

the story of eve

**Five Choruses from the opera *EVE'S ODDS*
For SSA Chorus and Piano or Organ**

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NOTE

the story of eve is drawn from the one-act opera *eve's odds*. The cycle tells the story of the opera but in condensed form. In *Alleluias*, a celestial choir sings a song of stately praise that evolves into a rollicking cha-cha before they remember their dignity. *O Eve, Beware* is a song of warning to Eve as she contemplates eating the apple proffered by the Snake. Luckily, her Guardian Angel arrives to protect her. But ultimately Eve does partake of the apple and the angel choir sings *The Lament of Fallen Man*, the heart and message of the opera. In *Childhood Ends* the choir sings of how the Fall has changed the world and mankind's destiny.

the story of eve can be performed as a church cantata or a concert selection. *Your Guardian Angel* may be excerpted to be performed by or for young listeners.

1. Alleluias

For SSA Chorus and Piano or Organ

Jason Charnesky

Bruce Trinkley

Andante maestoso ♩ = 104

Piano or Organ

pp *cresc.*

7 *p* with angelic demeanor *cresc.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

div. p with angelic demeanor *cresc.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

p with angelic demeanor *cresc.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

7 *mf* *p* *cresc.*

Adagio grazioso ♩ = 72

13 *solo mp*

ia; _____ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

unis. p

ia; _____ Al - le - lu - ia, _____

p

ia; _____ Al - le - lu - ia, _____

13 *mp dim. p*

16 *tutti mp*

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

mp

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

mp

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu -

16 *cresc. mp*

19 *rit.*

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, _____

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia _____

cresc.

ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; Al-le-lu, al-le-lu, al-le-lu, Al-le -

19 *rit.*

cresc.

22 **Tempo di "cha-cha"** ♩ = 144

(hand claps)

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mf

lu, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, al - le, al - le - le - lu, ____ le - lu - ia. Al - le -

22 *mf*

26

mf *f*

al - le - lu, al - le, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -

mf *f*

al - le - lu, al - le, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -

lu, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -

26

30

mp cresc.

lu, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, al - le, al - le - le - lu, le - lu, al - le - lu. Al - le -

lu, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, al - le, al - le - le - lu, le - lu, al - le - lu.

lu, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, al - le, al - le - le - lu, le - lu - ia.

30

mp cresc.

Note: Swaying, clapping, and general jubilation should continue with increasing intensity from M. 30 until M. 45, at which point the Angel Chorus realizes they have crossed the border of propriety and quickly resume angelic demeanor.

34 *f*

lu, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le, al - le - lu - ia.

p cresc. *f*

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia. _____

p cresc. *f*

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia. _____

34 *p cresc.* *f*

38 *ff*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;

ff div.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;

ff

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;

38 *ff*

42 *non ritard.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

42 *non ritard.*

Tempo primo

45 *p*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

45 *p*

50

unis.

al - le - lu - ia, _____ al - le - lu -

al - le - lu - ia, _____ al - le - lu -

al - le - lu - ia, _____ al - le - lu -

50

mf dim.

56

ia _____

ia _____

ia _____

56

mp

pp

p

2. O Eve, Beware

For SSA Chorus and Piano or Organ

Jason Charnesky

Bruce Trinkley

Adagio espressivo ♩ = 84
moving ahead

Piano or Organ

The introduction for the piano or organ is in B-flat major, 4/4 time, and Adagio espressivo (84 bpm). It begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The right hand plays a series of chords: B-flat major (F2, A-flat2, B-flat2), E-flat major (B-flat2, D3, E-flat3), and D-flat major (B-flat2, D3, F3). The left hand plays a single note, B-flat2, followed by a half rest, then a series of chords: B-flat major (F2, A-flat2, B-flat2), E-flat major (B-flat2, D3, E-flat3), and D-flat major (B-flat2, D3, F3). The tempo then changes to *poco rit.*

