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WHO, IF NOT I?

A Song for Solo Voices, Choir and Instruments

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from an Old Irish Poem

vocal score



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WHO, IF NOT I?

The text used is based on a traditional translation of an ancient Irish poem in Celtic attributed to Taliesin. The lines have been punctuated and grouped by the composer.

I am the wind that blows over the sea,
I am the wave of the ocean;
I am the murmur of the billows

I am the ox of the seven combats,
I am the vulture upon the rock.

I am a ray of the sun,
I am the fairest of plants.

I am a wild boar in valour,
I am a salmon in the water,
I am a lake in the plain.

I am the skill of the craftsman,
I am a word of knowledge.

I am the spear-point that gives battle.

I am the god that creates in the mind the fire of thought.

Who is it that enlightens the assembly upon the mountain, if not I?
Who tells the ages of the moon, if not I?
Who shows the place where the sun goes to rest, if not I?

Who if not I?
Who if not I?

Notes:

• The music was composed in the autumn of 1996 to a commission from the School of Philosophy and Economic Science in Dublin. This Vocal Score was prepared in December 1997. Apart from this version with solo piano accompaniment, there are currently three editions available of WHO, IF NOT I? - two for accompaniment by various chamber ensembles, and one for accompaniment by two pianos. Please contact FOUR SEASONS MUSIC for details.

• The first performance of WHO, IF NOT I? (with the full orchestration) was given by the School of Philosophy in Sydney, Australia in May 1998.

• The duration of the piece is approximately 6'10".



WHO, IF NOT I?

vocal score

andante con moto

$\text{♩} = 94$

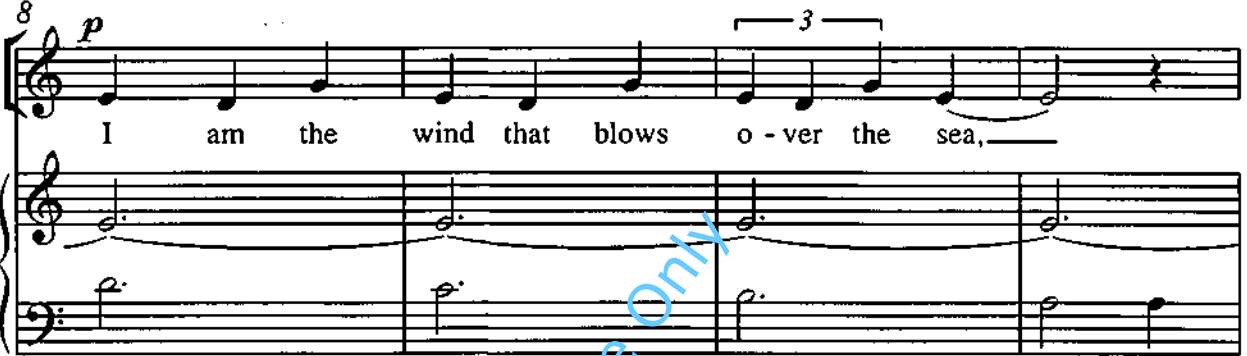
Piano



Solo A. *p*

8 I am the wind that blows o - ver the sea,

Pno



Solo A. *mp*

12 I am the wave of the o - cean;

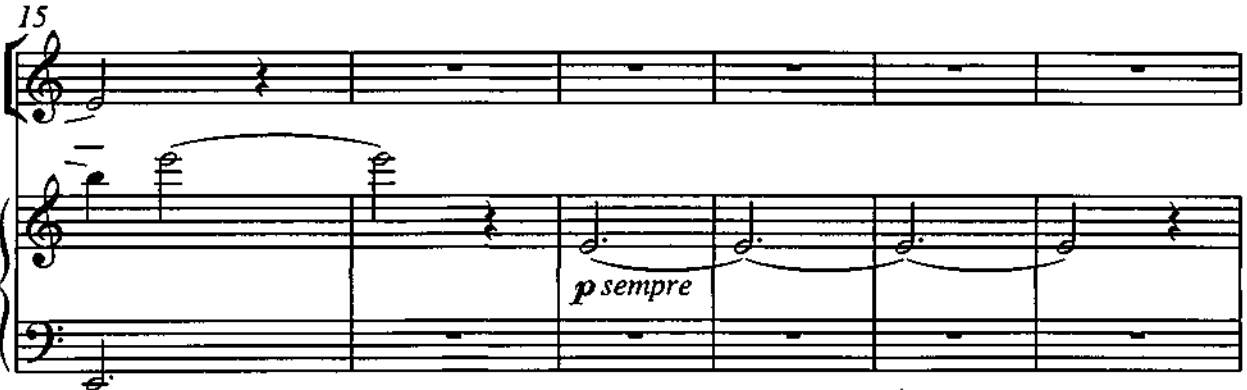
Pno



Solo A.

