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Sing The Earth

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SATB div. chorus, brass ensemble,
organ & percussion

VOCAL SCORE

Sing The Earth was commissioned for the Southwestern Adventist University Singers and was premiered during the Southwestern Music Festival on February 11, 2018 at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas, Texas, USA with Jonathan E. L. Wall, conductor.

Program note:

Sing The Earth is a tribute to our common home, the earth, and honors God for the creation. But it is also a tribute to music and the different cultures across the world. The language is inspired by the *joik* tradition of the Sami people in Scandinavia. A *joik*, usually performed without instruments, is not merely descriptive, but yearns to capture the subject in its living sense. It is not *about* something, it *is* that something. And this *joik* yearns to capture our beautiful planet with many cultural differences to embrace.

The instruments come from many different parts of the world. There are the South American maracas and caxixi; the darabuka, played mostly in Africa and the Middle East; and the riq, used in arabic music. All this, together with Silvestri's lyrics, classical Western brass instruments, orchestral percussion and the organ, create a work with a unique sound and one call: Sing the earth!

Performance notes:

The *joik* syllables should sound as authentic as possible. They are inspired by the Sami language, which is most closely related to Finnish. All vowels are pronounced similar to Latin/Italian vowels:

O as in *locus* or English "door"

A as in *pacem* or English "dark"

E as in *credo* or English "never"

I (when not in diphthong) as in *gloria* or English "sleep"

The "j" should not be pronounced like English "rejoice" but like "y" in "yoga" or Latin *jubilare*

The diphthong "ei" should be pronounced as if "e" and "j" is placed together

The diphthong "ai" should be pronounced as if "a" and "j" is placed together, similar to English "eye"

The "h" is never a silent letter, and sounds like English "him"

The glides in the choir, notated with a diagonal line, should be performed quite subtle, not like an obvious glissando but a careful and quick glide between the notes. When notated at the end of a melody, it means singing a careful glide downwards at the very end of the note. It is similar to an articulation at the end of phrases in various ethnic wind instruments.

The acciaccaturas (grace notes) in the choir, m. 29 and similar, should be performed as quickly as possible before the 8-note's beat, and with a glide-up.

At the conductor's discretion, the *joik*-inspired syllables can be performed with an edge singing technique (belting), the typical sound of traditional Bulgarian choirs.

Duration:

Approx 5'30

Lyrics

Heijalo!

All the creatures of the earth sing,
«Heijala! Heijalo!»
Giving thanks to God who made us all,
Thanks to God!
Lift our voices all together
«Heijala! Heijalo!»
With the sun and stars the earth rejoice! «Heija!»

Heija, heija lojala heilailo (x3)
Make a joyful noise!
Heija, heija lojala heilailo (x3)
ja!

Loleloia heiana, heijana!
Heija, heija lojala heilailo (x3)
Make a joyful noise!
Heija, heija lojala heilailo (x3)
ja!

Oh, hear the rolling sea,
Behold the bright, glittering stars,
Rejoice in all the wonders of the earth!
The sea and sun and stars
and mountain forests green with us, rejoice!

All the creatures of the earth sing...

Loleloja heija naja heijano, heijana,
Lohi loleleja leijana, lolelo,
Loleloja heija naja heijano, heijana,
Lohi loleleja leijana!
Sing together to the Lord!

Loleloia heiana, heijana!
Heija, heija lojala heilailo (x3)
Make a loud and joyful noise!
Heija, heija lojala heilailo! (x3)

And together we sing, «Heijana,
heija, heija noja heilalo!»

And it echoes, «Heija, heijana,
loleleja noja heilalo!»
Make a loud and joyful noise!
Heija, heijana!

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Spiritual and exuberant, with an ethnic feel ♩ = 67

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano (for rehearsal only)

(Org.)

pp

mp

Hei - - - ja - lo!

Hei - - - ja - lo!

Hei - - - ja - lo!

6 **A** (Brass)

Pno.

mf

8

S.

Solo (or group)

mp

All the crea-tures of _ the earth sing,

Pno.

mp

11

S. "Hei - ja - la! Hei - ja - lo!" Giv-ing thanks to God who made us

Pno.



13

S. all, thanks to God! Lift our voi-ces all to-geth-er "Hei-ja - la! Hei ja-lo!"

Pno.



16

S. With the sun and stars the earth re - joice! "Hei -

Pno.



18

S. ja!"

(Org.)

Pno. *mf* (Trp.)

