

To Dr Harry Gardner and
"the proud songsters" of the Linn Choir

SONNET IN THE SKY

SATB

unaccompanied

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♩ = c. 58

(echoing).....

mp *div.* unison

S Oh, _____ have slipped the

mp

A Oh, _____ I have slipped, slipped the

(echoing).....

mp *div.* unison

T Oh, _____ ve slipped, I have slipped the

p

B I have slipped, I have slipped the

(echoing).....

mp (echoing)..... *cresc.*

Duration: c. 3'45"

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mf *div.* *mp* unison

sur - ly, sur - ly bonds of earth, And danced the

mf

sur - ly bonds of earth,

mf *div.*

8 sur - ly bonds of earth,

mf (echoing).....

sur - ly bonds of earth, Oh

mp

7

mp

skies laugh - ter - silv - ered wings;

mp

And danced on the skies on laugh - ter - sil - vered wings;

mp , *mp*

And danced on laugh - ter - sil - vered wings; Sun - ward I've

mp

And danced on laugh - ter - sil - vered wings;

mp

10 *mp*
 Sun-ward I've climbed, sun-ward climbed, I've climbed and
mp
 Sun-ward I've climbed, I've climbed, sun-ward climbed, I've climbed and
 climbed, climbed, sun-ward climbed, I've climbed and
mp
 climbed, climbed, sun-ward I've climbed, -ward climbed and

14 *mf*
 joined the tumb-ling mirth, the mirth of sun-split clouds, of
mf
 joined the tumb-ling mirth, the mirth of sun-split clouds, of
mf
 joined the tumb-ling mirth, the mirth of sun-split clouds, of
 joined the tumb-ling mirth, the mirth of sun-split clouds, of

16 *div.* *** con tenerezza** *p*

sun - split clouds and done a hun - dred, hun - dred things

sun - split clouds and done a hun - dred, hun - d things

8 sun - split clouds *p* *div.*

sun - split clouds a

con tenerezza

19 *unison* *div.* *****

not dreamed of -

unison you have not dreamed of -

unison hun - d things You have not dreamed of -

hun - dred things You have not dreamed of -

**Quotation from The flowers of the forest*

22 *mf*

wheeled and soared and soared and swung

mf

wheeled and soared and soared and swung

mf

wheeled and soared and soared and swung

mf

swung high in the

mf

mp

24 *mp* 3 *sub. p* *molto*

High in the sun - lit si - lence. Hov' - ring,

mp 3 *sub. p* *molto*

High in the sun - lit si - lence. Hov' - ring, hov' - ring,

mp *sub. p* *molto*

High in the sun - lit si - lence. Hov' - ring, hov' - ring, hov' - ring,

sub. p *molto*

sun - lit, sun - lit si - lence. Hov' - ring, hov' - ring,

sub. p *molto*

27 *f marcato* *div.* unison

hov' - ring there chased the shout - ing wind, the shout - ing

hov' - ring there chased the shout - ing wind, the shout - ing

8 *f marcato* hov' - ring there I've chased the shout - ing wind, chased the shout - ing

hov' - ring there I've chased the shout - ing wind, chased the shout - ing

f marcato

29 *div.* unison

wind long, a - long my eag - er craft through

wind a - long, a - long and flung my eag - er craft through

long, a - long flung, flung through foot - less

nd a - long, a - long flung, flung through foot - less

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foot - less halls, through foot - less halls of air.

foot - less halls, halls of air.

8 halls, foot - less halls, through foot - less halls of air.

halls, halls of air.

33

Up, up, the long, the

up, up, the long, the

up, the long, the

up, the long, the

up, the long, the

35 *f* *mp* poco rit. a tempo

long, de - li - ri - ous burn - ing blue

long, de - li - ri - ous burn - ing blue

long, long de - li - ri - ous burn - ing blue, blue

long, long de - li - ri - ous burn - ing blue I've topped the

f *mp* poco rit. a tempo

38 unison

topped the wind - swept heights, the wind - swept heights, I've

topped the wind - swept heights, the wind - swept heights, the wind - swept

and the heights, the wind - swept heights, the wind - swept

and - swept heights, the wind - swept heights, the wind - swept

44 *div.* *P* (echoing).....

lark or ev - en ea - gle, ea - gle flew; Oh

lark, lark or ev - en ea - gle, ea - gle flew; Oh

lark or ev - en ea - gle flew;

div.

lark or ev - en ea - gle flew;

(echoing).....

p (echoing).....

48 **Tranquillo** *mp*

And while with si - lent, si - lent lift - ing mind I've

mp And while with si - lent, si - lent lift - ing mind I've

mp And while with si - lent, si - lent lift - ing mind I've

And while with si - lent, si - lent, si - lent lift - ing mind I've

Tranquillo

mp

53 *div. pp* *unison cresc.* *mf with intensity div.*

trod The high un-tres-passed sanc-ti-ty of space, Put out my hand,

pp cresc. *mf with intensity div.*

trod The high un-tres-passed sanc-ti-ty of space, Put out my hand,

pp cresc. *mf with intensity*

8 trod The high un-tres-passed sanc-ti-ty of space, Put out my hand,

pp cresc. *mf with intensity*

trod The high un-tres-passed sanc-ti-ty of space, Put out my hand,

pp cresc. *mf with intensity*

60 *molto poco ten. allargando* *ff*

put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

molto unison ff

put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

molto unison ff

put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

molto unison ff

put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

molto unison ff

poco ten. allargando