

# ASCENSION

in memory of David Nicholls  
for Richard Vendome and The Oxford Girls' Choir

Text from John Donne's Divine Poems: 'La Corona'

Music: ED HUGHES

1  $\text{♩} = 132$

S 1

S 2 / A

Organ

5 *ff*

S 1

S 2 / A

Org.

9 *f*

S 1

S 2 / A

Org.

Sa - lute the last and e - ver - las - ting day, — Joy at the up - rising of this Sune, and

Sa - lute the last and e - ver - las - ting day, Joy at the up - ri - sing of

Sonne, Sa - lute the last and e - ver - las - ting

this Sune, and Sonne, Sa - lute the day, Joy at the up - ri - sing of this Sune,

13 *f*

S 1 day, Yee whose just — teares, or tri - bu - la - tion,

S 2 / A

Org. *p*

17 *f* *ff*

S 1 Yee whose just — teares or tri - bu - la - tion,

S 2 / A *f* *> mf*  
Ye whose just — teares, or tri - bu - la - tion,

Org. *pp*

21 *ff*

S 1 Have pure - ly washt, have pure - ly washt, have pure - ly washt,

S 2 / A *ff*  
Have pure - ly washt, have pure - ly washt, have pure - ly washt,

Org. *f*

25

S 1  
have pure - ly washt, or burnt — your dro-ssie clay;

S 2 / A  
have pure - ly washt, or burnt — your dro-ssie clay;

Org.

29

S 1  
Be - hold, Be - hold, the High - est, par - ting hence a -

S 2 / A

Org.

33

S 1  
way. Be - hold, the high - est a-way.

S 2 / A  
Be - hold, Be - hold, the high - est, par - ting hence a-way,

Org.

37

*f* SOLO 1

S 1

Ligh - tens the dark clouds, which

S 2 / A

37

Org.

*mf*

*p*

*mp*

41

S 1

hee treads u - pon,

S 2 / A

41

Org.

45

S 1

*f* SOLO 2

Ligh - tens the dark clouds which hee

*ff*

S 2 / A

45

Org.

49

*mf* *f* *p*

S 1

Nor doth hee,

S 2 / A

*f* *mf* *f* *p*

treads u - pon, Nor doth hee,

49

Org.

*mf*

54

*f* SOLO 1, 2 & 3

S 1

Nor doth hee,

S 2 / A

*f*

Nor doth hee,

54

Org.

59

*mf*

S 1

Nor doth hee (hee)

S 2 / A

*mf*

Nor doth hee (hee)

59

Org.

S 1 *f* by as - cending, ——— show a - lone. *p*

S 2 / A *f* by as - cending, ——— show a - lone. *p*

Org. 64

S 1 67 *f* But first hee, ——— (first...hee) *f*

S 2 / A *f* But first hee, ——— and he first en - ters the way. *mf*

Org. 67

S 1 72 *f* But first hee, ——— and hee first en - ters the way. *mf* *f*

S 2 / A *f* But first hee, ——— and hee first en - ters the way. *mf* *f*

Org. 72

77 *f* **TUTTI**

S 1  
O strong Ramme, O strong

S 2 / A  
O strong Ramme, O strong

Org.  
*f*

80

S 1  
Ramme, O strong Ramme, *f* *p* *f* *p*

S 2 / A  
Ramme, O strong Ramme, *f* *p* *f* *p*

Org.  
*f*

S 1  
*f* *f* *p* *f* *ff*  
which has bat-tered hea-v'n for mee, Mild Lambe, which

S 2 / A  
*f* *f* *p* *f* *ff*  
which has bat-tered hea-v'n for mee, Mild Lambe, which with

83

Org.  
*f*

86

S 1  
with thy blood, hast mark'd the path; Bright Torch, which shin'st, that I the way may

S 2 / A  
thy blood hast mark'd the path; Bright Torch, which shin'st that I the

Org.

89

S 1  
see, Oh, with thine owne blood quench thine owne just

S 2 / A  
way may see, Oh, with thine owne blood quench, with thine owne blood quench thine own just

Org.

93

S 1  
wrath, And if thy ho - ly spi - rit,

S 2 / A  
wrath, And if thy,

Org.



97 *f* *ff*

S 1 And if thy ho - ly spi - rit,

S 2 / A *f* *mf* And if thy ho - ly spi - rit,

Org.

101 *ff*

S 1 my Muse did raise, my Muse did raise, my Muse did — raise,

S 2 / A *ff* my Muse did raise, my Muse did raise, my Muse did — raise,

Org.

105

S 1 my Muse did raise, if thy ho - ly spi - rit my Muse did raise,

S 2 / A my Muse did raise, if thy ho - ly spi - rit my Muse did raise,

Org.

109 *ff* *f*

S 1 Deigne at my hands this crown of prayer

S 2 / A

Org. *ff* *f*

112

S 1 (prayer) and praise. Deigne at my my

S 2 / A Deigne at my hands

Org. 112

115

S 1 hands this crown of prayer and praise, Sa-lute the

S 2 / A this crown of prayer and praise, this crowne of prayer and praise,

Org. 115

*f*

118

S 1  
last and e - ver - las - ting day, Joy at the up - ri - sing of this Sune, and

S 2 / A  
Joy at the up - ri - sing of

Org.

121

S 1  
Sonne,

S 2 / A  
this Sune, and Sonne, Sa - lute the day,

Org.

123

S 1  
*ff* Deigne at my hands this crown of prayer and praise. *rit*

S 2 / A  
*ff* Deigne at my hands this crown of prayer and praise. *rit*

Org.