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CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL WITH THE PHIL DECEMBER 10 2017

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The Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir, Western Canada's longest-established adult choral group, has a well-earned reputation for excellence. A choral trademark for the City of Winnipeg, the Phil's repertoire covers a broad range of music including oratorios, masses, songs, and choral symphonies with a focus on major choral works with orchestral accompaniment. Priding itself on premiering original music, the Phil has commissioned works by composers from both Manitoba and across Canada. The choir has also captivated audiences in Toronto, Vancouver and New York's storied Carnegie Hall.

Major choral works, performed with either the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra (WSO) or the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra (MCO) include: Beethoven's Missa Solemnis and his 9th Symphony; Britten's War Requiem; Bach's Mass in B minor; Andrew Lloyd Webber's Requiem; Sir Edward Elgar's Dream of Gerontius, Mozart's Mass in C minor; Fauré's Requiem; Verdi's Stabat Mater and his Requiem; Bach's Cantata No. 4 (Christ lag in Todesbanden); Mahler's Symphony No. 2 and Mendelssohn's Elijah.

Each season, under the direction of Maestro Yuri Klaz, the Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir provides music lovers of all ages a subscription series of three concerts that bring to life some of the world's finest choral works. Celebrating its 95th season, the Phil continues its tradition of performing works that are dramatic, profoundly moving and always entertainingly full of heart.





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CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL WITH THE PHIL

About two years ago, the Board of the Winnipeg Music Festival asked if we would participate in their 100th Anniversary celebrations. They proposed that they would commission a new choral work for adult and children's choirs to be performed by the Phil with the Winnipeg Boys' and Girls' Choirs at our traditional 2017 Christmas concerts. We were delighted! This, in turn, led to our idea to celebrate the Festival throughout the concert by inviting recent Festival winners to perform with us.

The Festival Board awarded the commission to the renowned, Winnipeg-born composer, John Greer. Along with the Winnipeg Girls' Choir under the direction of Trisha Penner, and the Winnipeg Boys' Choir, led by Carolyn Boyes and Spencer Duncanson, we are joined by Festival winners, Emily Diehl-Rieder (soprano), Alexander (Sasha) Moroz (viola), Nolan Powell (guitar), Emma Reid (flute). This is truly a celebration of the Festival, youth and Winnipeg!

Our concert begins with Sir David Willcocks' *Birthday Carol*. The angelic declaration, "Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo," celebrates the anticipated birth of Jesus. Willcocks was known as "England's choirmaster" and was particularly famous for his choral arrangements of Christmas music, most of which were written for the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College Cambridge. *Birthday Carol* is his own composition. As one would expect, it is well-crafted with just the right mix of accessible harmonies and clever, medieval-sounding rhythms.

Pat-a-pan is a French carol from Burgundy, written by Bernard de la Monnoye around 1720. The Nativity scene is told from the perspective of shepherds playing simple instruments: flutes and drums. The onomatopoetic sound, which gives the song its name, is meant to mimic the sound of the drum and the flute with its accompanying lyric, "tu-re-lu-re-lu." Arranger Scott Kirchner is a composer and songwriter active in Los Angeles. His choral compositions are performed throughout the United States and abroad in concert halls, churches, schools, radio, television and YouTube.

Could a Christmas concert be complete without the music of John Rutter? At the outset of his career, Rutter already exhibited many of the trademarks that would follow him for decades. While still an undergraduate he had his first compositions published, including *Shepherd's Pipe Carol*, which he wrote at 18. Another of his earliest pieces is his *Nativity Carol*. It portrays several basic features present in so much this composer's sacred music. Rutter takes very traditional topics for his four textual verses: the stable of the Incarnation, the Mother of God, the wise men, and the universal Love born in that stable. (Source: Timothy Dickey)

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Leo Nestor describes *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* as one of many Christmas melodies carried forward from his Californian youth. "This setting came into being uncharacteristically, over a long series of travels, when the calm of other places permits reverie to be re-clothed. And so, this spiritual traveled from its happy beginnings in San Antonio in the winter of 2000, to Los Angeles in the summer, then back home to Washington, and saw completion at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, in the summer of 2002."



