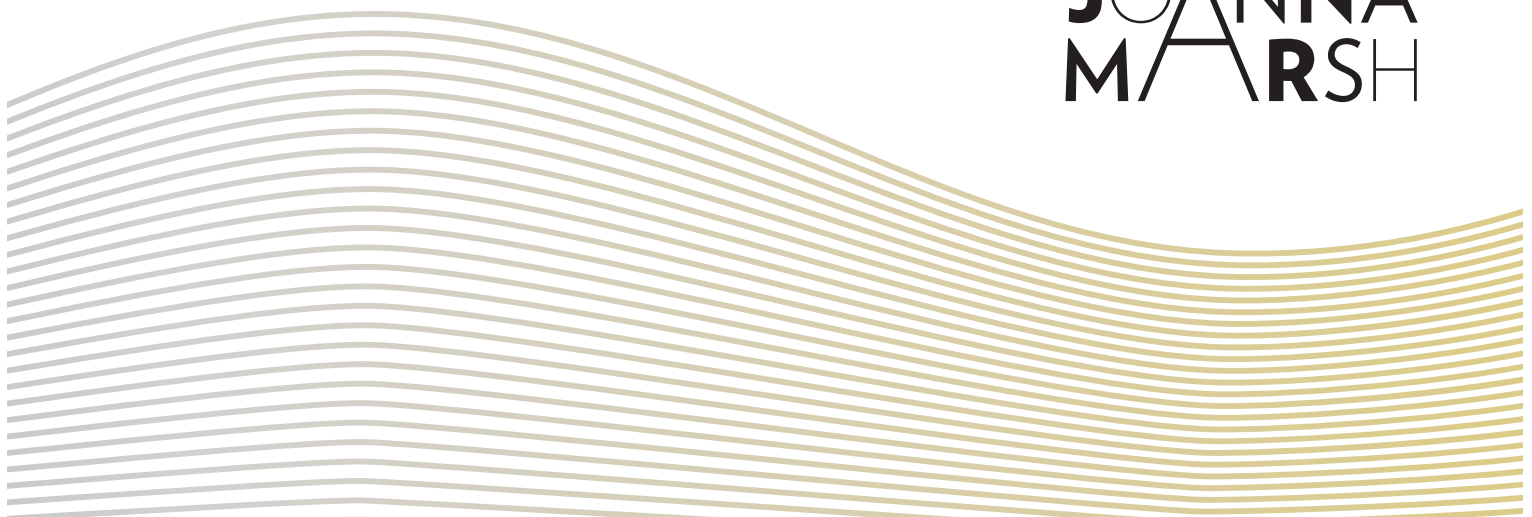


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Duration c.5'30"

Everlasting Covenant was commissioned by Duncan Ferguson and the Choir of St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the cathedral's foundation. The first performance was given at Evensong at 3.30pm on 6th October 2024. The choir was conducted by Duncan Ferguson and the organ accompaniment played by Imogen Morgan. The commission was generously sponsored by John Mavor.

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Nature

Emily Dickinson

'Nature' is what we see–
The Hill–the Afternoon–
Squirrel–Eclipse–the Bumble bee–
Nay–Nature is Heaven–
Nature is what we hear–
The Bobolink–the Sea–
Thunder–the Cricket–
Nay–Nature is Harmony–
Nature is what we know–
Yet have no art to say–
So impotent Our Wisdom is
To her Simplicity.

Isaiah: 24:4-6 (NIV)

"The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers; the heavens languish together with the earth. The earth lies polluted under its inhabitants; for they have transgressed laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant."

Everlasting Covenant

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Isaiah 24: 4-6 (NIV)

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Graceful ♩ = 116

SOPRANO *mp* 'Na - ture'

ALTO *mp* Is what we

TENOR *mp* 'Na - ture' is what we

BASS *mp* 'Na - ture'

Organ *p*

5

mf 'Na - ture' is what we see The Hill

mf see 'Na - ture' is what we see The Hill

f see The Hill

mf 'Na - ture' is what we see the

mp *mf*

10

tutti pp

E - clipse

mf *mp* *solo mf* *tutti pp*

the Af - ter - noon the Squir - rel E - clipse

mp *solo mf* *tutti pp*

the Af - ter - noon - the Squir - rel E - clipse

mp *solo mf* *tutti pp*

Af - ter - noon the Squir - rel E - clipse

mp *solo* *p*

p

(b)



15

mf

the Bum - ble bee -

mf

Nay

mf

the Bum - ble bee -

mf

Nay

19

mf *f*

Na - - - ture is Heaven -

mf *f*

Na - - - ture is Heaven -

mf *f*

the Bum-ble bee Na - - - ture is Heaven -

mf *f*

Na - - - ture is Heaven -

mf

23

Na - ture The Bo-bo-link -

mf *p*

Na - ture is what we hear

mf *p*

Na - ture is what we hear The

mf *p*

Na - ture is what we hear

mp *p*

pp

27

pp the Sea, *mp* the Sea,

pp the Sea, *mp* the Sea,

Bo-bo-link- *pp* the Sea, *mp* the Sea,

pp the Sea, *mp* the Sea,

Sw. stringy *pp* solo



31

ff the Sea, *ff* the Sea, *ff* the Sea, *ff* the Sea,

ff the Sea, *ff* the Sea, *ff* the Sea, *ff* the Sea,

ff the Sea, *ff* the Sea, *ff* the Sea, *ff* the Sea,

ff the Sea, *ff* the Sea, *ff* the Sea, *ff* the Sea,



35

f

'The earth dries up and wi-thers, the

mf

40

world lan - - gui-shes, lan - - gui-shes and wi-thers;

