

# *Fairest World*

*An elegy on Purcell's Fairest Isle*

*For SATB choir and soprano saxophone*

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Duration 4'30"



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Elegy based on Purcell's *Fairest Isle*

Text by the composer  
After John Dryden

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**Free tempo**

*Opening up like an exploration of something unknown*

Soprano Saxophone

*p con rubato* *mf*

8  $\text{♩} = 120$   
(♩. = 40)

Sop. Sax.

S. Fair - est world, all worlds ex - cel - ling,

A. Fair - est world, Fair - est world, all worlds ex - cel - ling,

T. Fair est world, fair - est world, all worlds ex - cel - ling,

B. Fair - est world, all worlds ex - cel - ling,

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Sop. Sax. Cra-dle of a - bun - dant life, a - bun -

S. Cra - dle of a - bun - dant life, of a - bun - dant

A. Cra - dle of a - bun - dant life, of a - bun - dant

T. Cra - dle of a - bun - dant life,

B. Cra - dle of a - bun - dant life,

28 *sparkling*  
 Sop. Sax. *mf* 3 5  
 S. dant life.  
 A. life a - bun - dant life. *p* Flo-ra,  
 T. a - bun - dant life. *p* Flo ra,  
 B. a - bun - dant life.

37  
 Sop. Sax. *mf* *mp cresc.* *mf* *f*  
 S. Flo - ra, fau - - - na make their  
 A. *p* Flo-ra, fau - - - na Make their  
 T. Flo-ra fau - - - na Make their  
 B. Flo-ra fau - - - na Make their

44 *accel.* *rit.* ♩ = 120  
 Sop. Sax. 3 3 *dim.* 3 *mp*  
 S. dwell - ing, Here they  
 A. dwell - - - ing, Here they grow,  
 T. dwell - - - ing,  
 B. dwell - - - ing,

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Sop. Sax. *p* *3* *non troppo*

S. grow, a - dapt and thrive, and thrive.

A. a - dapt and thrive, and thrive, here they grow and thrive.

T. *mp* Here they grow, a - dapt and thrive, a - dapt and thrive.

B. *mp* Here they grow, a - dapt and thrive, a - dapt and thrive.

60

Sop. Sax. *f* *mp* *3* *5*

S. Life in ev - er - chang - ing mo -

A. Life in ev - er - chang - ing

T. Life in ev - er - chang - ing

B. Life in ev - er - chang - ing

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Sop. Sax. *mp cresc.* *mp*

S. - tion Now in ev - 'ry niche is found, is found;

A. *mp cresc.* mo - tion Now in ev - 'ry niche is found, is found;

T. *mp cresc.* mo - tion Now in ev - 'ry niche is found, is

B. *mp cresc.* mo - tion Now in ev - 'ry niche is found, is found;

77

Sop. Sax.

S.

A.

T.

B.

87

Sop. Sax.

S.

A.

T.

B.

95

Sop. Sax.

S.

A.

T.

B.

105

Sop. Sax.

S.   
est world, such pe - rilshaunt you,

A.   
such pe - rils haunt you,

T.   
such pe - rils haunt you,

B.   
such pe - rils haunt you,

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Sop. Sax.   
*f*

S.   
*f* Na - ture, na - ture, na - ture reels and cries in pain, *sf* cries in pain.

A.   
*f* Na - ture, na - ture, na - ture, reels and cries in pain, *sf* cries in pain.

T.   
*f* Na - ture, na - ture, na - ture reels and cries in pain, *sf* cries in

B.   
*f* Na - ture, na - ture, na - ture reels and cries in pain, *sf* cries in

122

Sop. Sax.   
*rit.* *mp* *dim.*

S.   
*p* (semi-whispered) Let these dan - gers ne - ver daunt you,

A.   
*p* (semi-whispered) Let these dan - gers ne - ver daunt you,

T.   
pain. *p* (semi-whispered) Let these dan - gers ne - ver daunt you,

B.   
pain. *p* (semi-whispered) Let these dan - gers ne - ver daunt you,

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Sop. Sax.

S.   
ne - ver daunt you;

A.   
ne - ver daunt you;

T.   
ne - ver daunt you;

B.   
ne - ver daunt you;

131  $\text{♩} = 120$  *mp cresc.*

Sop. Sax.

S.   
*p cresc.* May you rise to health a - gain, a -

A.   
*p cresc.* May you rise to health to health a - gain, a -

T.   
*mp cresc.* May you rise to health a - gain, a -

B.   
*mp cresc.* May you rise to health a - gain, a -

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Sop. Sax.

S.   
gain. *p* Fair - est world, Fair - est, fair - est world, all worlds *(clearly audible)*

A.   
gain. *p* Fair - est world, all worlds

T.   
gain. *p* Fair - est world, fair - est world, all worlds

B.   
gain. *p* Fair - est world, all worlds

151 rit.

Sop. Sax.

S. ex - cel - ling,

A. ex - cel - ling,

T. ex - cel - ling,

B. ex - cel - ling,

159 *p cresc.*

Sop. Sax.

S. Pray you rise to health a - gain

A. Pray you rise to health, to health a - gain,

T. Pray you rise to health a - gain,

B. Pray you rise to health a - gain,

168 molto rit.

Sop. Sax.

S. Pray you rise to health a - gain, a - gain.

A. Pray you rise to health, to health a - gain, a - gain.

T. Pray you rise to health a - gain, a - gain.

B. Pray you rise to health a - gain, a - gain.