

Michael Tippett

Music

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

Full Score
ED 10717

PREVIEW

Low Resolution

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

Viola I

Viola II

Viola

Violoncello

Double bass

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Allegro

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My heart _____ in it's thirst _____ is a dy - - - ing flower;

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Pour _____ like an - chanted wine,