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# **Every Life Shall Be a Song**

for TTBB Chorus and Orchestra

**Every Life Shall Be a Song** is a celebration of life, unity, and music — a setting of a poem by the 19th century British author John Addington Symonds (1840–1893). The text speaks of the future with hope. “A loftier race than e’er the world has known shall rise.” The healing and transforming power of music is essential to this hope. “When every life shall be a song, then all the earth is a paradise.”

The musical expression alternates between added-tone chords (*building* for the future) and melodic phrases (for the more tender passages in the poem – “we will be gentle, brave and strong”). Throughout, the message is triumphant. “These things shall be!”

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John Addington Symonds (1840–1893)  
G. Walker, alt.

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**Triumphantly**  $\text{♩} = 108$

Flute 1  
Flute 2  
Oboe  
B♭ Clarinet  
Bassoon  
Horns in F 1/2  
Trumpets in C 1/2  
Trombone  
Percussion (Timpani, Tenor Drum, Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals)  
Tenor  
Chorus  
Bass

*unis. f triumphantly*  
These things shall be. These things shall be.

*f triumphantly*  
These things shall be. These things shall be.

**Triumphantly**  $\text{♩} = 108$

Violin 1  
Violin 2  
Viola  
Violoncello  
Contrabass

ritard.

**A** Slightly faster ♩ = 120

7

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hns. 1  
2

Tpts. 1  
2

Tbn.

Perc.

T

B

These things shall be, these things shall be, these things shall be: a loft-ier race than e'er the

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Detailed description: This section of the score covers measures 7 through 12. It features woodwind parts for Flute 1 & 2, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Horns 1 & 2, Trumpets 1 & 2, and Trombone. A Percussion part provides rhythmic accompaniment. The vocal parts for Tenor (T) and Bass (B) enter in measure 7 with the lyrics "These things shall be, these things shall be, these things shall be: a loft-ier race than e'er the". Dynamic markings include sfz, sfp, f, and p. The tempo is marked as "Slightly faster" with a metronome marking of 120. A rehearsal mark 'A' is placed at the beginning of measure 11.

ritard.

**A** Slightly faster ♩ = 120

div.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

These things shall be, these things shall be, these things shall be: a loft-ier race than e'er the

Detailed description: This section of the score covers measures 7 through 12 for the string ensemble. It includes parts for Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Violoncello (Vlc.), and Contrabasso (Cb.). Dynamic markings include sfz, sfp, f, and p. The tempo is marked as "Slightly faster" with a metronome marking of 120. A rehearsal mark 'A' is placed at the beginning of measure 11. The lyrics from the vocalists are repeated for reference.

13

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hns. 1  
2

Tpts. 1  
2

Tbn.

Perc.

T

B

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

*p* *f* *p*

*f* *mf* *f*

*f* *unis. mf* *f*

*f* *sf* *f*

*f* *sf* *f*

world has known shall rise with flame of free-dom in our souls and light of know-ledge in our

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*a2*

19

Fl. 1 *f*

Fl. 2 *f*

Ob. *f*

Cl. *f* *flowing* *mf*

Bsn. *f*

Hns. 1 *f*

2

Tpts. 1 *f*

2

Tbn. *f*

Perc. *f*

T. eyes. These things shall be.

B. eyes. These things shall be.

Vln. 1 *mf* *flowing*

2 *mf* *flowing*

Vla. *mf*

Vlc. *mf* *pizz.*

Cb. *mf* *pizz.*

**B**

25

Fl. 1 *p* (to support chorus)

Fl. 2

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hns. 1 *p* *mf*

2

Tpts. 1

2

Tbn.

*p* *mf*

Perc.

T

B *unis. mf cantabile*

We will be gen - tle, brave and strong, to speak no words of

Vln. 1 *p*

Vln. 2 *p*

Vla. *p*

Vlc. *p*

Cb. *p*

30

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hns. 1  
2

Tpts. 1  
2

Tbn.

Perc.

Tenor Drum

Timp.

T

B

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

*p* (to support chorus)

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*mf cantabile*

all that may plant our kin - ship firm on earth and fire and sea and air.

war, but dare all that may plant our kin - ship firm on earth and fire and sea and air.

*arco*

*arco*

35 C

Fl. 1 *f* *mf*

Fl. 2 *f* *mf*

Ob. *f*

Cl. *f*

Bsn. *f* *p*

Hns. 1 *p* *f* *p*

2 *a2*

Tpts. 1 *p* *f* *p*

2 *a2*

Tbn. *p* *f* *p*

Perc. *f* *p*

T. *f* *unis. p*  
 These things shall be. These things shall be. Na - tion . . .

B. *f* *unis. mf cantabile*  
 These things shall be. Na - tion with na - tion,

Vln. 1 *f* *Solo p legato*

Vln. 2 *f* *Solo p legato*

Vla. *f* *Solo p legato*

Vlc. *f* *p*

Cb. *f* *p*

C

40

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hns. 1  
2

Tpts. 1  
2

Tbn.

Perc. Tenor Drum  
*p*

T  
land ... un - armed .. as com - rades ... in ev - ery heart and brain shall throbb the  
*mf*

B  
land with land, un - armed shall live as com - rades free; in ev - ery heart and brain shall throbb the

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc. *Solo pizz.*  
*p*

Cb. *Solo pizz.*  
*p*



51 D

Fl. 1 *f* *p*

Fl. 2 *f* *p*

Ob. *f* *p*

Cl. *f* *p*

Bsn. *p*

Hns. 1 *p*

Tpts. 1 *p*

Tbn. *p*

Perc. Change: A $\flat$  to G *p*

T1 *f* *p*  
 These things shall be. Ah, I dream

T2 *f* *p*  
 These things shall be. Ah, I dream

B1  
 These things shall be.

