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TRUMBORE | SATB CHORUS

O SEPTEMBER
(RASPBERRIES)
FROM A CALENDAR
OF LIGHT

SATB Chorus

Text by Barbara Crooker

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c o m p o s e r

O SEPTEMBER (RASPBERRIES)

O September!

When the rest of the garden
dwindles to meager,
when the trees begin
their strip to the bones,
you come to fruit
bearing rubies on your canes,
and we're on our knees,
stained in crimson,
our garnet fingers
praising the earth.

—Barbara Crooker

This piece excerpts Crooker's poem "Raspberries."

PROGRAM NOTE

September, a setting of Barbara Crooker's poem "Raspberries," is excerpted from *A Calendar of Light*. The larger work takes the shape of a calendar and holds us accountable for our relationship with the earth, especially in the greater context of climate change. Ultimately, the piece calls for reflection, action, and community.

A Calendar of Light was commissioned by The Esoterics and is dedicated, with gratitude, to its Artistic Director, Eric Banks. This work was composed in part at the Tusen Takk Foundation, with thanks to Geoffrey Peckham and Patricia Melzer for their generous support.

PERFORMANCE NOTES

Sopranos may omit any notes that are out of range and/or below middle C.

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from A CALENDAR OF LIGHT

SATB chorus a cappella

Barbara Crooker

Dale Trumbore

$\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 66$

ff **pp**

S. O Sep - tem - ber! oh

A. O Sep - tem - ber! oh

T. **ff** **mp** O Sep - tem - ber! When the rest of the gar-den dwin-dles to mea - ger, When the

B. **ff** **p** O Sep - tem - ber! oh

Pno.

poco rit. **In time**

S. oh you come to fruit

A. oh you come to fruit

T. **mf** **p** trees be - gin their strip to the bones, you come to fruit

B. **mf** **p** oh you come to fruit

Pno.

10 *mp* *mf* *p*
S. bear - ing ru - bies on your canes, and we're on our knees, stained in
A. bear - ing ru - bies on your canes, and we're on our knees, stained in
T. *p* oh O Sep - tem - ber
B. *p* oh O Sep - tem - ber
Pno. 10

16 *mf* *mf* *mf* *p*
S. crim - son, our gar - net fin - gers prais - ing the earth.
A. crim - son, our gar - net fin - gers prais - ing the earth.
T. *mf* Sep - tem - ber oh *p* O Sep - tem - ber
B. *mf* Sep - tem - ber oh
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S. *f* our gar - net fin - gers prais - ing the earth.

A. *f* our gar - net fin - gers prais - ing the earth.

T. *f* tem - ber oh O Sep - tem - ber

B. *f* tem - ber oh O Sep - tem - ber

Pno.

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rit. *mf* oh O Sep - tem - ber!

A. *mf* oh O Sep - tem - ber!

T. *mf* O Sep - tem - ber O Sep - tem - ber!

B. *mf* O Sep - tem - ber O Sep - tem - ber!

Pno.

pp *mp* *p*

ca. 72