

Commissioned by Liz Bradley and Coro Allegro, David Hodgkins, Artistic Director,
 and Premiered on 20 May 2018 by Coro Allegro, Sonja Dutoit Tengblad, soprano, Church of the Covenant, Boston
 In Memory of Our Foremothers, Who Fought For Our Deliverance

PSALMS OF LUMINOUS RESCUE*

8. Psalm 118 (The Evil Surround Me)

*The evil surround me; they hem me in, they hem me in on every side;
 they blaze like a fire of thorns.
 But you came to my help.
 You are my strength, my song, my salvation
 I shall not die, but shall live.*

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

Music by Patricia Van Ness (1951)
 Score rev. 13 February 2018
 *from *MUSIC FOR THE PSALMS,*
 dedicated in its entirety to Peter Sykes

Notes to Conductor: drone bars 1-6 may
 instead be played by 'cello if desired.
 "Live" has the short i pronunciation.

♩ = 60

Soprano *mf senza vibrato*
 sur - round sur -

Soprano *mf senza vibrato*
 sur - round sur -

Alto *mf senza vibrato*
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Tenor/Bass *mp senza vibrato*
 Bass /Tenor Bass /Tenor Bass /Tenor
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7 A

S. round _____ me, _____ they hem me in, hem me on ev - 'ry side;

S. round _____ me, they hem me in, hem me on ev - 'ry they

A. *mp senza vibrato*

T/B. *mf Tutti note tenutos: slight emphasis* side; they _____

_____ round _____ they hem _____ hem _____ side;

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S. they blaze _____

S. _____ blaze _____ blaze _____ blaze _____

A. *note tenutos: slight emphasis*

T/B. they _____ blaze _____ blaze _____ blaze _____

they _____ blaze _____ blaze _____ blaze _____

19 B

S. blaze _____ like _____ a fire _____ of thorns.

S. blaze _____ like _____ a fire _____ of thorns.

A. _____ like _____ fire _____ thorns. _____ you _____

T/B. blaze _____ like _____ a fire _____ thorns. But _____ you _____

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S. But you came to my

S. you you

A. you you came

T/B. you you you came

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S. help my help my help. You are my strength, *mf*

S. help my help my help. You are my strength, *mf*

A. my help

T/B. my help. You are my strength, *p* *mf*

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S. my strength my song my sal - va - tion.

S. my strength my song my (sal (va sal - va -

A. *mf* sal - va -

T/B. song my sal - va - tion (va

44

S. I shall not die

S. tion shall not

A. tion shall not not

T/B. I I shall not die not

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S. I shall not die but shall live. *mp*

S. shall live. *mp*

A. shall live. *mp*

T/B. die shall live. *T/B poco cres b. 50-51 mp*