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My Mary

for SATB choir, a cappella

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Will ye go to the Indies, my Mary?

Will ye go to the Indies, my Mary,
And leave auld Scotia's shore?
Will ye go to the Indies, my Mary,
Across th' Atlantic's roar?

O sweet grows the lime and the orange,
And the apple on the pine;
But a' the charms o' the Indies
Can never equal thine.

I hae sworn by the Heavens to my Mary,
I hae sworn by the Heavens to be true;
And sae may the Heavens forget me,
When I forget my vow!

O plight me your faith, my Mary,
And plight me your lily-white hand;
O plight me your faith, my Mary,
Before I leave Scotia's strand.

We hae plighted our troth, my Mary,
In mutual affection to join;
And curst be the cause that shall part us!
The hour and the moment o' time!

- Robert Burns (1759-1796)

Program Notes

Robert Burns is a poet I have always greatly admired because of the earnest sincerity and lyrical flow of his work. Upon reading “Will ye go to the Indies, my Mary?” I was struck by the complex and conflicting emotions; the genuine admiration the speaker felt for Mary juxtaposed with the pain of leaving her was all expressed so vividly. Using a folk-influenced melody as a starting point, I tried to capture this tangle of emotions.

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Duration: ca. 3:05

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Moderately, longingly ♩ = 72

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

for rehearsal only

Will ye go to the In - dies, my Ma - ry, And leave auld Sco - tia's

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S

A

T

B

shore? Will ye go to the In - dies, my Ma - ry, A - cross th'At - lan - tic roar?

shore? Will ye go to the In - dies, my Ma - ry, A - cross th'At - lan - tic roar?

shore? Will ye go to the In - dies, my Ma - ry, A - cross th'At - lan - tic roar? O

shore? Will ye go to the In - dies, my Ma - ry, A - cross th'At - lan - tic roar? O

9 *mp*

S The lime and the or-ange, And the ap-ple on the pine; But

A *mp*
The lime and the or-ange, And the ap-ple on the pine; But

T
sweet grows the lime and the or-ange, And the ap-ple on the pine; But

B
sweet grows the lime and the or-ange, And the ap-ple on the pine; But

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S a' the charms o' the In-dies Can nev-er e-equal thine.

A
a' the charms o' the In-dies Can nev-er e-equal thine.

T *mf*
a' the charms o' the In-dies Can nev-er e-equal thine. I hae

B
a' the charms o' the In-dies Can nev-er e-equal thine.

mf

17 *mf*

S I hae sworn, I hae sworn to be true;

A *mf* I hae sworn by the Heav-ens to my Ma - ry, I hae sworn by the Heav-ens to be true;

T sworn by the Heav-ens to my Ma - ry, I hae sworn by the Heav-ens to be true; And

B *mf* I hae sworn by the Heav-ens I hae sworn to be true; And sae

21 *p*

S And sae may the Heav-ens for-get me, When I for-get my vow! O

A May the Heav-ens for - get me, When I for-get my vow! O

T sae may the Heav-ens for - get me, When I for-get my_ vow! O

B may the Heav-ens for - get me, When I for-get my vow!

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S plight me your faith, my Ma - ry, And plight me your li - ly - white hand; O , *mf*

A plight me your faith, my Ma - ry, And plight me your li - ly - white hand; O , *mf*

T plight me your faith, my Ma - ry, Plight me your li - ly - white

B *p* Plight me your faith, my Ma - ry, *cresc.* Plight me your li - ly - white

cresc. *mf*

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S plight me your faith, my Ma - ry, Be - fore I leave Sco - tia's strand. We hae , *f*

A plight me your faith, my Ma - ry, Be - fore I leave Sco - tia's strand. We hae , *f*

T hand; *mf* My Ma - ry, Be - fore I leave Sco - tia's strand. We hae , *f*

B hand; *mf* My Ma - ry, Be - fore I leave Sco - tia's strand. We hae , *f*

f

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S plight - ed our troth, my Ma - ry, In mu - tual af - fec - tion to join; And

A plight - ed our troth, my Ma - ry, In mu - tual af - fec - tion to join; And

T plight - ed our troth, my Ma - ry, In mu - tual af - fec - tion to join; And

B plight - ed our troth, my Ma - ry, In mu - tual af - fec - tion to join; And

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S *cresc.* curst be the cause that shall part us! *ff* The hour and the mo - ment o' time! *mf*

A *cresc.* curst be the cause that shall part us! *ff* The hour and the mo - ment o' time! *mf*

T *cresc.* curst be the cause that shall part us! *ff* The hour and the mo - ment o' time! *mf*

B *cresc.* curst be the cause that shall part us! *ff* The hour and the mo - ment o' time! *mf*