B2  
 These things shall be.

Vln. 1 *pizz.* *p*

Vln. 2 *pizz.* *p*

Vla. *pizz.* *p*

Vlc. *pizz.* *p*

Cb. *pizz.* *p*

*accelerando*

**E** Slightly faster, with energy ♩ = 132

57

Fl. 1 *mf* *p* *mf*

Fl. 2 *mf* *p* *mf*

Ob.

Cl. *mf* *p* *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

Hns. 1 2 *mf*

Tpts. 1 2

Tbn. *mf*

Perc. Tenor Drum *p* *mf*

T1

T2 *p* *mf*  
I dream, I dream

B1 *p* *mf*  
Ah, I dream, I dream

B2 *p* *mf*

*arco* *accelerando* **E** Slightly faster, with energy ♩ = 132

Vln. 1 *mf* *p* *mf*

Vln. 2 *arco* *mf* *p* *mf*

Vla. *arco* *mf* *p* *mf*

Vlc. *arco* *f* *p* *mf*

Cb. *mf* *p* *arco* *mf*



69

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hns. 1  
2

Tpts. 1  
2

Tbn.

Perc.

T1

T2

B1

B2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

*p* *mf* *p*

*p* *mf* *p*

*p* *mf* *p*

*mf* *p*

*mf*

*mf* *p*

*mf* *p*

*mf* *p*

*arco* *pizz.* *arco*

*mf* *p*

and ev - ery life shall be a song,  
skies, and ev - ery life shall be a song,

74

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob.  
Cl.  
Bsn.  
Hns. 1/2  
Tpts. 1/2  
Tbn.  
Perc.  
T1  
T2  
B1  
B2  
Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vlc.  
Cb.

*mf* *p* *p* *p*  
*mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*  
*mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*  
*mf* *p* *p* *p*  
*mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*  
*mf* *p* *p* *p*  
*mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*  
*mf* *p* *p* *p*  
*mf* *p* *p* *p*

Susp. Cym.

when all the earth, is pa - ra - dise,  
when all the earth, is pa - ra - dise,  
when all the earth,  
when all the earth,

*unis.*



81 **F**

Fl. 1 *f* *p* *f*

Fl. 2 *f* *p* *f*

Ob. *f* *p* *f*

Cl. *f* *p* *f*

Bsn. *f* *p* *f*

Hns. 1/2 *f* *(f)* *a2* *p* *f*

Tpts. 1/2 *f* *(f)* *a2* *p* *f*

Tbn. *f* *(f)* *p* *f*

Perc. *f* *f* *Timp.*

T1 *f* New arts shall bloom, and might-ier mu-sic fill the skies, \_

T2 *f* New arts shall, new arts shall bloom and might-ier mu-sic fill the skies, \_

B1 *f* New arts shall, new arts shall bloom and might-ier mu-sic fill the skies, \_

B2 *f* New, arts shall bloom, and might-ier mu-sic fill the skies, \_

Vln. 1 **F** *f* *p* *f*

Vln. 2 *f* *p* *f*

Vla. *f* *p* *f*

Vlc. *f* *div.* *unis.* *p* *f*

Cb. *f* *p* *f*

G Slightly slower  $\text{♩} = 120$

87

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hns. 1  
2

Tpts. 1  
2

Tbn.

Perc.

T1

T2

B1

B2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

when ev - ery life shall be a song, \_\_\_

when ev - ery life shall be a song, \_\_\_

G Slightly slower  $\text{♩} = 120$

*Very Grandly rit. to end*

91

Fls. 1 2 *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Cl. *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

Hns. 1 2 *mf*

Tpts. 1 2

Tbn.

Perc.

T1 *mf* when ev - ery life shall be a song, \_\_\_

T2 *mf* when ev - ery life shall be a song, \_\_\_ when ev - ery life shall be a song, \_\_\_

B1 *mf* when ev - ery life shall be a song, \_\_\_ when ev - ery life shall be a song, \_\_\_

B2 *mf* when ev - ery life shall be a song, \_\_\_ when ev - ery life shall be a song, \_\_\_

Vln. 1 *div.* *Very Grandly rit. to end*

Vln. 2 *div.* *unis.*

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

97 *a2*

Fls. 1 2 *(mf)* *f* *ff*

Ob. *(mf)* *f* *ff*

Cl. *(mf)* *f* *ff*

Bsn. *(mf)* *f* *ff*

Hns. 1 2 *(mf)* *f* *ff*

Tpts. 1 2 *(mf)* *f* *ff*

Tbn. *(mf)* *f* *ff*

Perc. *(mf)* *f* *ff* Crash Cyms.

T1 *f* then all the earth is pa - ra - dise!

T2 *f* then all the earth is pa - ra - dise!

B1 *f* then all the earth is pa - ra - dise!

B2 *f* then all the earth is pa - ra - dise!

Vln. 1 *unis.* *f* *ff*

Vln. 2 *f* *ff*

Vla. *f* *ff*

Vlc. *f* *div.* *ff*

Cb. *f* *ff*