21 **B** (Tutti) *f*

S. Hei-ja, hei-ja lo - ja - la hei-lai - lo, hei-ja, hei-ja lo - ja - la hei-lai,

A. Hei-ja, hei-ja lo - ja - la hei-lai - lo, hei-ja, hei-ja lo - ja - la hei-lai -

T. Hei-ja, hei-ja lo - ja - la hei-lai - lo, hei-ja, hei-ja lo - ja - la hei-lai -

B. Hei-ja, hei-ja lo - ja - la hei-lai - lo, hei-ja, hei-ja lo - ja - la hei-lai -

Pno. *f*

24

S. hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai - lo! Make a joy - ful noise!_

A. lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai - lo! Make a joy - ful noise!_

T. lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai - lo! Make a joy - ful noise!_

B. lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai - lo! Hei -

Pno. *f*

26

mf

S.

Hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei-lai - lo, hei-ja, hei-ja lo - ja - la hei-lai, lo-le-lo - ja hei - ja hei - lai -

mf

A.

Hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei-lai - lo, hei-ja, hei-ja lo - ja - la hei-lai - lo, lo-le-lo - ja hei - ja hei-lai-lo,

mf

T.

Hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei-lai - lo, hei-ja, hei-ja lo - ja - la hei-lai - lo, lo-le-lo - ja hei - ja hei - lai -

mf

B.

ja, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei-lai - lo, hei-ja, hei-ja lo - ja - la hei-lai - lo, lo-le-lo - ja hei - ja hei - lai -

Pno.



C

29

f *mp*

S.

- lo, ja!

f *mp*

A.

ja!

f *mp*

T.

- lo, ja!

f *mp*

B.

- lo, ja!

Pno.

(Trp. solo)

33

Pno.



37

S. *f* **D**
Hei-ja-na!___ Hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei-lai - lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei-lai,

A. *f*
Hei-ja-na!___ Hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei-lai - lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei-lai -

T. *mf*
Lo-le-lo-ia he - ia - na___ Hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei-lai - lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei-lai -

B. *f*
Hei-ja-na!___ Hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei-lai - lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei-lai -

Pno. (Org.) *mf* *f*

40

S. hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai - lo! Make a joy - ful noise!_

A. lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai - lo! Make a joy - ful noise!_

T. lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai - lo! Make a joy - ful noise!_

B. lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai - lo! Hei -

Pno.



42

S. Hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai - lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai,

A. Hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai - lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai -

T. Hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai - lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai -

B. ja, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai - lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai -

Pno.

44

mf *f* *mp* *rit.*

S. lo-le-lo - ja hei - ja hai - la - lo, ja!

A. lo, lo-le-lo - ja hei - ja hai - la-lo, ja!

T. lo, lo-le-lo - ja hei - ja hai - la - lo, ja!

B. lo, lo-le-lo - ja hei - ja hai - la - lo, ja!

Pno. *mf* *f* *mf*

meno mosso
with wonderment ♩ = 54

47 **E**

mp *mp*

S. Oh, hear the roll - ing sea, Be - hold the bright, glit - ter - ing stars, Re -

A. Oh, hear the roll - ing sea, Be - hold the glit - t'ring

Pno. *p*

50

S. joyce in all the won - ders of the earth!

A. stars, Re - joice in all the won - ders of, the wond - ders of the

T. *mf* The

Pno.



52

A. earth!

T. end - less sky so blue, The for - est deep ev - er-green, The

B. *mf* The end - less sky so blue, the for - est ev - er

Pno. *mf*

poco rit.

54

mf

mf

S.

The gold - en sun - light shin - ing on the

A.

The

T.

gold - en sun - light shin - ing on my face!

B.

green, The gold - en sun - light shin - - - ing!

Pno.



un poco meno mosso, broadly

56

f

S.

won - - - ders of the earth, the sea and

A.

blue sky,

T.

sea and sun and stars and moun - tain for - ests green re -

B.

Won - - - ders, stars and

Pno.

f

58

S. stars, the moun-tain sun with us re - joice!

A. for - est green and shin - ing sun with us, with us re - joice!

T. joice with us re - joice!

B. moun - tains green, re - joice!

Pno.



Tempo 1, with exuberance

A cappella ad lib.

F

61

S. All the crea - tures of the earth sing, "Hei - ja - la! Hei - ja - lo!"

A. All the crea - tures of the earth sing, "Hei - ja - la! Hei - ja - lo!"

T. All the crea - tures of the earth sing, "Hei - ja - la! Hei - ja - lo!"

B. All the crea - tures of the earth sing, "Hei - ja - la! Hei - ja - lo!"

Pno.

A cappella ad lib.

63

S. — Giv-ing thanks to God_ who made us_____ all,_____ thanks to God!

A. — Giv-ing thanks to God_ who made us all,_____ thanks to God!

T. — Giv-ing thanks to God_ who made us_____ all,_____ thanks to God!

B. — Giv-ing thanks to God_ who made us_____ all,_____ thanks to God!

Pno.

