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for SA choir and piano (2025)

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Words and music by Shara Nova, 2025 — Duration ca. 1’50”

### Comissioning Information

Commissioned by iSing Silicon Valley, conducted by Shane Troll.

### Performance Notes

Inspired by Benjamin Britten’s *Friday Afternoons*, these songs are the first in a series entitled Spring Hymns, written to teach young singers melodic independence through call and response, canons, and sustained breath in longer vocal lines. Rather than emphasizing sweetness, these songs celebrate mischief, curiosity, reverence, and the thrill of discovery. In acknowledging that which is greater than ourselves, we become “right-sized,” recognizing our place in the universe as both small and sacred, humble and divine. I hope that by fostering connection to the natural world, our children may grow to be protectors of the nature that sustains—and truly is—us all.

### Editions

The original version of “Spring Hymns” contains all three movements:

[041.0] Spring Hymns, for SA choir and piano

Additionally, each movement is available as a stand-alone work.

[041.1] “How Far Can a Bird Fly?” from Spring Hymns

[041.2] “Laudamus Sancta Matrem,” from Spring Hymns

[041.3] “A Thief! A Thief!” from Spring Hymns

### Lyrics

Laudamus sancta matrem,  
To you I call,  
The long night, it is breaking,  
Will you again come to renew,  
Though amazed by strange things humans do,  
Daylight on us all to you in plain view,  
Imbue the high and low with sight like thine,  
No one favored, your grace defined,  
Laudamus sancta matrem,  
Into your arms I fall.

Gloria, gloria, gloria.

### Vocal Ranges





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**A**

Swaying, ♩ = 48

*mf*

Treble

Piano

*mp*

*Red.*

6

Tr.

mus sanc - ta mat - rem, To you I

Pno.

**B**

11

Tr.

call, The long night, it is break - ing,

Pno.

16

Tr. Will you a - gain come to re - new,

Pno.

21 **C**

Tr. Though a - mazed by strange things hu - mans do,

Pno. *p* *pp* *sva*

25

Tr. Day - light on us all to you in plain view, Im -

Pno. *p*

29 **D**

Tr. bue the high and low with sight like

Pno.

32

Tr. thine, No - one fa - vored, your

Pno. *p*

35

Tr. grace de - fined, Lau - da -

Pno. *pp*

E

39

Tr. mus sanc - ta mat - rem, In - to your arms

Pno.

43

Tr. I fall.

Pno.