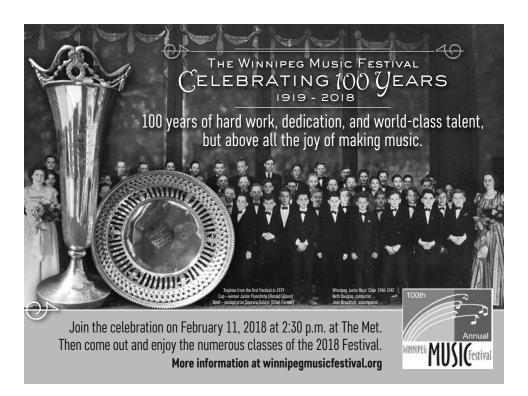
John Greer is a professional accompanist, vocal coach, conductor, arranger and composer. An honoured graduate of the University of Manitoba and the University of Southern California, John Greer composes primarily for voice. He is well known for his operas, including his enormously successful children's opera, *The Snow*

Queen; his works based on Canadian folk songs; and his highly entertaining song cycles (usually with the composer himself at the piano), written for well-known Canadian singers including Tracy Dahl, Catherine Robbins, Kevin McMillan, Monica Whicher and Adrianne Pieczonka.

About his new work, A Song of Joy (Paean to Music), John writes: "It was an honour and pleasure to be asked to write a choral piece to celebrate the Centennial of the Winnipeg Music Festival, an organization that was so crucial to my early musical development. I was thrilled that young voices were going to participate and immediately began the long search for the perfect exultant text which would inspire the adult choristers to sing with the energy, liveliness and spontaneity of children and the young choristers to sing with the authority and insight of their elders. At last I discovered Walt Whitman's epic masterpiece A Song of Joys. For this short Paean I have used only four outside stanzas of this monumental eight-page celebration of joy in every occupation and every phase of life, full of associations with the sea and marine work as befits a man living on the coast."

American composer Dan Forrest believes that whatever abilities he has been given for creating beauty are gifts from God. Forrest's setting of the well-known English carol, *The First Noel*, reveals a wonder-filled, reflective gaze inside the stable in Bethlehem. The anthem takes its time to savour the beauty and meaning of the scene and seeks to communicate directly to the heart the miracle of the Incarnation.

Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn is part of a cycle of hymns called Christus by the American organist, teacher and composer John Ferguson. It is based on the hymn Wie schön leuchtet die Morgenstern (How Brightly Shines the Morning Star) written in



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1597 by Philipp Nicolai and famously set by Bach in his choral cantata of the same name. A professor at Kent State University, Ferguson's name is associated with hymnody and hymn festivals. Every year he is invited to design and lead such events, both in local congregations and at gatherings of organists, choral conductors, and church musicians.

A la Nanita Nana is popular in the Hispanic world both as a carol and a lullaby. Roger Folstrom's arrangement, published in 1904, is a lightly textured mingling of melody and libretto that extols the newborn Child. A native of Fargo, North Dakota, Folstrom spent his career at the University of Maryland as a well-known choir director and arranger.

To close this season's festival of carols we are highlighting three of the choral pieces from the *Oratorio de Noël (Christmas Oratorio)*, Op. 12, by Camille Saint-Saëns. It is a cantata-like work scored for soloists, chorus, strings, and harp. While an organist at L'Église de la Madeleine in Paris, Saint-Saëns wrote the oratorio in less than two weeks, completing it ten days before its première on Christmas 1858. The vocal score of this oratorio was prepared later by composer and organist Eugène Gigout, a colleague of Saint-Saëns.

The Hallelujah Chorus has been a favourite since it was first presented as a part of Handel's great oratorio Messiah in 1742. The story that King George II leapt to his feet at the opening chords of this chorus, causing the rest of the audience to follow, is apocryphal; it is not known if he was even in attendance at a performance. While the first reference to this custom dates to 1756, the tradition of standing is strong and adds to the glorious appeal of the music. We end our festival of carols with this famous chorus as a singalong. Don't be shy: please add your voice to this wonderful, uplifting work!

The Phil would like to congratulate the Winnipeg Music Festival on reaching its Centenary. Over the past 95 years the Phil has benefitted greatly through choristers and conductors who have honed their skills in preparation for Festival performances and, now, we are gaining even more with the honour of performing the première of the Festival's commission.

We would like to thank our two guest choirs; we know that mastering John Greer's joyful, challenging and beautiful composition required quite a bit of additional rehearsal.

We also thank our talented guest artists: Emily, Nolan, Alex, and Emma, and our excellent organist, Wes Elias, and our gifted accompanist, Donna Laube. Last but far from least, we would like to recognize our maestro, Yuri Klaz, whose passion for great music and exceptional music-making is contagious.

And to you, our audience: we hope the songs and carols you hear and sing today will linger as you celebrate the treasures of the season. Peace and good will to all.



