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Fallen was composed in the winter of 2009 and it received its first performed at Canterbury Cathedral in the following spring, given by the York St John University Chamber Choir. Since then it has been performed many times and was included on the soundtrack of a documentary made for Sky Television.

Fallen is a setting of a fragment from a longer poem by the Sufi mystic poet Jalāl ad-Dīn Rumi, combined with a traditional Persian proverb.

We have fallen into a place where everything is music (Rumi).

Drops that gather one by one finally become an ocean (Old Persian proverb).

Directions for Performance.

The solo sopranos should ideally stand at opposite outer sides of the choir for maximum stereo separation.

The 'small bells' can be any bright metallic sounds which have a long resonance; Indian bells work especially well but glockenspiel bars, triangles, finger cymbals etc. can all produce the desired effect. Avoid jingle bells! The bells can be distributed around the chorus, so that bell players can share music with non bell players. Five or six bells will normally suffice and they should be hidden (and silent!) before they are required to play.

The bells should play in free time, independent of the conductor.

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Adagio ♩ = 52

The score is for the piece "Fallen" by David Lancaster, in 4/4 time with a tempo of Adagio (♩ = 52). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The vocal parts are arranged as follows:

- Soprano Solo:** Starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest, and then a half note G4. The lyrics "ah" are written under the first note.
- Soprano:** Starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest, and then a half note G4. The lyrics "ah" are written under the first note.
- Alto 1:** Starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest, and then a half note G4. The lyrics "ah" are written under the first note.
- Alto 2:** Starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest, and then a half note G4. The lyrics "ah" are written under the first note.
- Tenor:** Starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest, and then a half note G4. The lyrics "ah" are written under the first note.
- Bass:** Starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest, and then a half note G4. The lyrics "ah" are written under the first note.

The piano accompaniment is marked *mp* and *pp*. It features a melodic line in the right hand and a harmonic line in the left hand. The score includes a rehearsal mark at the beginning of the piano part.

7

p

S. Solo

ah ah ah ah

p

S. Solo

ah ah ah ah

mp

S.

ah Fall - - en. Fall-

mp

A.

ah Fall - - en. Fall-

mp

A.

ah Fall - - en. Fall-

mp

T.

ah Fall - - en. Fall-

mp

B.

ah Fall - - en. Fall-

mp

Pno.

mp

p₂₀

13 *mf*

S. Solo
ah _____ Fall - en. _____ ah _____

S. Solo
_____ *mf* Fall - en. _____ Fall - en. ah _____

S.
- - en. Fall - en. Fall - en.

A.
- - en. Fall - en. Fall - en.

A.
- - en. Fall - en. Fall - en.

T.
- - en. Fall - en. Fall - en.

B.
- - en. Fall - en. Fall - en.

Pno.

19

S. Solo

S. Solo

S.

A.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

ah ah ah ah

mf

We have fall - en in - to the

mf

We have fall - en in - to the

mf

We have fall - en in - to the

mf

We have fall - en in - to the

mf

We have fall - en in - to the

mf

22

S. Solo

S. Solo *non solo* *p*

where e - -

S.

place where e - - v'ry - thing is

A.

place _____ where e - v'ry - thing _____ is

A.

place where e - v'ry - thing is

T.

place where e - - v'ry - thing is

B.

place where e - v'ry - thing is

Pno.

Detailed description of the musical score: The score is for page 22 and consists of eight staves. The top two staves are for the Soprano Soloist (S. Solo). The first staff is a treble clef with a whole rest. The second staff is a treble clef with a whole rest, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, and a dotted half note G4. The lyrics 'where e - -' are written below. The third staff is for Soprano (S.), starting with a dotted half note G3, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, and a melodic line for 'e - - v'ry - thing is'. The fourth staff is for Alto (A.), starting with a dotted half note G3, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, and a melodic line for 'e - v'ry - thing is'. The fifth staff is for Alto (A.), starting with a dotted half note G3, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, and a dotted half note G4. The sixth staff is for Tenor (T.), starting with a dotted half note G3, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, and a melodic line for 'e - - v'ry - thing is'. The seventh staff is for Bass (B.), starting with a dotted half note G3, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, and a melodic line for 'e - v'ry - thing is'. The eighth staff is for Piano (Pno.), with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) containing a piano accompaniment. Dynamics include 'non solo' and 'p'.

31 *mf*

S. Solo
Fall - - en. Fall - en. Fall - - - len.

S. Solo
- en. Fall- en. Fall - - - - en.

S.
small bells:
p

A.
small bells:
p

A.
small bells:
p

T.
8

B.

Pno.
mf

36

S. Solo

Fall - en. Fall - - - - - len. Fall -

S. Solo

Fall - en. Fall - en. Fall - - - - - en.

S.

A.

A.

T. small bells: *p*

B. small bells: *p*

Pno.

41

S. Solo

- en. Fall - en.

S. Solo

Fall - en. ah Fall -

S.

f

Drops that ga - ther

A.

f

Drops that ga - ther

A.

f

Drops that ga - ther

T.

f

Drops that ga - ther

B.

f

Drops that ga - ther

Pno.

f

43

S. Solo

Fall - en. Fall - en.

S. Solo

- en. Fall - en.

S.

one by one fi - nal - ly be - come an

A.

one by one, fi - nal - ly be - come an

A.

one by one, fi - nal - ly be - come an

T.

one by one, fi - nal - ly be - come an

B.

one by one, fi - nal - ly be - come an

Pno.

46

S. Solo

Fall - en.

S. Solo

Fall - - en.

S.

oc - cean. *p* We have fall - en in - to the

A.

o - cean. *p* We have fall - en in - to the

A.

o - cean. *p* We have fall - en in - to the

T.

o - cean. *p* We have fall - en in - to the

B.

o - cean. *p* We have fall - en in - to the

Pno.

49

S. Solo

S. Solo *non solo* ***p***

where e - -

S. place where e - - v'ry - thing is

A. place where e - v'ry - thing is

A. place where e - v'ry - thing is

T. place where e - - v'ry - thing is

B. place where e - v'ry - thing is

Pno.

51

S. Solo *p* ah ah ah ah

S. Solo *p* ah ah ah ah

S. *mp* mu - sic. Fall - - en. Fall-

A. *mp* mu - sic. Fall - - en. Fall-

A. *mp* mu - sic. Fall - - en. Fall-

T. *mp* mu - sic. Fall - - en. Fall-

B. *mp* mu - sic. Fall - - en. Fall-

Pno. *p* *mp*

ped.

56

S. Solo

ah ah ah ah

S. Solo

ah ah ah ah

S.

- - - en. *p* fi - nal - ly *pp* mu - sic.

A.

- - - en. *p* fi - nal - ly *pp* mu - sic.

A.

- - - en. *p* fi - nal - ly *pp* mu - sic.

T.

- - - en. *p* fi - nal - ly *pp* mu - sic.

B.

- - - en. *p* fi - nal - ly *pp* mu - sic.

Pno.