

*Commissioned by Cappella Clausura, Amelia Leclair, Director,  
and Premiered on 7 & 8 May 2016, Boston and Newton MA*

## BIRDS OF THE PSALMS\*

### 7. Psalm 148 (Creeping Things and Winged Birds)

*Halleluia! Halleluia! Sun and moon, all you shining stars and heav'n of heav'ns praise you.*

*Halleluia! Fire and hail and snow and fog and wind praise you.*

*Wild, wild beasts, cows and sheep and little lambs, creeping, creeping, creeping things and all winged birds. praise you.*

*Halleluia...*

*Adapted from The Psalter,  
The Book of Common Prayer*

Music by Patricia Van Ness (1951)

Score rev. 19 February 2018

\*From *Music for the Psalms*,  
dedicated in its entirety to Peter Sykes

$\text{♩} = 140$   
*lightly,,with whimsey*

Soprano

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Baritone

Bass

## Van Ness, Birds of the Psalms, 7. Psalm 148 (Creeping Things and Winged Birds)

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S.

S.

A.

T.

all you shin-ing stars and heav'n of heav'ns\_ praise\_\_\_\_\_ praise you,

Bar.

all, stars and\_ heav'n of\_ heav'ns praise\_\_\_\_ you praise,\_\_\_\_ you\_\_\_\_\_

B.

all you shin-ing stars heav'n of heav'ns praise\_\_\_\_ you, praise\_\_\_\_\_

**A** *mf*

II

S.

Hal - le - lu - ia, (hal hail

S.

Hal - le - lu - ia hal - le - lu - ia

A.

Hal - le - lu - ia, ia, hal - le - lu - ia hail and

T.

praise\_\_\_\_you! (le - lu - ia (lu - jah, (hal - le - lu - fire and hail and

Bar.

praise you! Hal - le - lu - ia Hal - le - (hal, fire and hail

B.

praise you! (lu, fire and hail

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S. snow and fog and wind\_ praise you praise.

S. snow and fog and praise you praise.

A. snow and fog praise you you praise you.

T. 8 snow wind praise, you, praise praise you.

Bar. snow, and wind praise you praise praise you.

B. and praise, praise praise you.

**B**

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S. Wild wild beasts.

S. zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom, cows and sheep and lit - tle lambs

A. Wi ld (wi) cows and sheep

T. 8 zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom, cows and sheep

Bar. (Wi beasts

B. beasts lit - tle lambs

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S. *mp* creeping creeping creeping and all wing-ed birds, ah ah  
 S. *mp* *mf* creeping creeping things and all wing-ed birds  
 A. *mp* *mf* (cree things all zoom Wild wild  
 T. *mp* *mf* (cree things and all wing - ed birds Wild wild beasts  
 Bar.  
 B. *mp* (cree things and birds Wild  
 30  
 S. *mp* ah ah  
 S. *mp* cows lit-tle lambs cree (cree  
 A. cows and sheep (cree  
 T. *mp* creep-ing creep-ing creep-ing and  
 Bar. cows and sheep and lit-tle lambs creep ing creep-ing things and  
 B. *mp* cows and sheep (cree (cree and and

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S. *mf*  
all wing-edbirds. (Hal - le - lu (lu  
S. *mf*  
all wing-edbirds. (Hal - le (jah hal - le (lu  
A. *mf*  
all birds. Hal - le - lu - jah hal - le - lu -  
T. *mf*  
8 all wing - edbirds. (lu (le \_\_\_\_\_ (lu  
Bar. *mf*  
all wing - ed birds. Hal - le - lu - jah  
B. *mf*  
all birds. (Hal (Hal - le -  
=

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S. *mf*  
(lu - jah! \_\_\_\_\_ Hal - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_  
S. *mf*  
\_\_\_\_\_ jah! \_\_\_\_\_ zoom zoom zoom zoom Hal - le - lu - ia \_\_\_\_\_  
A. *mf*  
(lu \_\_\_\_\_ jah! \_\_\_\_\_ Hal - le - lu - ia, ia,  
T. *mf*  
8 \_\_\_\_\_ (jah! \_\_\_\_\_ (le - lu - ia (lu - jah, \_\_\_\_\_  
Bar. *mf*  
(lu - jah! \_\_\_\_\_ Hal - le - lu - ia Hal - le -  
B. *mf*  
lu - (lu, \_\_\_\_\_

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S. (hal hail snow and fog and wind)

S. hal - le - lu - ia snow and fog and praise you

A. hal - le - lu - ia hail and snow and fog praise you

T. hal - le - lu - jah, fire and hail and snow wind praise, you,

Bar. (hal, fire and hail and snow, and wind praise you)

B. fire and hail and and praise, praise

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D *mf*

S. praise you praise, Hal-le - lu - ia, (hal

S. praise, hal - le - lu - ia hal - le - lu -

A. you praise you, hal - le - lu - ia, ia, hal - le - lu - ia

T. praise praise you, l(u - ia (lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

Bar. praise praise hal-le-lu-ia (ia hal - le - (hal,

B. praise hal-le-lu-ia (lu,

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S. -      *hail and snow and fog wind praise you*

S. -      *ia snow and fog and praise you*

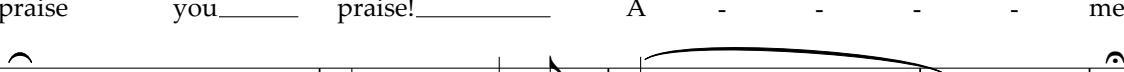
A. -      *hail snow and fog and wind*

T. -      *fire and hail and snow fog and praise, you,*

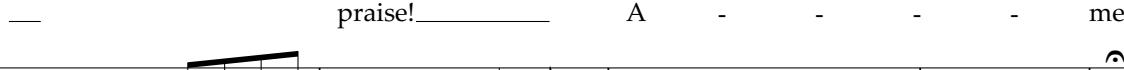
Bar. -      *fire and hail and snow, and wind praise you*

B. -      *fire and hail and wind praise, praise*

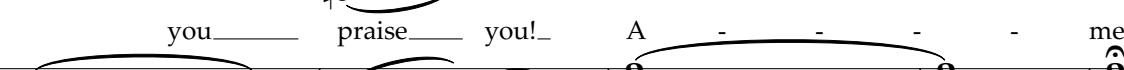
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S. 

S. 

A. 

T. 

Bar. 

B. 