

OXFORD CHORAL SONGS

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S.A.T.B. with solo
soprano or flute



To Lynne Dawson, who first sang the Lark

The lark in the clear air

Irish traditional

Irish melody
arranged by
ANDREW CARTER

Like a lark in the distance

FLUTE *
or
SOLO SOPRANO *

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CHOIR

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* This work was written for performance with solo soprano.

The version with flute was made by John Rutter for his recording with the Cambridge Singers on Collegium COLCD 120.

The work may be performed with either solo soprano or flute (but not both).

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mf *p*

S. *mf*
Dear thoughts are in my mind, And my soul soars en -

A. *mp*
Ah Ah

T. B. *mp*
Ah Ah

12

mp *p* *mp*

p *mp*

Ah Ah Ah

- chant-ed As I hear the sweet lark sing In the clear air of the

Ah Ah

Ah Ah

16

p

mf

Ah

day. For a ten - der beam - ing smile To my

mf

A beam - ing smile To my

mf

A beam - ing smile To my

20

ten., *pp*

hope has been grant - ed, And to - mor - row she shall hear All my

ten., *pp*

hope has been grant - ed, And to - mor - row she shall hear All my

ten., *pp*

hope has been grant - ed, And to - mor - row she shall hear All my

24

mp pp p mp

p Ah Ah Ah

fond heart would say. Mm Mm

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28

cresc. mp

mf Ah Ah

Mm Mm

Mm Mm *mp* Dear thoughts are in my

Mm Mm

32 *p*

Ah Ah

mind, And my soul soars en - chant - ed As I hear the sweet lark

Ah

36 *cresc.*

Ah Ah Ah

sing In the clear air of the day. For a ten - der beam - ing

Ah Ah

41 *mp*

Ah

mf smile To my hope has been grant - ed, And to - mor - row she shall

mp *dim.* *p* Ah

45 *p* *dim.* *pp*

Aw _____ Aw _____

hear All my fond heart would say.

Ah _____

mf I shall
T. + BAR.

50 *mp* *mf*

S. A. Mm _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

T. & BAR. tell her all my love, All my soul's a - do - ra - tion, And I

B. *mp* Mm _____ Ah _____

54

Ah _____ Ah _____

think she will hear me And will not say me nay.

Ah _____ Ah _____

58

mf
Ah

f

It is this that gives my soul All its

mf
Ah

62

pp subito *mp*
Ah Ah

joy - ous e - la - tion As I hear the sweet lark sing In the

mf

pp subito *mp*
Ah

66

Ah
p 3
Ah

p
T. only
Ah

clear air of the day.

p
B.
Ah

70

mp pp p mp

p mp mf poco f

Ah Ah Ah Ah Ah

S. A. Mm

T. B. Mm

75

dim. p dim. al fine ppp

mf mp p

Ah Ah Ah

dim. pp ppp

Mm

dim. pp ppp

Mm

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