15

Pno *p sempre*



21 *p*

Solo A. I am the mur-mur of the bill - ows.

Pno

26 *mp*

Solo S. the wave of the o - cean;

Solo A. I am the wave of the o - cean;

Pno

30 *mp*

Pno

33

Pno

36 *mf*

Pno



41 *mf*

Solo S. I am the ox of sev - - en com - bats

Solo A. I am the ox of the se-ven combats

Pno

45 *mp*

S. I am a ray of the sun,

A. I am a ray of the sun,

T. I am a ray of the sun,

B. I am a ray of the sun,

Pno



49

Solo S. *mf* I am the vul - ture u -

Solo A. *mf* I am the vul - ture

Pno *mf*

52

Solo S. - pon the rock.

Solo A. u - pon the rock.

S. *mp* I am the

A. *mp* I am the

T. *mp* I am the

B. *mp* I am the

Pno



55 *p*

Solo T. a ray of the

S. fair - est of plants,

A. fair - est of plants.

T. fair - est of plants.

B. fair - est of plants.

Pno

58

Solo T. sun.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno *poco f*



61

Pno

pp

mf

64

Pno

p

crescendo

68

Solo S.

poco f

I am a salmon in the

Solo A.

poco f

I am a wild boar in va-lour,

Solo T.

poco f

I am a salmon in the

Solo B.

poco f

I am a wild boar in va-lour,

Pno

poco f



71

Solo S. wa - ter,

Solo T. wa - ter,

S. *poco f* I am a lake in the plain.

A.

T. *poco f* I am a lake in the plain.

B.

Pno

74

S. *f* I am the skill of the crafts -

A. *f* I am the skill *f* of the crafts - man,

T. *f* I am the skill of the crafts -

B. *f* I am the skill of the crafts - man,

Pno *f*



76

Solo S. *f* know- ledge, — know -ledge,

Solo A. *f* know- ledge, — know -ledge,

Solo T. *f* know- ledge, — know -ledge,

Solo B. *f* know- ledge, — know -ledge,

S. - man, a word of know -ledge,

A. I am a word of know -ledge,

T. - man, a word of know -ledge, know -ledge

B. I am a word of know -ledge,

Pno *crescendo*



79 *ff*

Solo S. know - ledge,

Solo A. *ff* know - ledge,

Solo T. *ff* know - ledge,

Solo B. *ff* know - ledge,

S. *ff* know - ledge,

A. *ff* know - ledge,

T. *ff* know - ledge,

B. *ff* know - ledge,

Pno *ff*

3

3



82 *accel.* *mp e crescendo*

Solo S. *I am the*

Solo A.

Solo T. *mp e crescendo* *I am the*

Solo B.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno *mp* *crescendo*



84

ff ♩ = 98

Solo S. *mf* *crescendo* spear - point that gives bat - tle

Solo A. *mf* *crescendo* I am the spear - point that gives bat - tle

Solo T. *mf* *crescendo* spear - point that gives bat - tle

Solo B. *mf* *cresc.* spear that gives bat - tle

S. *ff* bat - tle bat - tle

A. *ff* bat - tle

T. *ff* bat - tle bat - tle

B. *ff* bat - tle

Pno *ff*

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86

Solo S. *f* I am the spear - point

Solo A. *f* I am the spear - point

Solo T. *f* I am the spear - point

Solo B. *f* I am the spear - point

S. *mf* bat - tle bat - tle bat - tle bat - tle

A. *mf* bat - tle bat - tle bat - tle bat - tle bat - tle

T. *mf* bat - tle bat - tle bat - tle bat - tle

B. *mf* bat - tle bat - tle bat - tle bat - tle bat - tle

Pno



89

Solo S. I am the spear - point that gives

Solo A. I am the spear - point that gives

Solo T. I am the spear - point that gives

Solo B. I am the spear - point that gives

S. bat - tle bat - tle bat - tle bat - tle

A. bat - tle bat - tle

T. bat - tle bat - tle bat - tle bat - tle

B. bat - tle bat - tle bat - tle

Pno



rall. to

tempo primo

91

Solo S. bat - tle. a wave of the

Solo A. bat - tle. a lake in the plain.

Solo T. bat - tle. a ray of the sun.

Solo B. bat - tle.

p

p

p

p

3

3

S. bat tle

A. bat tle

T. bat tle

B. bat tle

f

f

f

f

Pno

p subito

diminuendo

3

3



95

Solo S.

o - cean

Pno

mf

98

Pno

mp

mf

100

Pno

mf crescendo

103

Pno

più allegro
♩ = 100

p subito



106 *mf*

Solo A. *3* *3*
I am the god that cre - ates in the mind_ the fire of

Pno *crescendo* *3*

108 *poco f* *3* *3*

Solo S. I am the god that cre -

Solo A. *poco f* *3* *3*
thought. I am the god that cre -

Solo T. *poco f* *3* *3*
I am the god that cre -

Solo B. *poco f* *3* *3*
I am the god that cre -

Pno *p subito* *crescendo*



110

Solo S.
- ates in the mind_ the fire of thought.