45 *fp* Thun - der, *fp* Thun - der -

fp Thun - der, *fp* Thun - der - *f* the

fp Thun - der, *fp* Thun - der -

f the heavens

50 *f* the heavens *ff* lan - - - guish *f* to - ge - ther with the

heavens *ff* lan - - - guish *f* to - ge - ther with the

heavens *f* *ff* lan - - - guish *f* to - ge - ther with the

lan - guish *ff* to - ge - ther, *f* to - ge - ther with the

55 *ff* *mf*

earth, _____ with _____ the earth. _____

ff *f* *mf*

earth, _____ with _____ the earth, _____ the earth. _____

ff *f* *mf*

earth, _____ with _____ the earth. _____

ff *mf*

earth, _____ with _____ the earth. _____

f *mf*

I

60 *p* *solo mf*

Nay - Na - ture is Har - mo - ny, _____ the Cric-ket -

p *solo mf*

Nay - Na - ture is Har - mo - ny, _____ the Cric-ket -

p *solo mf*

Nay - Na - ture is Har - mo - ny, _____ the Cric-ket -

p

Nay - Na - ture is Har - mo - ny, _____

p

III *I* *III*

p

p

65 *tutti p* *mf* *mf*

Nay - Na - ture is Har - mo - ny Na - ture

tutti p *mf* *mf* *mp*

Nay - Na - ture is Har - mo - ny Na - ture is

tutti p *mf* *mf* *mp*

Nay - Na - ture is Har - mo - ny Na - ture is

tutti p *mf* *mf* *mp*

Nay - Na - ture is Har - mo - ny Na - ture is



71 *mp* *mf*

Yet have no art to say

p *mf*

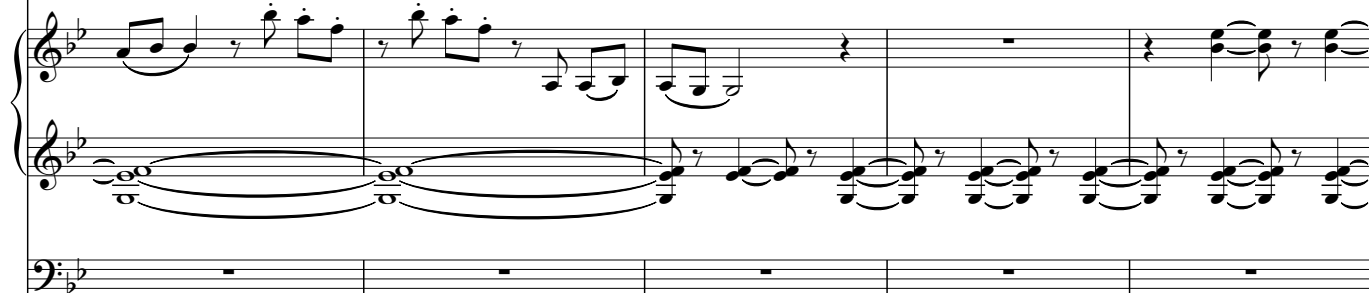
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p

what we know

p

what we know



76

f to say _____ *ff* pol - lu - ted _____

art to say _____ *f* The earth lies _____ *ff* pol - lu - ted _____

f The earth lies _____ *ff* pol - lu - ted _____

f The earth _____ *ff* lies _____ pol - lu - ted _____

mf *f*

81

f un - der its in - ha - bi - tants; _____

f un - der its in - ha - bi - tants, _____ *mf* in - ha -

f un - der its in - ha - bi - tants; _____ *mf*

f un - der its in - ha - bi - tants, _____ *mf* un - der its in - ha -

mf

+32' -32'

mp

90

vigorously

vi - - o - la - ted the sta - - tutes,

vigorously

vi - - o - la - ted the sta - tutes, the sta - tutes, sta -

vigorously

vi - - o - la - ted the sta - - - tutes,

vigorously

vi - - o - la - ted the sta - tutes, the sta - tutes, sta -

94

f bro - ken, _____ bro - ken _____

- tutes, they have bro - ken, _____ bro - ken, they have bro - ken _____ the

f bro - ken, _____ bro - ken the

- tutes, they have bro - ken, _____ bro - ken, they have bro - ken _____ the

mf

98

ff e - ver - last - ing co - ve - nant _____

ff (no breath) *f* e - - ver - last - ing co - ve - nant, the e - ver -

ff e - - ver - last - ing co - ve - nant, _____

ff (no breath) *f* e - - ver - last - ing co - ve - nant, the e - ver -

ff *f* *mf*

102

f the e - ver - last - ing co - ve - nant. *mf*

- last - - - ing co - ve - nant, *mf* e - ver -

the e - ver - last - ing co - ve - nant, *mf* *ossia*

- last - - - ing co - ve - nant, *mf*

solo *mf*

106

- last - ing co - ve - nant. *pp*

e - ver - last - - ing co - ve - nant. *pp*

co - ve - nant. *pp*

mp *p*

110

mp
So

ppp
So im - po - tent,

ppp *pp*
So im - po - tent

ppp *pp*
So im - po - tent

pp

114

mf *mp*
im - po - tent Our Wis - dom is, Wis - dom is

mf *mp*
so im - po - tent Our Wis - dom is

mf *mp*
Wis - dom is, Our Wis - dom is

mp *mf* *mp*
Our Wis - dom is, Wis - dom is

p

Musical score for measures 118-121. The score is written for four vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are: "To her Sim -". The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand, and a steady bass line in the left hand.

Musical score for measures 122-125. The score is written for four vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are: "- pli - ci - ty.". The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand, and a steady bass line in the left hand. The score includes dynamic markings: *f* (forte) and *p* (piano) for the vocal parts, and *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *pp* (pianissimo) for the piano accompaniment.

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