

A Song for the Season of Creation

Unison Voices
Piano / Organ

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

Piano or Organ

pp

p



5

pp 3 3 3

Ev-'ry-thing holds to - ge- ther, ev-'ry - thing, ev-'ry - thing, From

pp



8

p 3 3

stars that pierce the dark like li-ving sparks, To se - cret seeds that o-pen ev-'ry

p

11 *mf* *mp*

spring, From span-ning ga-la-xies to spin-ning quarks,



14 *p*

Ev - 'ry-thing holds to - ge-ther and co - heres, co - heres, Un -



17 *p* *mf*

folding from the cen-tre whence it came. And now that hid-den heart, and

20

f

now that hid-den heart, that hid-den heart of things ap -

22

p

pears, of things ap pears, The first - born of cre - a - tion takes a

p

3

26

mf

name, takes a name.

mf

3

More urgent ♩ = 66

30 *mp*

And shall I see the one through whom I am? _____

pp *p* *mp*



35

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

p *mp*



39 *mf* *ff* *p*

The light in light, the flame with - in the flame, the flame, _____

mf *ff* *p*

44

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

mp *p*

* 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.

49

rit. **Spacious, slow** ♩ = 54 *pp*

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

rit. **Spacious, slow** ♩ = 54 *pp*

53

p

56 *pp* **3** **3** **3** **3**

He comes, a lit - tle child, to bless my sight, — my sight, — That



59 *mp* *mf* **3** **3** **3**

I — might come to him for life and light, He — comes — to bless my —



62 *f* *ff* *p*

sight, — That I might come to him for life and

65

light, life and light,

mf

mf

68

life and light.

f

f

70

p

p *pp*