

Michael Tippett

Music

Unison Song for Voices, Strings and Piano  
to the poem by Shelly

Full Score  
ED 10717

Composed for the Jubilee of the East Sussex and West Kent Choral Festival.

First Performance: 26 April 1960  
Combined choirs of the East Sussex and West Kent Choral Festival  
Trevor Harvey, conductor  
Assembly Hall  
Tunbridge Wells, UK

This work may also be performed by voice(s) and piano.

I pant for the music which is divine,  
My heart in its thirst is a dying flower;  
Pour forth the sound like enchanted wine,  
Loosen the notes in a silver shower;  
Like a herbless plain for the gentle rain,  
I gasp, I faint, till they wake again.  
Let me drink of the spirit of that sweet sound,  
More, O more! I am thirsting yet,  
It loosens the serpent which care has bound  
Upon my heart, to stifle it:  
The dissolving strain, through every vein  
Passes into my heart and brain.

*Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792–1822)*

A vocal score and individual instrumental parts are published by Schott and are available to purchase:

Vocal / piano score:	ED 10718
Separate part – piano	ED 10717-11
Separate part – violin I	ED 10717-12
Separate part – violin II	ED 10717-13
Separate part – viola	ED 10717-14
Separate part – cello	ED 10717-15
Separate part – double bass	ED 10717-16

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Allegro (♩ = ca. 104)

Voices

Piano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

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*Allegro*

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