(Trp. solo)

65

S. — Lift our voi - ces all___ to - geth - er "hei - ja - la! Hei - ja - lo!"_

A. — Lift our voi - ces all___ to - geth - er "hei - ja - la! Hei - ja - lo!"_

T. — Lift our voi - ces all___ to - geth - er "hei - ja - la! Hei - ja - lo!"_

B. — Lift our voi - ces all___ to - geth - er "hei - ja - la! Hei - ja - lo!"_

Pno.

(Trp. solo)

67

S. With the sun and stars the earth re - joice!

A. With the sun and stars and earth re - joice, hei - ja no - ja hei - ja - na!

T. With the sun and stars and earth re - joice!

B. With the sun and stars and earth re - joice!

Pno. (Brass)

69 **G**

S. *f* Lo - le - lo - ja hei - ja na - ja hei - ja no, hei - ja - na,

A. *f* Hei - ja, hei - ja - no, hei - ja, hei -

T. *f* Lo - le - lo - ja hei - ja na - ja hei - ja no, hei - ja - na,

B. *f* Lo - le - lo - ja hei - ja na - ja hei - ja no, hei - ja - na,

Pno. *f*

71

S. lo - hi lo - le - le - ja lei - ja - na, lo - le - lo,

A. - na, le - ja, le - ja - na, lo - le - lo - le - lei -

T. lo - hi lo - le - le - ja lei - ja - na, lo - le - lo,

B. lo - hi lo - le - le - ja lei - ja - na, lo - le - lo,

Pno.

73

S. lo - le - lo - ja hei - ja na - ja hei - ja no, hei - ja - na,

A. - ia, na - ja hei - ja no, hei - ja -

T. lo - le - lo - ja hei - ja na - ja hei - ja no, hei - ja - na,

B. lo - le - lo - ja hei - ja na - ja hei - ja no, hei - ja - na,

Pno.

75

S. lo - hi lo - le - lei - ja lei - ja - na! To the Lord!

A. na, lo - hi lo - le - lei - ia, lei - ja! Sing to - geth - er to - the Lord, to the Lord!

T. lo - hi lo - le - lei - ia, lei - ja - na! To the Lord!

B. lo - hi lo - le - lei - ja lei - ja - na! To the Lord!

Pno. *mf*



77 **H**

S. *ff* Hei - ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai - lo, hei - ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai, hei - ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai -

A. *ff* Hei - ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai - lo, hei - ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai, lo, hei - ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai -

T. *ff* Hei - ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai - lo, hei - ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai, lo, hei - ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai -

B. *ff* Hei - ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai - lo, hei - ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai - lo, hei - ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai -

Pno. *ff*

80

S. lo! Make a loud and joy- ful noise!__ Hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai -

A. lo! Make a loud and joy- ful noise!__ Hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai -

T. lo! Make a loud and joy- ful noise!__ Hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai -

B. lo! Hei - ja, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hei - lai -

Pno. (Org.)

82

S. lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hai - la, lo-le-lo - ja hei - ja hei - lai -

A. lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hai - la - lo, lo-le-lo - ja hei - ja hei - lai-lo!__

T. lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hai - la - lo, lo-le-lo - ja hei - ja hei - lai -

B. lo, hei-ja, hei - ja lo - ja - la hai - la - lo, lo-le-lo - ja hei - ja hei - lai -

Pno.

84 *f* **I** *ff*

S. lo! _____ And to-gether we sing, "Hei-ja - na, _____

A. *f* *ff*

T. lo! _____ And to-gether we sing, "Hei-ja - na, _____

B. lo! _____ And to-gether we sing, "Hei-ja - na, _____

Pno. *ff*



86

S. hei-ja, hei-ja no - ja hei-la - lo!" _____ And it ech-oes, "Hei-ja, hei-ja - na, _____

A. hei-ja, hei-ja no - ja hei-la - lo!" _____ And it ech-oes, "Hei-ja, hei-ja - na, _____

T. hei-ja, hei-ja no - ja hei-la - lo!" _____ And it ech-oes, "Hei-ja, hei-ja - na, _____

B. hei-ja, hei-ja no - ja hei-la - lo!" _____ And it ech-oes, "Hei-ja, hei-ja - na, _____

Pno.

88

non rit. *fff*

S. lo-le-le-ja no-ja hei-la-lo!" — Make a loud and joy-ful noise! Hei-ja, hei-ja-na!

A. lo-le-le-ja no-ja hei-la-lo!" — Make a loud and joy-ful noise! Hei-ja, hei-ja-na!

T. lo-le-le-ja no-ja hei-la-lo!" — Make a loud and joy-ful noise! Hei-ja, hei-ja-na!

B. lo-le-le-ja no-ja hei-la-lo!" — Make a loud and joy-ful noise! Hei-ja, hei-ja-na!

Pno. (Brass) *fff*