

*Commissioned by Friends of Choral Music for the Ames High School Concert Chorale  
Gary Schwartzhoff, conductor*

# To Music

Alice Jordan (1916–2012)

**Maestoso, with dramatic freedom**

Soprano: Great art thou O mus - ic! Great art thou O mus - ic! There is no com-pet - i-tor.

Alto: Great art thou O mus - ic! Great art thou O mus - ic! There is no com-pet - i-tor.

Tenor: Great art thou O mus - ic! Great art thou O mus - ic! There is no com-pet - i-tor.

Bass: Great art thou O mus - ic! Great art thou O mus - ic! There is no com-pet - i-tor.

Piano (for rehearsal only):

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5 **ff** There is no com - pet - i-tor, O mus - ic.

**9**

There is no com - pet - i-tor, O mus - ic.

8 There is no com - pet - i-tor, O mus - ic. Thou art known to ac - com - pa - ny all good

There is no com - pet - i-tor, O mus - ic. Thou art known to ac - com - pa - ny all good

**9**

5 **ff**

\* Text adapted from portions of William Billings' writings: "An Encomium on Music," the preface to *Singing Master's Assistant* (1778), and "On Musick" from the *New England Psalm Singer* (1770).

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*ff with conviction*

Thou art known to ac - com-pany all good peo - ple at all times, at all

*ff with conviction*

Thou art known to ac - com-pany all good peo - ple at all times, at all

8  
peo-ple at all times, and in all a - ges. Thou art known to ac - com-pa-ny all good

peo-ple at all times, and in all a - ges. Thou art known to ac - com-pa-ny all good

*ff*

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times and in all a - ges. With thee there is no com - pet - i-tor. There is no com - pet - i - tor.

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8  
peo - ple in all a - ges. With thee there is no com - pet - i-tor. There is no com - pet - i - tor.

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*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

(29) Lyrically, with warmth

25      *mf*      *p*

Great art thou O mus-ic! O mus - ic.      Thou art as ear-ly as cre-a-tion.

Great art thou O mus-ic! O mus - ic.      Thou art as ear-ly as cre-a-tion.

Great art thou O mus-ic! O mus - ic.      For

Great art thou O mus-ic! O mus - *(s)* ic.      For

29      *mf*      *p*

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The morn-ing stars sang, the

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when the foun - da-tion of the earth was laid, the morn-ing stars sang to - geth-er, sang to - geth-er,

when the foun - da-tion of the earth was laid, the morn-ing stars sang to - geth - er, sang to - geth - er,

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*stringendo*

morn-ing stars sang to - geth - er, and shout-ed, and shout-ed for joy.

morn-ing stars sang to - geth - er, and shout-ed, and shout-ed for joy.

*stringendo*

8 sang to - geth - er, sang to - geth - er, and shout-ed, and shout-ed, and

sang to - geth - er, sang to - geth - er, and shout-ed, and shout-ed, and

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*stringendo*

sang to - geth - er, sang to - geth - er, and shout-ed, and shout-ed, and

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49 *a tempo, gradually re-building*

Great art thou, great art thou O mus-ic. Thy force is tran-scend - ent from heav - en de-

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shout-ed for joy. Great art thou, great art thou O mus-ic.

shout-ed for joy. Great art thou, great art thou O mus-ic.

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rived. Thy sound is ce - les - tial. Thy power is di -

rived. Thy sound is ce - les - tial. Thy power is di -

8 Thy sound is ce - les - tial. Thy power is di - vine, thy

Thy sound is ce - les - tial. Thy power is di - vine, thy

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vine. 'Tis thine to warm the soul, to warm the soul.

vine. 'Tis thine to warm the soul, to warm the soul.

8 power is di - vine. 'Tis thine to warm the soul, to warm the soul.

power is di - vine. 'Tis thine to warm the soul, to warm the soul.

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## 66 A little broader than Tempo I

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Great art thou O mus - ic! Great art thou O mus - ic! There is no com-pet - i-tor.

## 66 A little broader than Tempo I

70 Thy force is tran-scend - ent. 'Tis thine to warm the soul, with sound di - vine.

Thy force is tran-scend - ent. 'Tis thine to warm the soul, with sound di - vine.

Thy force is tran-scend - ent. 'Tis thine to warm the soul, with sound ce - les - tial and di - vine.

Thy force is tran-scend - ent. 'Tis thine to warm the soul, with sound ce - les - tial and di - vine.