Solo A.
- ates in the mind_ the fire of thought.

Solo T.
- ates in the mind the fire of thought.

Solo B.
- ates in the mind the fire of thought.

Pno

112 *mf*

S.
mf I am the god that cre - - ates in the mind_ the fire of

A.
mf I am the god that cre - - ates in the mind_ the fire of

T.
mf I am the god that cre - - ates in the mind_ the fire of

B.
mf I am the god that cre - - ates in the mind_ the fire of

Pno
poco f *crescendo*



Solo S.

poco f
I am the god that cre -

Solo A.

poco f
I am the god that cre -

Solo T.

poco f
I am the god that cre -

Solo B.

poco f
I am the god that cre -

S.

thought. *mf*
I am the god that cre -

A.

thought. *mf*
I am the god that cre -

T.

thought. *mf*
I am the god that cre -

B.

thought. *mf*
I am the god that cre -

Pno

mf *molto crescendo*

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116

Solo S.
ates in the mind, the mind the fire of

Solo A.
ates in the mind, the mind the fire of

Solo T.
ates in the mind, the mind the fire of

Solo B.
ates in the mind, the mind the fire of

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S.
ates in the mind the fire of

A.
ates in the mind the fire of

T.
ates in the mind the fire of

B.
ates in the mind the fire of

Pno



118

Solo S.

thought.

Solo A.

thought.

Solo T.

thought.

Solo B.

thought.

S.

thought.

A.

thought.

T.

thought.

B.

thought.

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Pno

f *diminuendo*



120 *p* 3

Solo S. Who is it that en - light - ens the ass - emb - ly

Solo A. *p* 3 Who is it that en - light - ens the ass - emb - ly

Solo T. *p* 3 Who is it that en - light - ens the ass - emb - ly

Solo B. *p* 3 Who is it that en - light - ens the ass - emb - ly

S. *p* Who *crescendo poco a poco*

A. *p* Who *crescendo poco a poco*

T. *p* Who *crescendo poco a poco*

B. *p* Who *crescendo poco a poco*

Pno *mp*



122

crescendo

Solo S. u - pon the mount - ain, if not I?

Solo A. u - pon the mount - ain, if not I?

Solo T. u - pon the mount - ain, if not I?

Solo B. u - pon the mount - ain, if not I?

S. Who

A. Who

T. Who

B. Who

Pno

poco a poco crescendo



125

mf cresc.

Solo S.

Who tells the a-ges of the moon, if not

Solo A.

Who tells the a-ges of the moon, if not

Solo T.

Who tells the a-ges of the moon, if not

Solo B.

Who tells the a-ges of the moon, if not

crescendo

S.

Who

crescendo

A.

Who

crescendo

T.

Who

crescendo

B.

Who

Pno



128

Solo S. *f crescendo* 3
 I? Whoshows the place where the

Solo A. *f crescendo* 3
 I? Whoshows the place where the

Solo T. *f crescendo* 3
 I? Whoshows the place where the

Solo B. *f crescendo* 3
 I? Whoshows the place where the

S. *crescendo*
 I Who

A. *crescendo*
 I Who

T. *crescendo*
 I Who

B. *crescendo*
 I Who

Pno *crescendo sempre*



131

Solo S. *ff*
sun goes to rest, if not I?

Solo A. *ff*
sun goes to rest, if not I?

Solo T. *ff*
sun goes to rest, if not I?

Solo B. *ff*
sun goes to rest, if not I?

S. *ff*
I

A. *ff*
I

T. *ff*
I

B. *ff*
I

Pno *ff*



134 *diminuendo molto*

Solo S.

Solo A.

Solo T.

Solo B.

diminuendo molto

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno

diminuendo molto

138 *poco f*

Solo A.

Pno

mp *mf*



tempo primo

141

Pno

poco f

144

Pno

mp

148

S. *p*
Who if not I? Who if not

A. *p*
Who if not I? Who if not I?

T. *p*
Who if not I?

B. *p*
Who if not I?

Pno



152

Solo S. *p* Who if not

Solo A. *p* Who if not

S. I?

A.

T.

B.

Pno

156

Solo S. I? Who if not I?

Solo A. I? Who if not I?

Solo T. *p* Who if not I?

Solo B. *p* Who if not I?

Pno *p*



160

Solo S.

Solo A.

Solo T.

Solo B.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno

164

Pno

