

# SEASONS

Two-part Treble Choir with Piano and Optional Flute

Music by Old Gjello

Text by

Charles Anthony Silvesti



#### **About the Work**

Seasons is a new two-part version of the original SSA work, with lyrics written by frequent collaborator Charles Anthony Silvestri. I was searching for a text that was timeless and could be performed any time of year, and Tony then created the beautiful poem about the unfoldment of each of the four seasons. Seasons was originally commissioned by Manhattan Concert Productions in 2014.

-Ola Gjeilo

#### Seasons

Bright the sun in bluest shining; Summer spreads in valleys greenly. Lovers sing their new-found pining; Time itself slows down to greet me.

Autumn air comes crisp and blowing Leaves from green to golden turning; Hearts all full, and eyes all glowing Gather round the hearth-fire burning.

Night grows longer, darkness deeper, Cold winds howl when comes the Winter; White of snow by moonlight tempered, Bearing hope for Spring to enter.

Flowers bloom with showers falling, All the world reveals its yearning; Nature sings – I hear her calling: Round and round the seasons turning.

Charles Anthony Silvestri

#### **Performance Notes**

- The humming can also be done as "ooo."
- I recommend having the piano lid at half-stick, with the opening facing the audience.

## **About the Composer**

Ola Gjeilo was born in Norway in 1978 and moved to the United States in 2001 to begin his composition studies at the Juilliard School in New York City, where he currently lives and works

as a composer and pianist.



Ola is an exclusive Decca Classics artist, and his Decca albums include *Ola Gjeilo* and *Winter Songs*, also featuring Tenebrae, Voces8 and the Choir of Royal Holloway, as well as the solo piano album *Night*. Choral works are published by Walton Music.

For more information, please visit olagjeilo.com or find Ola on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

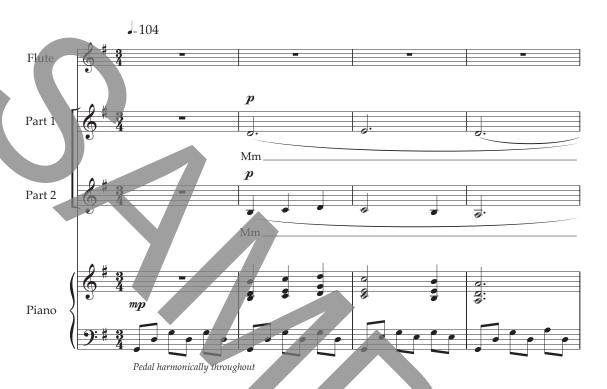
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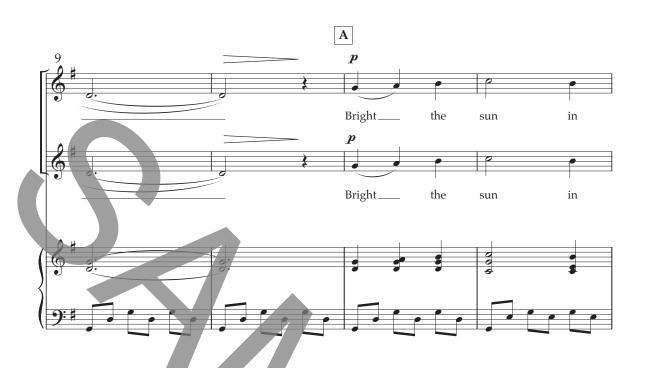
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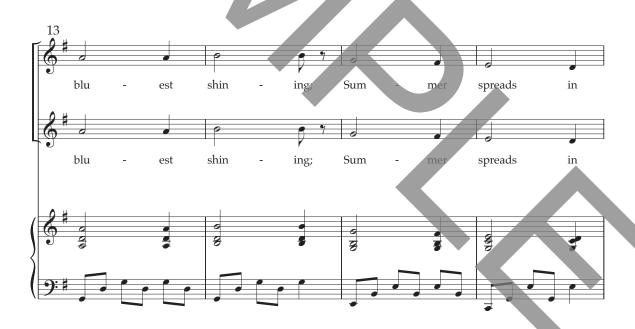
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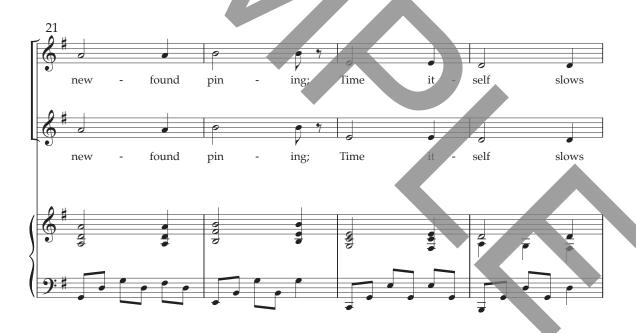


<sup>\*</sup> A separate flute part is found on page 15.





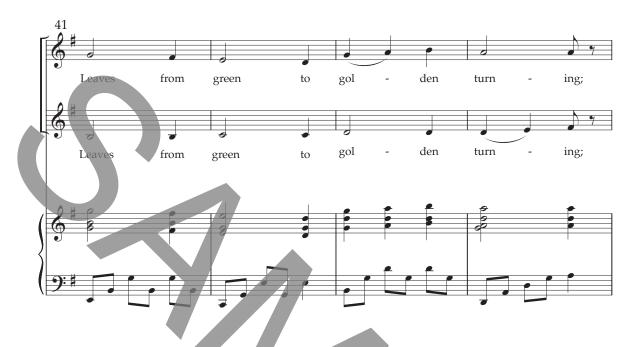


























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### Works for Treble Choir by Ola Gjeilo

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Northern Lights SSAA • WW1615

Ubi Caritas SSAA • WW1393

Gloria SSAA • WLG167

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Song of the Universal SSAA • WW1526

The Rose SA • WW1691

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