

commissioned by the Oulainen Youth Choir, Finland, on the occasion of their 30th anniversary
and dedicated to the choir and its conductor Tapani Tirilä

The Circle of Days

for SSA choir and piano, with optional string quartet

music: David Hamilton (2002)

text: Reeve Lindbergh

(based on 'Canticle of the Sun' by St Francis of Assisi)

♩ = 144 (Joyfully and very rhythmically)

Solo voice

f Lord we of- fer thanks and praise for the cir- cle of our days.

Solo

f

S.1

S.2

A.

Pno

f Lord we of- fer thanks and praise for the cir- cle of

f Lord we of- fer thanks and praise for the cir- cle of

f Lord we of- fer thanks and praise for the cir- cle of

16

S.1
our days. *mf* Lord

S.2
our days. *mf* Lord

A.
our days. *mf* Lord

Pno *mf*

8^{va}.....

21

S.1
we of- fer thanks and praise for the cir- cle of our days.

S.2
we of- fer thanks and praise for the cir- cle of our days.

A.
we of- fer thanks and praise for the cir- cle of our days.

Pno

26

S.1

S.2

A.

Pno

31

S.1 *f* Praise for ra- diant bro- ther sun

S.2 *f* Praise for ra- diant bro- ther, bro- ther

A. *f* Praise for ra- diant bro- ther, bro- ther

Pno *f*

36

S.1 — who makes the hours a-round us run round us run.

S.2 sun who makes the hours a-round us run round us run.

A. sun who makes the hours a-round us run round us run.

Pno

41

S.1 *mp* For sis- ter moon and for the stars bri-

S.2 *mp* For sis- ter moon and for and for the stars bri-

A. *mp* For sis- ter moon and for and for the stars bri-

Pno *leggiero*

46

S.1
liant pre- cious al- ways ours, al- ways ours *cresc.*

S.2
liant pre- cious al- ways ours, al- ways ours *cresc.*

A.
liant pre- cious al- ways ours, al- ways ours *cresc.*

Pno
cresc.

(8)

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S.1
al- ways ours.

S.2
al- ways ours.

A.
al- ways ours.

Pno
sim.

55

S.1
Praise

S.2
Praise

A.
Praise

Pno
(RH over)
8th

60

S.1 — for bro- thers wind and air and air se-

S.2 — praise for bro- thers wind and air se-

A. — praise for bro- thers wind and air se-

Pno *f*

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.*

64

S.1 rene or clou- dy foul or fair, foul or fair.

S.2 rene or clou- dy foul or fair, foul or fair.

A. rene or clou- dy foul or fair, foul or fair.

Pno

69

S.1 *p* For — sis- ter wa- ter pure and chaste *mp* use- ful hum- ble good

S.2 *p* For — sis- ter wa- ter pure and, pure and chaste *mp* use- ful hum- ble good

A. *p* For — sis- ter wa- ter pure and, pure and chaste *mp* use- ful hum- ble good

Pno *p*

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *sim.*

74

S.1
to taste, *mf* good to taste _____ good to

S.2
to taste, *mf* good to taste _____ good to

A.
to taste, *mf* good to taste _____ good to

Pno

79

S.1
taste. For _____ fire our bro- ther strong

S.2
taste. For _____ fire fire

A.
taste. For _____ fire

Pno

cresc. *f* *Ped.*

84

S.1
and bright, strong and bright, whose joy il- lu- mi- nates

S.2
our bro- ther strong and bright, whose joy il- lu- mi- nates

A.
fire our bro- ther strong and bright, whose joy il- lu- mi- nates

Pno

Ped.