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YURI KLAZ

Born in Petrozavodsk, Russia, Yuri Klaz graduated from his hometown's Music College and Conservatory before finishing his Master's degree in conducting at the St. Petersburg State Conservatory. In 1982, he was appointed an Associate Professor of choral and orchestral conducting at the Petrozavodsk Conservatory and, in 1987, became the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Chamber Choir of Petrozavodsk's Karelian Art Centre. Under his

guidance, the choir earned numerous awards performing in concert tours and music festivals in Russia, Germany, Finland, Estonia, Ireland and Norway.

In 1995, by decree of President Boris Yeltzin, Mr. Klaz was awarded the prestigious title, "Honoured Artist of Russia," investing him with a silver medal for exceptional success in the development of art in Russia. In 2000, the Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir recruited Yuri Klaz as its Artistic Director and Conductor. Quickly becoming a leader in Winnipeg's choral community, in 2003 he was appointed Artistic Director and Conductor of The Winnipeg Singers, and now also directs the First Mennonite Church Choir. In 2005, Mr. Klaz made a critically acclaimed debut as a conductor with the WSO in a choral series that included Fauré's *Requiem*, Verdi's *Stabat Mater* and J. S. Bach's *Cantata No. 4*.

In 2006 Mr. Klaz made his first appearance with the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra conducting Mozart's *Great Mass in C minor* with the Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir and The Winnipeg Singers. He has also led The Winnipeg Singers in several performances at the WSO's New Music Festival.

Mr. Klaz has directed choirs around the world, including United States, Japan, Taiwan, Germany, Russia, Austria, France, Italy and The Netherlands, and has attended World Choral Symposiums in Vancouver, Minneapolis, Sydney, Kyoto and Copenhagen. In his more than 40-year career Mr. Klaz has conducted numerous major choral works, including J.S. Bach's Mass in B minor and Weihnachts-Oratorium (Christmas Oratorio); Handel's Messiah; Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem; Bruckner's Requiem; Mozart's Requiem; Mendelssohn's Elijah; Rutter's Magnificat; Pärt's Berliner Messe and Rachmaninoff's Vespers.

In June 2010, Yuri Klaz was honored with the Winnipeg Arts Council's "Making a Mark" award in recognition of his contribution to choral music performance. In July 2016 Mr. Klaz led The Winnipeg Singers' performance at the 5th International Choral Competition in Florence, bringing home the award for Best Choir: The Golden David.

GUEST ARTISTS

Wes Elias, organ

Wes Elias is an active Winnipeg musician who works as a private music teacher, performer, RCM examiner and church musician. He has served as organist at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church since 2009. Prior to this he was Music Director at Broadway-First Baptist Church for 17 years. Primary organ studies were with Douglas Bodle at the University of Toronto. Other organ teachers have included Winnifred Sim, Peter Letkemann and Lawrence Ritchey. He has appeared on numerous occasions with the Phil.



Donna Laube, piano

A native of Saskatchewan, Ms. Laube received a B. Mus. from Brandon University as a student of Dr. Joan Miller and subsequently her M. Music in Piano accompaniment from McGill University under the tutelage of Dale Bartlett. Ms. Laube is also an alumnus of the Franz-Schubert-Institute in Austria (with a focus on German Lieder and poetry), and of Opera Nuova in Edmonton. She has been active for the past decade as a pianist for



singers, instrumentalists and choirs performing at international competitions as well as for CBC Radio Two. Ms. Laube is currently Principal Pianist with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School and is performing as orchestral pianist with the WSO this season.

Winnipeg Boys' Choir

Probably the oldest independent boys' choir in the country, the Winnipeg Boys' Choir is an auditioned group of boys and young men aged 8-18, dedicated to high-quality music making and vocal training in a convivial atmosphere. Founded in 1925, the choir has for decades delighted audiences with music in many



genres and languages. In recent years, WBC ensembles have performed with many of our city's finest arts organizations, including the WSO, Manitoba Chamber Orchestra, RWB, Canzona, and Camerata Nova, and, this year, The Winnipeg Singers, and of course, The Phil. Director Carolyn Boyes conducts the Treble and Chamber Choruses and Spencer Duncanson conducts the Senior Chorus (changed voices). Please join us for our Christmas concert, "The Angels Did Say," on Saturday 16 December at 7 pm at Crescent Fort Rouge—an enchanting evening featuring Brother Heinrich's Christmas, narrated by Andrea Ratuski. We hope we'll also see you at our spring concert "So Much Work for Love to Do"—an evening of hopeful and uplifting music for troubling times—on 27 April 2018 at 7 pm, at Crescent Fort Rouge United Church. See our website at winnipegboyschoir.ca for tickets and more information.

