

Ian Assersohn Choral Music

# We Cannot Stop Singing

SATB and piano



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### **About the song**

In the early days of the Coronavirus pandemic parts of Italy went into lockdown. Unable to leave their apartments, Italians began singing from their balconies. Moving video of some of these spontaneous group songs was widely shared on social media and the poet and librettist Euan Tait responded with a short poem, which I found very moving. I immediately asked him for permission to set the poem to music, which he generously gave. This song is the result. It was then recorded, as a virtual choir, by my amateur chamber choir, the Vaughan Williams Singers. It can be viewed on YouTube at [bit.ly/notstopsinging](https://bit.ly/notstopsinging).

### **About the composer**

Ian is an award-winning composer, arranger, workshop leader and choral director whose works are widely performed both in the UK and abroad.

His music is prized by performers and audiences alike for its accessible style, appealing melodic and harmonic invention and sensitive approach to word-setting.

For more information about Ian Assersohn's choral music, to listen to sound samples and to order copies, visit [appletreemusic.net](http://appletreemusic.net) or email [ian@appletreemusic.net](mailto:ian@appletreemusic.net)

# We Cannot Stop Singing

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IAN ASSERSOHN

**Allegretto semplice** ♩=92

*Sopranos*

**p**

We can-not stop sing-ing, Our

**Allegretto semplice** ♩=92

**p**

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hearts e-rupt; and it is song, song.

**Allegretto semplice** ♩=92

13 *Sopranos*

We can-not stop sing-ing, Our hearts e-rupt; and it is song.

*Altos* **mp**

We can-not stop sing-ing, Our hearts e-rupt; and it is song.

**mp**

**Allegretto semplice** ♩=92

19

*Sopranos* *mf*

We can-not stop sing-ing, — Our hearts e-rupt; and it is

*Altos* *mf*

We can-not stop sing-ing, — Our hearts e-rupt; and it is

*Tenors* *mf*

We can-not stop sing-ing, — Our hearts e-rupt; and it is

25

song, — song, — *f* We can-not stop sing-ing, — Our

song, — *f* We can-not stop sing-ing, — Our

song, — *f* We can-not stop sing-ing, — Our

*mf* *f*  
We can-not stop sing-ing, — Our

31

hearts e-rupt; and it is song, \_\_\_\_\_

hearts e-rupt; and it is song, \_\_\_\_\_ *mp* This is

hearts e-rupt; and it is song, \_\_\_\_\_

hearts e-rupt; and it is song, \_\_\_\_\_

37

We can-not stop

what we were al-ways do-ing, From be-hind closed doors, from shut-tered hearts, \_\_\_\_\_

*p*

*p*

*p*

42

sing-ing, We can-not stop sing-ing,  
 — this is what we were al-ways do-ing, — From be-hind closed doors, —

*p*  
 oo

*mp*  
 oo

46

We can-not stop sing-ing, sing-ing, — sing-ing, —  
 — from shut-tered hearts, oo

sing-ing, — sing-ing, —  
 sing-ing, — sing-ing, —

51

*pp*

Al-ways, be-loved un-known, I was sing-ing to you. Now

*pp*

Al-ways, be-loved un-known, I was sing-ing to you. Now

*pp*

Al-ways, be-loved un-known, I was sing-ing to you. Now

*pp*

Al-ways, be-loved un-known, I was sing-ing to you. Now

(small notes for rehearsal only)

60

*cresc.*

we are here, sing-ing, we are here, sing-ing, sing-ing, sing-ing.

*cresc.*

we are here, sing-ing, sing-ing, sing-ing.

*cresc.*

we are here, sing-ing, sing-ing, sing-ing.

*cresc.*

we are here, sing-ing, sing-ing, sing-ing.

68 *mf*

We can-not stop sing-ing, - sing - ing, sing - ing, our hearts e -

*mf*

We can-not stop sing-ing, - sing - ing, sing - ing,

*mf*

We can-not stop sing-ing, - our hearts e-rupt and it is song, -

*mf*

We can - not stop sing - ing, - sing - ing, and

73 *mf*

rupt and it is song, - We can-not stop

*mf*

and it is song, - We can-not stop

*mf*

and it is song, - We can-not stop

*mf*

it is song, - We can -



77

sing-ing, - sing - ing, sing - ing, our hearts e - rupt and  
 sing-ing, - sing - ing, sing - - ing, and it is  
 sing-ing, - our hearts e-rupt and it is song, \_\_\_\_\_  
 not stop sing - ing, - sing - ing, and it

82

*f legato*  
 it is song, \_\_\_\_\_ We can-not stop sing-ing, -  
*f legato*  
 song, \_\_\_\_\_ We can-not stop sing-ing, -  
*f legato*  
 and it is song, \_\_\_\_\_ We can-not stop sing-ing, -  
*f*  
 is song, \_\_\_\_\_ We can-not stop sing-ing, -

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*mf*  
we can-not stop sing - ing, —

*mf*  
we can-not stop sing - ing, —

*mf*  
we can-not stop sing - ing, —

*mf*  
we can-not stop sing - ing, —

*mf*  
we can-not stop sing - ing, —

91

*rit. mp*  
we can-not stop — sing - ing. —

*mp*  
we can-not stop — sing - ing. —

*mp*  
we can-not stop — sing - ing. —

*mp*  
we can-not stop — sing - ing. —

*rit. mp*  
we can-not stop — sing - ing. —

*p*  
sing - ing. —

*p*  
sing - ing. —

*p*  
sing - ing. —

*p*  
sing - ing. —

*p*  
sing - ing. —