Largo maestoso ♩ = 66

5

p *mp cresc.*

O Eve, be - ware the er - ror, the hun - ger of your heart, to

p *mp cresc.*

O Eve, be - ware the er - ror, the hun - ger of your heart, to

p *mp cresc.*

O Eve, be - ware the er - ror, the hun - ger of your heart, to

5

The vocal and piano/organ accompaniment for 'O Eve, Beware' is in B-flat major, 3/4 time, and Largo maestoso (66 bpm). The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) begin with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a half rest, then enter with the melody. The piano/organ accompaniment begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a half rest, then enters with a series of chords: B-flat major (F2, A-flat2, B-flat2), E-flat major (B-flat2, D3, E-flat3), and D-flat major (B-flat2, D3, F3). The tempo then changes to *mp cresc.*

10

mf *decresc.* *mp*

tease a sleep - ing ter - ror, to act its fa - tal part. Re -

mf *decresc.* *mp*

tease a sleep - ing ter - ror, to act its fa - tal part. Re -

mf *decresc.* *mp*

tease a sleep - ing ter - ror, to act its fa - tal part. Re -

10

mf *decresc.* *mp*

14

cresc.

mem - ber your friend Ad - am, your hus - band's com - pa - ny. Don't

cresc.

mem - ber your friend Ad - am, your hus - band's com - pa - ny. Don't

cresc.

mem - ber your friend Ad - am, your hus - band's com - pa - ny. Don't

14

18 *decresc.* *p*

throw this ac - tion at him, this rude fait ac - com - pli. O

throw this ac - tion at him, this rude fait ac - com - pli. O

throw this ac - tion at him, this rude fait ac - com - pli. O

18 *cresc.* *decresc.* *pp*

22 *ritard. e dim.*

Eve! _____

Eve! _____

Eve! _____

22 *ritard. e dim.*

3. Your Guardian Angel

For SSA Chorus, Solo Soprano and Piano or Organ

Lyrics by Jason Charnesky
from a traditional text

Bruce Trinkley

Adagio grazioso $\text{♩} = 72$ *mp*

Solo

Your guar - dian an - gel,

Piano or Organ *p*

Solo ⁵

your guar - dian dear, to whom God's love com - mends you here. _____

Piano or Organ ⁵

Solo

8

p

Oo

p

mp

Your Guard - ian

p

Oo

8

mp

12

mf

12

mp

p

Ev' - ry-day

I'm by your side

Your Guard - ian An - gel, Oo

An - gel, Oo

p

Oo

12

Solo

17 to light and rule, to guard and guide.

mf Your guar - dian

mf Your guar - dian

21 an - gel, your guar - dian dear, To whom God's

mf Your guar - dian an - gel, your guar - dian dear,

21 an - gel, your guar - dian dear, To whom God's

mf Your guar - dian an - gel, your guar - dian dear,

Solo

24 *mp molto espressivo*

love _____ com - mends you here. To whom God's

24 *pp*

To whom God's love Oo _____

love _____ com - mends you here. _____ Oo _____

24 *pp*

To whom God's love com - mends you here. _____ Oo _____

24 *pp molto espressivo*

28 love _____ com - mends you here. _____

28

28

28

4. The Lament of Fallen Man

For SSA Chorus and Piano or Organ

Jason Charnesky

Bruce Trinkley

Andante con moto $\text{♩} = 84$

p *div.*

Sop. 1 Do. Did. Done. Dead. Door. The

Sop. 2 Did. Done. Dead. Door. The

Alto Dead. Door.

Piano or Organ *mf* *pp* *p*

Largo $\text{♩} = 54$

5 door ____ was a wo-man who want - ed more room ____ to make ____ up her own mind to

door ____ was a wo-man who want-ed more room ____ to make up her own mind

The door was a wo-man who want-ed more room ____ to make up her own mind

5

8

mp

find _____ what was true. _____ The door _____ to the fu - ture was

mp

to find _____ what was true. _____ The door _____ to the fu - ture

mp

to find what was true. _____ The door to the fu - ture

8

mp

11

mf

o - pened by Eve. _____ Now God's _____ fav' - rite crea - ture must

mf

was o - pened by Eve. _____ Now God's fav' - rite crea - ture

mf

was o - pened by Eve. _____ Now God's fav' - rite crea - ture

11

mf

13

wan - der and grieve. The door _____ is a tomb. _____ The

must wan - der and grieve. _____ The door _____ is a tomb. _____

must wan - der and grieve. _____ The door _____ is a tomb. _____

13

15 *dim. poco a poco* *p*

tomb _____ is a rock. _____ Now E - den is locked, _____ the key _____ to be sought _____ in

