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All Creatures of Our God and King

A Chorale Concertato
SATB, Congregation, Two Trumpets, and Organ

Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226
Tr. William H. Draper, 1855-1933, *alt.*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Köln, 1623
Setting by Donald Busarow

Introduction (Prelude): Trumpets and Organ (meas. 1-59)

Stanza 1: Choir, Congregation, Trumpet I, and Organ

Unison
Voices
and Tpt. 1

60

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift

62

up your voice with us and sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

65

lu - ia! O burn-ing sun with gold-en beam And

68

sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam: Oh,— praise him! Oh,—

71

praise him! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

73

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Stanza 2: Choir Women and Organ

76 Flowing (♩ = 96)

8

2. O rush - ing wind and breez - es

88 soft, _____ O clouds that ride the

93 winds a - - loft: _____

99 Oh, _____ praise him!

105 Al - le - lu - ia! _____

111 O ris - ing morn, in praise re -

117 joice, _____ O lights of eve - ning,

122 find a voice. _____

*Optional notes for Altos.

127

Oh, ——— praise him! Oh, ———

133

praise him! Al - le - lu - ia,

139

al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

146

lu - ia! ———

Stanza 3: All Men and Organ

Unison Voices 157
3. O flow - ing wa - ters, pure and clear, Make

mu - sic for your Lord to hear. Oh, ——— praise him! Al - le -

lu - ia! O fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, Pro -

165
vid - ing us with warmth and light, Oh, ———

167

praise him! Oh,— praise him! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

170

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Stanza 4: All Women, Children, and Organ

Unison Voices

173

4. Dear moth - er earth, who day by day Un -

175

folds rich bless - ings on our way, Oh,— praise him! Al - le -

178

lu - ia! The fruits and flow'rs that ver - dant

180

grow, Let them his praise a - bun - dant show. Oh,—

183

praise him! Oh,— praise him! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

186

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Stanza 5: Organ

5. O ev'ryone of tender heart,
 Forgiving others, take your part,
 Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
 All you who pain and sorrow bear,
 Praise God and lay on him your care. *Refrain*

Stanza 6: Choir (SATB)

Gently (♩ = 52)
mp 227

Soprano
6. And you, most kind and gen - tle death,

Alto
6. And you, most kind and gen - tle death, gen - tle

Tenor
6. And you, kind and gen - tle, kind and

Bass
6. And you, most kind and

Organ
(Organ ad lib.) *mp*

230

Wait - ing to hush our fi - nal breath, Oh, —

death, Wait - ing to hush our fi - nal breath, our fi - nal breath, — Oh,

gen - tle death, hush our fi - nal breath, Oh,

gen - tle death, hush our fi - nal breath, — Oh,

234

praise him! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! You lead to

praise him! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! You lead to

praise him! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! You lead to

praise him! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! You lead to

238

heav'n the child of God, Where Christ our Lord the way has

heav'n the child of God, Where Christ the way has

heav'n the child of God, Where Christ has

heav'n the child of God, Where Christ has

242

cresc. mf , *f*

trod. Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-

cresc. mf , *f*

trod. Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-

cresc. mf , *f*

trod. — Oh, praise him! — Oh, praise him! — Al-le-lu-ia, — al-le-

cresc. mf , *f*

trod. Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-

cresc. mf , *f*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

mf *mp* , *slowing dim.* *p*

lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

mf *mp* , *slowing dim.* *p*

lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

mf *mp* , *slowing dim.* *p*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

mf *mp* *slowing dim.* *p*

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mf *mp* , *slowing dim.* *p*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

mf *mp* , *slowing dim.* *p*

lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

mf *mp* , *slowing dim.* *p*

lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

mf *mp* , *slowing dim.* *p*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

mf *mp* *slowing dim.* *p*

Interlude: Trumpets and Organ**Stanza 7: Choir (with Descant), Congregation, Trumpets, and Organ**

252 (Brass) Stately
♩ = 52-56

S (T)

A (T) B Congr.

Melody

7. Let

256 Descant

7. Let all things their Cre - a - tor

all things their Cre - a - tor bless And

258

bless And wor - ship God in hum - ble -

wor - ship God in hum - ble - ness. Oh, —

260

ness. Al - le - lu - ia! Oh,

praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! Oh, praise the Fa - ther, praise the

stretch , *a tempo*

263

praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, And
 Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in

265

praise the Spir - it, Oh, ——— praise ——— him! Oh, ———
 One, Oh, ——— praise him! Oh, ———

267

praise — him! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, — al - le -
 praise him! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

270

lu - ia! ———
slowing *very slowly*
 lu - ia! ———