Winnipeg Girls' Choir

The Winnipeg Girls' Choir has been providing the finest musical training to talented girls from Grades 4-12 from Winnipeg and the surrounding areas for the past 73 years. Music teacher Beth Cruikshank founded the Winnipeg Girls' Choir (WGC) in 1944. The choir operates as a non-profit organization, overseen by a parent directed council. The WGC strives for excellence in the quality of musical education it offers and in the quality of its performances. The goal of the WGC



is to provide its members with an opportunity for artistic and personal growth through choral music performance. WGC performs a wide-ranging repertoire representing many musical styles—from classical to folk, traditional and modern.

Emily Diehl-Reader, soprano

Currently a graduate student at the University of Manitoba, soprano Emily Diehl-Reader most recently appeared on stage with the Manitoba Underground Opera in their productions of *Suor Angelica* and *Idomeneo*, as well as in their Opera 360° gala concert. She was a runner-up for the 2017 and 2016 Winnipeg Music Festival Rose Bowl, and has performed in masterclasses for Sally Wolf, Elly Ameling, and Dr. Deen Larsen, among others.



Emily has also appeared on stage with Manitoba Opera, playing Second Lady in *Turandot*, First Bridesmaid in *The Marriage of Figaro*, and in the chorus of *Falstaff* and *Fidelio*. She performed the titular role of Emily Carr in the Manitoba première of Jana Skarecky and Di Brandt's contemporary opera *Emily: The Way You Are*. Emily believes that music is an intrinsic part of storytelling, and telling stories is what she aims to do above all else. She is a lover of science-fiction and fantasy who writes fanfiction and plays Dungeons & Dragons in her spare time.

Sasha Moroz, viola

Born into a musical family, Alexander (Sasha) Moroz began playing the violin at the age of six, and switched to viola at the age of nine. A consistent prizewinner in local and provincial music festivals, he has attended the Morningside Music Bridge Program, Valhalla Summer School of Music, VCM Summer Academy and the Rosamunde Festival. This past summer, he was a member of the National Youth Orchestra and toured Canada from coast to



coast. A student of Daniel Scholz, he has participated in masterclasses with Li Teng, Wang Xiaowu, Roberto Diaz, Atar Arad, Gerald Stanyk and André Roy. Sasha is an avid chamber musician, and is Principal viola of the Winnipeg Youth Symphony. He is looking forward to performing with the Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir and on the Virtuosi's Young Artists series this December.

Nolan Powell, guitar

Born in Winnipeg, Nolan displayed passion for music at a young age but only began to study music and classical guitar seriously at age seventeen. In just a short period Nolan prepared an audition program for the Desautels Faculty of Music at the University of Manitoba and was accepted to study classical guitar at the undergraduate level. Since then Nolan has completed bachelor degrees in music and education and in the past five years has been



a finalist in the annual Lawrence Genser and Concerto competitions at the U of M. Most notably, Nolan has won first prize at the FCMF National Competition (2017) as a soloist and second prize as a chamber musician with classical guitar group Trio Déz (2016). A regular performer for the Winnipeg Classical Guitar Society, Nolan was the 2017 recipient of the Len Hew Trophy and Bursary through the Winnipeg Music Festival and was a scholarship winner at the Women's Musical Club of Winnipeg annual competition. In the near future, Nolan plans to pursue guitar performance at the graduate level and aspires to one day find a career in line with his passion for pedagogy and music.

Emma Ridd, flute

Emma is a graduate from the University of Manitoba's Desautels Faculty of Music with a music performance degree, studying with Laurel Ridd and Layla Roberts. She has performed in many ensembles including Provincial Honour Bands, the National Youth Band of Canada, the Winnipeg Youth Orchestras, the University of Manitoba's Wind Ensemble, and the University of Manitoba Symphony Orchestra. As a soloist, Emma has competed



for many years in the Winnipeg Music Festival and the Syrinx Flute Festival where she has won classes as well as the Beryl Fergusen Memorial Trophy. In 2013, Emma was awarded the Winnipeg Youth Orchestra's Soloist Scholarship and performed as a soloist in the Centennial Concert Hall with the Winnipeg Youth Symphony Orchestra. Emma currently teaches private lessons, flute clinics, and will be playing as part the University of Manitoba Symphony Orchestra in their February concert.