dim. poco a poco *p*

_____ The tomb is a rock. _____ Now E-den is locked, _____ the key to be sought _____ in

dim. poco a poco *p*

_____ The tomb is a rock. _____ Now E-den is locked, _____ the key to be sought _____ in

15 *dim. poco a poco*

18

Three vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor) and a piano accompaniment staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "dreams of the Fu - ture, in deeds of the hand. The key now that". The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand, starting with a *p* (piano) dynamic.

dreams of the Fu - ture, in deeds of the hand. The key now that

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18

p

23

Three vocal staves and a piano accompaniment staff. The key signature remains three flats. The time signature changes to 3/2. The lyrics are: "you share in faith, hope, art." and "you share love, art." The tempo/mood marking is *misterioso*. The piano accompaniment features chords and single notes, with a *pp* (pianissimo) dynamic and a *poco rit.* (ritardando) marking. The piece concludes with an "immediate segue to #5".

misterioso *poco rit.*

you share in faith, hope, art.

misterioso

you share love, art.

misterioso

you share hope, love, art.

23

misterioso *pp* *poco rit.*

immediate segue to #5

5. Childhood Ends

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Larghetto $\text{♩} = 60$

p molto legato

Chorus

What breeze is

molto legato

pp

Piano or Organ

4 this? The cool of the eve - ning comes. And

4

7 some - thing is diff' - rent. Some - thing has changed.

7

11

Some - thing will nev - er be the same.

11

15

molto rit.

L'istesso tempo

18 *mp sempre legato*

Child - hood ends for God's new - est babes.

18 *mp sempre legato*

Child - hood ends for God's new - est babes.

18 *mp sempre legato*

Child - hood ends for God's new - est babes.

18 *p cresc.*

22 *mf*

Now all de - pends up - on this new born race. As

22 *mf*

Now all de - pends up - on this new born race. As

Now all de - pends up - on this new born race.

22 *mp*

26 *poco a poco cresc.*

blos - som turns to fruit and falls to grow a - gain, they

poco a poco cresc.

blos - som turns to fruit and falls to grow a - gain, they

mf poco a poco cresc.

As blos - som turns to fruit and falls to grow, they

26 *poco a poco cresc.*

30 *cresc.*

strug - gle to walk and fall to rise a -

cresc.

strug - gle to walk and fall to rise, to

cresc.

strug - gle to walk and fall to rise, to

30

34 *molto rit.* *f* *a tempo*

gain. _____ Child - hood ends for

f

rise a - gain. Child - hood ends for

f

rise a - gain. Child - hood ends for

34 *molto rit.* *f* *a tempo*

38

God's new - est babes. Now all de - pends up - on this

God's new - est babes. Now all de - pends up - on this

God's new - est babes. Now all de - pends up - on this

The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

42

allarg. *a tempo*

new born race.

new born race.

new born race.

42

allarg. *a tempo*

ff 3

The piano accompaniment continues with a steady eighth-note pattern in the left hand. The right hand features a melodic line that transitions from a slow, wide interval to a faster, more active passage, culminating in a fortissimo (ff) chord with a triplet of eighth notes.

46 *mf* 3 *div.*
God on - ly knows. _____

46 *mf* 3
God on - ly knows. _____

46 *mf* 3
God on - ly knows. _____

46 *mf* 3
God on - ly knows. _____

50 *mp* 3 *ten.* *unis.*
God on - ly knows. _____

50 *mp* 3 *ten.*
God on - ly knows. _____

50 *mp* 3 *ten.*
God on - ly knows. _____

50 *mp* 3 *ten.*
God on - ly knows. _____

55 *mp* *dim.* *p* *rit.*
God on - ly knows. _____