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Loretta K. Notareschi



Wake, O Earth

A Carol for Christmas and Winter Solstice

For SATB Chorus and English Horn

Wake, O Earth is a joyful carol celebrating both the birth of Christ and the new sun of spring arising from winter's darkness. The text, from "Chanticleer" by Englishman William Austin (1587-1634), imagines the "chanticleer" (rooster) at night proclaiming a new light and urging "mortals," "angels," and "powers" to "wake and joy" to see the new "Sun" (symbolically interpreted also to mean the Son of God). I have adapted Austin's original poem to a verse-refrain format that highlights his notions of waking, joy, and light. -LKN

Chanticleer

by William Austin (1587-1634)

All this night shrill chanticleer,
Day's proclaiming trumpeter,
Claps his wings and loudly cries,
Mortals, mortals, wake and rise!
See a wonder
Heaven is under;
From the earth is risen a Sun
Shines all night though day be done.

Wake, O earth, wake everything!
Wake and hear the joy I bring;
Wake and joy; for all this night
Heaven and every twinkling light,
All amazing,
Still stand gazing.
Angels, Powers and all that be,
Wake, and joy this Sun to see.

Hail, O Sun, O blessed Light,
Sent into the world by night!
Let thy rays and heavenly powers
Shine in these dark souls of ours;
For most duly
Thou art truly
God and man, we do confess:
Hail, O Sun of Righteousness!

Composer **Loretta K. Notareschi** explores the passionate, irreverent, and transcendent in her many compositions for chamber ensemble, large ensemble, and chorus. Born in Canton, Ohio and raised in Stillwater, Oklahoma, she has received awards from the IronWorks Percussion Duo, the American Composers Forum, Ensemble Eleven, and the GALA Choruses. Her music has been performed in Manchester, England; in New York City at Symphony Space and the Paul Recital Hall in Lincoln Center; and in other cities across the U.S., including Denver, where she makes her home.

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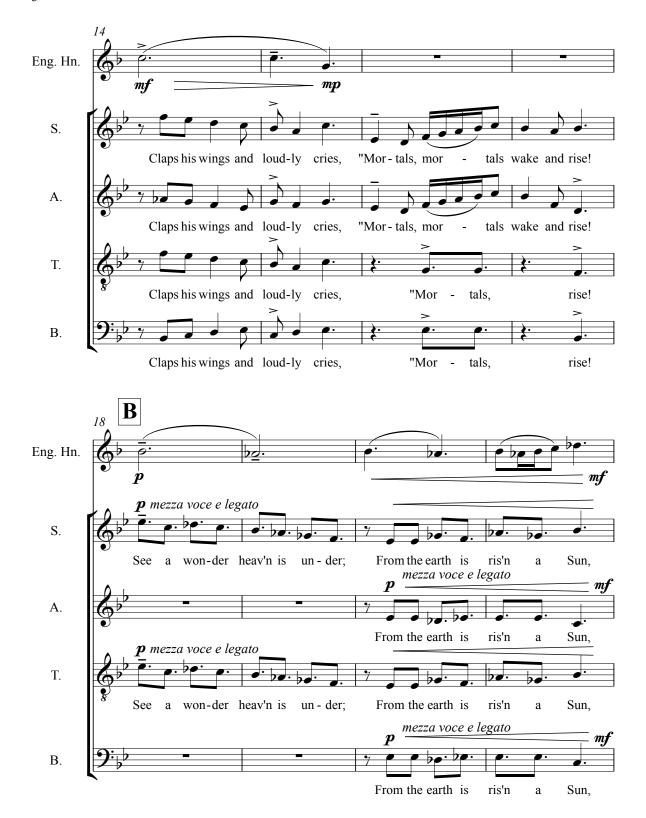
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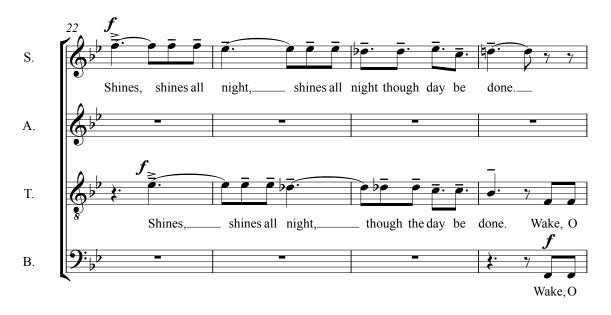
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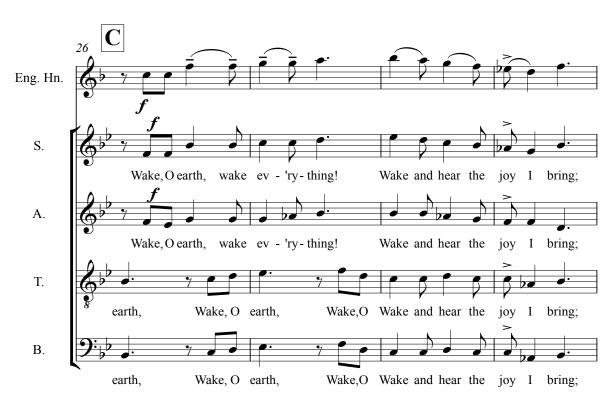
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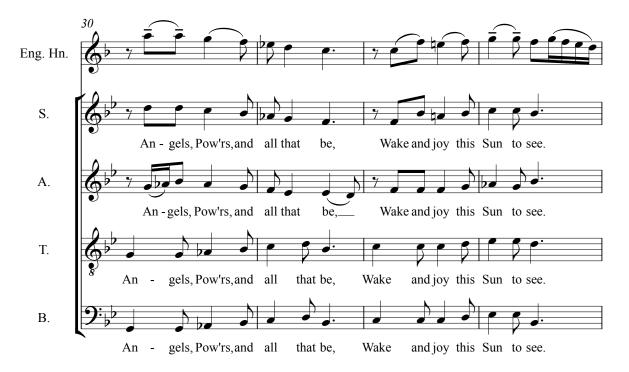
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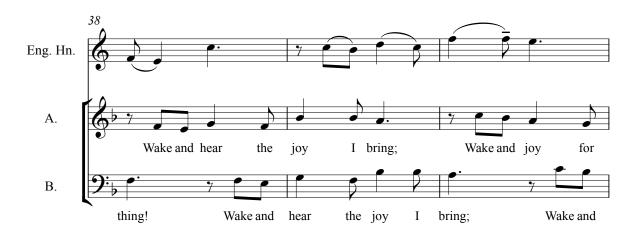














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