

Male Voice Choir  
Piano/Organ

# A Song for the Season of Creation

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

*try to avoid taking breaths where dotted slurs are shown*

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music **Ian Stephens**

**Spacious, slow** ♩ = 54

Tenor

Baritone

Bass

Piano or Organ

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*pp*

*p*

6

*pp* 3

Ev-'ry-thing holds to-ge-ther, ev-'ry-thing, ev-'ry-thing, From stars that pierce the dark like li-ving

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*pp*

9

sparks, To se - - cret seeds that o - pen ev - 'ry spring, \_\_\_\_\_

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12

ga - la - xies, spin - ning quarks,

span-ning ga - la - xies\_ to spin-ning quarks, \_\_\_\_\_ Ev -

ga - la - xies, spin - ning quarks,

15

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

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

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



18

*p* came. And now that hid-den heart, *mf* and now that hid-den heart

*p* came. And now that hid-den heart, *mf* and now that hid-den heart, that

*p* came. And now that hid-den heart, *mf* and now that hid-den heart, that

21

of things ap - pears,

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

hid-den heart of things ap - pears,



24

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

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

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

28 *mf* **More urgent** ♩ = 66 *mp*

name, a name. *mf* *mp* And

name. *mf* *mp* And shall I see the one through whom I

name, a name. *mf*

**More urgent** ♩ = 66

*mf* *pp* *p* *mp*



33 *mp*

shall I see the one through whom I am? *mp* Shall

am? *mp* *mp* Shall I be-hold the one for whom I'm

And shall I see the one through whom I am? *mp*

*mp* *p* *mp*

37

I be - hold the one for whom I'm made, The  
made, The light in light, the  
Shall I be - hold the one for whom I'm made, The

40

flame with - in the flame, light in light, flame with-in flame,  
flame with - in the flame, the flame,  
flame with - in the flame, light in light, flame with-in flame,

44

*pp* *mp* *pp*

\*Ei - kon tou the - ou, of my God? Ei - kon tou

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

*pp* *mp* *pp*

\*Ei - kon tou the - ou, of my God? 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: εἰκὼν τοῦ θεοῦ.

50

*p* *pp* *pp*

rit. . . . . Spacious, slow ♩ = 54

the - ou, Ei - kon tou the - ou.

Ei - kon tou the - ou.

the - ou.

rit. . . . . Spacious, slow ♩ = 54

*pp*

54

*pp* He comes, a lit-tle child, to bless my

*pp* He comes, a lit-tle child, to bless my

*pp* He comes, a lit-tle child, to bless my

*p*

*pp*

58

*mp* sight, my sight, That I might come to him for life and light, He comes

*mp* sight, my sight, That I might come to him for life and light, He

*mp* sight, my sight, That I might come to him for life and light, He comes

*mp*

*mf*



61 *mf* *f* *ff*

to bless my sight, That I might come to

*mf* *f* *ff*

comes to bless my sight, That I might come to

*mf* *f* *ff*

to bless my sight, That I might come to



64 *p*

him for life and light, for life and

*p*

him for life and light, for life and

*p*

him for life and light, life and

67 *mf*

light, I might come to him for

light, I might come to him for

light, life and

*mf*



69 *f* *mp* *p*

life, life and light.

life, life and light.

light.

*f* *mp* *p*

*f* *p* *pp*