Bm7 Am7 Em Em7

f *p*

life and light.