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CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL WITH THE PHIL

Sunday, December 10, 2017 Westminster United Church

Yuri Klaz, conductor
Wes Elias, organist
Donna Laube, accompanist
Winnipeg Girls' Choir
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Emily Diehl-Reader, soprano
Sasha Moroz, viola
Nolan Powell, guitar
Emma Ridd, flute

Birthday Carol David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Pat-a-pan Arr. Shawn Kircher (1970-)

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow Leo Nestor (1948-)

Emily Diehl-Reader, soprano; Emma Ridd, flute

O Holy Night Adolphe Adam (1803-1856), arr. Dudley Buck (1839-1909) Emily Diehl-Reader, soprano

AUDIENCE SING-ALONG—words on page 17

Joy to the World Text by Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music by Lowell Mason (1792-1872), arr. John Rutter (1945-)

WINNIPEG GIRLS' CHOIR (3 PM)

This Little Babe Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Cradle Hymn Kim Andre Arnesen (1980-)

Bell Carol Mykola Leontovych (1877-1921), arr. Heather Sorenson

I Heard the Bells Arr. Mac Huff

WINNIPEG BOYS' CHOIR (7 PM)

Walking in the Air Howard Blake (1938-)

This Little Babe

Benjamin Britten

The Shepherd's Carol Bob Chilcott (1955-)

O Magnum Mysterium Morten Lauridsen (1943-)

Jing-ga-lye-ya Bruce Sled (1975-)

INTERMISSION

A Song of Joys (Paeon to Music)

John Greer (1954-)

The First Noel

Dan Forrest (1978-)

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles (Portuguese Hymn) J.F. Wade's Cantus Diversi, 1751

Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn

John Ferguson (1941-)

Sasha Moroz, viola

Nativity Carol

John Rutter

Shepherd's Pipe Carol

John Rutter

A La Nanita Nana

Arr. Roger Folstrom (1934-2011)

Nolan Powell, guitar

Silent Night

Franz Gruber (1787-1863)

Nolan Powell, guitar

Soloists: Keith Black, tenor; John Galayda, baritone

Christmas Oratorio

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Glory Be Unto God

Wherefore Do The Heathen Clamor?

Praise Ye The Lord of Hosts

AUDIENCE SING-ALONG—music score on page 20

Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

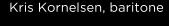
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Daniel Peasgood, countertenor
Peter John Buchan, tenor







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Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns; Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, Rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore Him, (3×)
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above! Glory to God, glory in the highest: O come, let us adore Him, (3×) Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him, (3×)
Christ the Lord.

Silent Night

Soloists only:

(Verse 1 in German)
Stille Nacht! Heil'ge Nacht!
Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hoch heilige Paar.
Holder Knab' im lockigen Haar,
Schlafe in himmlischer Ruh!

Translation:

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

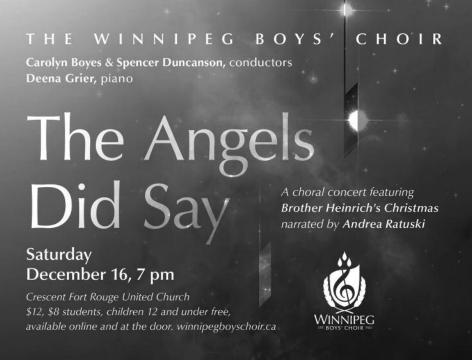
Phil Choristers:

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Phil and Audience:

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.





TEXTS AND TRANSLATIONS

A SONG OF JOYS (Paean to Music)

for SATB Mixed Chorus, SA Children's Chorus and Piano text by Walt Whitman / music by John Greer

O to make the most jubilant song! Full of Music – full of common employments, Full of grain and trees – full of manhood, womanhood, infancy!

O for the voices of animals –
For the swiftness and balance of fishes!
O for the dropping of raindrops in a song!
O for the sunshine and motion of waves in a song!

O the joys of my spirit – it is uncaged – it darts like lightning! It is not enough to have this globe or a certain time, I will have thousands of globes and all time.

O to have henceforth a poem of new joys! To dance, clap hands, exult, shout, skip, leap, roll on, float on!

To be a sailor of the world bound for all ports, A ship itself, (See indeed these sails I spread to the sun and air,) A swift and swelling ship full of rich words, full of music, full of joys.

Leaves of Grass (1891-2) – Calamus. Walt Whitman

A La Nanita Nana

A la nanita nana nanita ella, nanita ella Mi niñ(a) tiene sueño bendito sea, bendito sea

Fuentecita que corre Clara y sonora Ruiseñor que en la selva Cantando y llora Calla mientras la cuna Se balancea A la nanita nana Nanita ella Little lullaby, lull, little lullaby aye-ya! My Jesus is sleepy, may He be blessed!

May peace attend Thee, may peace attendThee.

To the world, little Savior, New hope thou'rt bringing

All the world, little Savior, Thy praises singing,

God's angels hov'ring o'er Thee chant alleluia













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