

PROGRAM NOTES, TEXTS, AND TRANSLATIONS

Laudate Jehovam (O Praise the Lord, All Ye Nations)

O praise ye the Lord God, all ye nations!
O praise Him, all ye people!
For His steadfast love is great to us,
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.
Alleluia

Pengyou Ting! (Listen, friend!)

Listen, friend, to this good news:
Jesus came to earth for you, came from heav'n where He was Lord,
Came to earth to save us all.

Salmo 150 (Psalm 150)

Praise the Lord in His sacred places,
Praise Him in the firmament of his power.
Praise Him for His mighty acts,
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.
Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet,
Praise Him with the psaltery and the harp.
Praise Him with the timbrel and the dance,
Praise Him with strings and pipes.
Praise Him with high-sounding cymbals,
Praise Him with cymbals of joy.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Te Quiero (I Adore You)

If I adore you it is because you are my love, my intimate friend, my all;
And in the street, arm in arm, we are so much more than two.
Your hands are my caress, my daily affirmations.
I love you because your hands work for justice.
Your eyes are my lucky charm against misfortune.
I adore you for your gaze that looks to and creates the future.
Your mouth is yours and mine, your mouth is never mistaken:
I love you because your mouth knows how to cry out for rebellion.
And for you sincere face and wandering spirit and your weeping for the world –
Because you are the people, I love you.
And because our love is neither famous nor naïve,
And because we are a couple that knows we are not alone.
I want you in my paradise, which is to say, in my country;
I want the people to live happily even though they aren't allowed to!

Past Life Melodies

A contemporary piece by Australian composer Sarah Hopkins, Past Life Melodies captures the ancient technique of harmonic-overtone singing in a hauntingly rich composition.

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the might from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath received his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, forever.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and shall always be
forever and ever. Amen.