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Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (KJV)

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Andante cantabile (♩ = c.53) *mf*

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

ORGAN

Man.

-thing there is a sea - son and a

time to ev - 'ry pur - pose un - der Hea - ven: a time to be

7

mp born and a time to die, a time to

mf a time to be born, a time to die,

mp

Ped.

9

plant and a time to pluck up that which is

a time to plant pluck up that which is

mf **poco rit.** plant - - ed, **a tempo**

plant - - ed, *sub. f*

plant - - ed, a time to kill

plant - - ed, *sub. f*

mf **poco rit.** **a tempo**

mf

13 *p* and a time to heal, _____ *mf* a time to break down _____

p *mf* 3

15 *mp* 3 *p* and a time to build up, _____ a time to weep _____

mp 3 *p*

17 *f* and a time to laugh, _____ *p* a time to mourn _____

f *p* a time to

mp

and a

mourn

mp

21

time to dance. A time to

mp

a time to dance

mf

23

cast a-way stones, A time to em -

mf

and a time to ga-ther stones to-ge-ther,

mp cresc.

Man.

25

brace, *cresc.* A time to

mp

3 3

and a time to re - frain from em-brac - ing,

27

get *cresc.* and a time to lose, a time to

A time to get and a time to lose,

mp cresc.

Ped.

29

keep and a time to cast a-way, a time to

a time to keep or cast a-way, a time to

31

rend and a time to sew, a time to keep

rend and a time to sew, a time to keep

mf

33

si - lence and a time to speak, a time to

si - lence and a time to speak, a time to

cresc. *mf*

35

love and a time to hate, a time of

love and a time to hate,

love,

mf

37 **rit.**
war, *p*
war no more, and a
a time of war no more,

39 **a tempo** **rit.**
time of peace. *pp*
p *pp*
p *pp*
p *pp*
a tempo **rit.**
p *pp*
ORGAN

Soprano
time of peace.

Alto
Do - na no - bis pa - cem peace.

Tenor
Do - na no - bis pa - cem A - men.

Bass
Do - na no - bis pa - cem A - men.



JOANNA FORBES L'ESTRANGE (b.1971) is a British soprano, choral director and one of the RSCM's best-selling composers. Growing up in Surrey, she studied the piano and cello and sang as a chorister in her local parish church choir, later graduating with a Master of Arts degree from Oxford University. Her career began with seven years at the helm of the five-time Grammy® Award-winning vocal group, The Swingle Singers, an experience which infuses her compositions with inflections of jazz and close-harmony vocal textures.

With an ever-expanding catalogue of church choral pieces, Christmas carols and secular songs, Joanna Forbes L'Estrange is celebrated for composing tuneful, approachable, well-crafted music which all choirs can enjoy singing. Describing herself as “a composer who writes from the perspective of a singer”, she says “when I’m recording the part-learning tracks for one of my pieces, if something doesn’t feel nice to sing, I rewrite it”.

Heaven To Earth, an album of church choral pieces by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, has been recorded by London Voices (SIGCD790). The 21 tracks include *The Mountains Shall Bring Peace*, commissioned to mark the coronation of King Charles III and sung that year by more than 600 choirs across the world.

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Let My Prayer Rise Up (two-part/organ)

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The Chorister's Prayer (SS/organ or SAB/organ)

Preces and Responses (SATB unaccomp.)

Words From The Cross (SATB/organ)

Faith, Hope and Love (SAB/organ)

Drop, Drop, Slow Tears (SATB unaccomp.)

The St Helen's Service (SATB/organ with a unison congregational part)

The Lord's Prayer (SATB unaccomp.)

Saint Richard's Prayer (SAB/organ)

The Mountains Shall Bring Peace (SATB/organ or Unison/piano)

Go Forth In Peace (SATB/organ)

Christmas pieces by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange published by the RSCM:

Advent 'O' Carol (SATB unaccomp.)

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Jesus Christ Is Born Today (SATB/organ)

Love Came Down (SATB unaccomp.)

In The Bleak Midwinter (SSAA/harp or piano)

I Will Hold Him (SATB/organ)

Song of the Shepherds (SATB/organ)