

The May Magnificat

music by Douglas Mews (1918-1993)
words by Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889)

With vigour
♩ = c. 72

Soprano Solo

Ma - - - Ma - - - gni - fi - cat, Ma - gni - fi - cat, a - ni - ma me

Keyboard Reduction
(for rehearsal only)

Sop. Solo

4 - - - a Do - mi - num, Do - mi - num, Do - mi - num.

S

A

T

B

Ma - - - Ma - - - Ma - - - Ma - - -

mp *molto*

Sop. Solo

7

S

A

T

B

gni - fi - cat, Ma gni - fi - cat, Ma gni - - - - fi - cat.

gni - fi - cat, Ma gni - fi - cat, Ma gni - - - - fi - cat.

gni - fi - cat, Ma gni - fi - cat, Ma gni - - - - fi - cat.

gni - fi - cat, Ma gni - fi - cat, Ma gni - - - - fi - cat.

f *p* *mf*

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S The May Mag - ni - fi - cat. *mp* May, _____ May, _____ *A little quicker*

A The May Mag - ni - fi - cat. *p* May, _____

T The May Mag - ni - fi - cat. *p* May, _____

B The May Mag - ni - fi - cat. *p* May, _____

15

S May, _____ May is Ma - ry's month, _____

A

T

B

20

S *p* Ma - ry's month, _____

A _____ *p* May, _____

T *p* Ma - ry's month, _____

B _____ *p* May, _____

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S Why? _____

A _____

T Why? _____

B *mf* I muse, I muse at that, and won - der why, _____

SOLO

28

S Her feasts fol - low rea - son, _____

A Why? _____ Da - ted _____ due to sea - son, _____

T _____

B why? _____

FULL

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S La - dy Day: _____ *f* But the La - dy Month, *mp* La -

A La - dy Day: _____ *f* But the La - dy Month,

T Can - dle - mas, _____ La - dy Day: _____ *f* But the La - dy Month, *mp* La -

B La - dy Day: _____ *f* But the La - dy Month,

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S dy Month, May, May, *p* Why? —

A

T dy Month, May, May, *p* Why? —

B

35

39

S *mf* Why?

A Why May? *mf* Why?

T *mf* Why?

B Why May? Why fast - en that up - on her? With a feast - ing in her ho - nour?

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42

S Why? Why May? (lightly)

A Why? Why May? (lightly) *mf* Is it

T Why? Why May? (lightly) *mf* Is it, is

B Why? Why May? *mf* Is it, is it

42

46

S *mf* Is it on - ly be - ing brigh - ter _____ than the most are, _____ must de - light her, de - light her? _____

A _____ be - - - - - ing bright - er? _____

T ₈ _____ it _____ be - - - - - ing bright - er? _____

B _____ be - - - - - ing bright - er? _____

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S _____ *mf* Is it op - por - tu - nest _____ and flo - wers find soon -

A _____ *mf* Is it _____ op - por - - - - tun - est? _____

T ₈ _____ *mf* Is it, is _____ is op - - - - por - tun - est? _____

B _____ *mf* Is it, is it _____ op - por - tun - - - - est? _____

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S _____ (Animated) _____ *mf* Ma - ry's Month, _____ *f* Ma - ry's Month. _____

A _____ (Animated) _____ *f* Ma - ry's Month. _____

T ₈ _____ (Animated) _____ *mp* Ma - ry's Month, _____ *mf* Ma - ry's Month, _____ *f* Ma - ry's Month. _____

B _____ (Animated) _____ *f* Ma - ry's Month. _____

57

S *ff* Ask, ask of her the might - - - ty

A *ff* Ask, ask of her the might - - - ty (unis.)

T *ff* Ask ask of her the might - - - ty

B *ff* Ask ask of her the might - - - ty

62

S mo - ther, *p* Her re - ply

A mo - ther, *p* puts this o - ther que - stion:

T mo - ther, *f* Ma-ry, Ma-ry the mo - ther, (unis.)

B mo - ther, *p* Her re - ply

68

S *p* What is Spring? *pp* Spring?

A *p* What is Spring? *pp* Spring?

T *p* What is Spring? *pp* Spring? SOLO What is Spring?

B *p* What is Spring? *pp* Spring?

DOUBLE CHOIR

With a lilt
♩. = c. 84

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7

(articulated)

p Flesh and fleece,

p Flesh and fleece,

p Growth in ev' - ry - thing,

(articulated) Growth

p Fur and fea - ther,

p Fur and fea - ther,

p Growth in ev' - ry - thing,

Growth in ev' - ry - thing,

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flesh and fleece,

grass and green-world, all to -

flesh and fleece,

grass and green-world, all to -

sostenuto

Growth in ev' - - - - - ry - - - - - thing,

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in ev' - ry - thing,

Growth in ev' - ry - thing,

fur and fea - ther, fur and fea - ther,

fur and fea - ther, fur and fea - ther,

Growth in ev' - ry - thing,

Growth

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S 1 ge - ther, all to - ge - ther;

A 1 ge - ther, all to - ge - ther;

T 1 all to - ge - ther;

B 1 all to - ge - ther; *mf*

79

S 2 Growth in ev' - ry - thing, in ev' - ry-thing; in
grass and green-world, grass and green-world, all to - ge -

A 2 grass and green-world, grass and green-world, all to - ge -

T 2 *sostenuto* Growth in ev' - - - ry thing; *mf*

B 2 in ev' - ry - thing, Growth in ev' - ry-thing, in

82

S 1 (unis.) *mf* star-eyed straw-ber - ry breast-ed thros - tle, thros - tle

A 1 *mf* star-eyed straw-ber - ry breast-ed thros - tle, thros - tle

T 1 *mf* star-eyed straw-ber - ry breast-ed thros - tle, thros - tle

B 1 *mf* star-eyed straw-ber - ry breast-ed thros - tle, thros - tle

82

S 2 sod or sheath or shell, in sod or sheath or shell, (unis.) *mf* star-eyed straw-ber - ry breast-ed

A 2 sod or sheath or shell, in sod or sheath or shell, *mf* star-eyed straw-ber - ry breast-ed

T 2 sod or sheath or shell, in sod or sheath or shell, *mf* star-eyed straw-ber - ry breast-ed

B 2 sod or sheath or shell, in sod or sheath or shell, *mf* star-eyed straw-ber - ry breast-ed