David Cameron



Proclamation and a Prayer

Choir SATB with Chamber Orchestra Flute, Oboe, Harp, Timpani,

Organ and Strings*

* Contrabass optional

A Proclamation and a Prayer by David Cameron

This new piece began with two premises: first, that it would use a similar instrumental group to that in John Rutter's *Requiem*, expanded however to include the members of the Melos String Quartet; and second, that it would express some of the composer's growing interest in Celtic spirituality.

Its text is drawn from four sources. The first is a Gaelic poem, *The Mystery*, attributed to Amergin, a Milesian poet whose people settled in Ireland before the Christian era. This pre-Christian reflection finds deep resonances in St. Francis of Assisi's *Laudes creaturum* (the source of the English hymn *All creatures of our God and King*), for both the Celtic bard and the Christian mystic have found the Divine in the physical world, and the creatures which inhabit it. The Celtic strain continues in the third text, a prayer for divine help, and for our growth in wisdom, understanding, justice and love; it is taken and expanded from a liturgy of the Celtic church. The piece ends with the opening verses from a Hebrew poem still older than Amergin's *Mystery*, namely Psalm 148. David Cameron has treated these sources freely, realigning and embellishing them as the musical work has taken shape.

A *Proclamation and a Prayer* is in three sections, with the second of them—the *Prayer*—and the third, the psalm text, linked continuously. The three movements are unified by several recurrent themes, notably the introductory one which begins the piece.

Performances with a larger string group than the original quartet will benefit from the inclusion of a double bass, but this is optional and at the discretion of the conductor.

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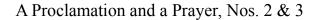


















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