





A Fable

I. Frederick Bridge (1844-1924)

Sir John Frederick Bridge (1844–1924) was born in central England. At age 6, he was admitted as "practising boy" (probationer) to the choir at Rochester Cathedral when his father was appointed a vicar-choral. At age 14, he left the cathedral choir to apprentice with the organist of Rochester Cathedral. While still a student, he was appointed organist of the village church of Shorne and then Strood Parish Church. He studied composition with John Goss, of the Royal Academy of Music, and earned his Bachelor of Music degree at Oxford. He became organist of Holy Trinity Church, Windsor, then at Manchester Cathedral, and earned his Doctor of Music degree at Oxford. He then became organist and master of the choristers at Westminster Abbey. He was in charge of music for great state occasions, including Queen Victoria's jubilee (1887), the Coronation of King Edward VII (1902), the national memorial service for Edward VII (1910), George V's coronation (1911), and the re-inauguration of Henry VII's Chapel as the chapel of the Order of the Bath (1913). For those, he organized and composed some and organized the music. He was professor of harmony and counterpoint at Royal College of Music, professor of music at Gresham College, and professor of music at the University of London. He was also the conductor of the Royal Choral Society, introducing many new works, including those by Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Parry.

The hens sate cackling on the bough, As proud as they could be; Sir Reynard came and stood below, A courteous knave was he.

The tears were standing in his eyes, And some ran down his cheek, 'My heart, it is so full,' he cries, 'For joy I scarce can speak.'

'A peace, an universal peace, Has been proclaimed at last; All angry passions now must cease, All treacherous wiles are past.

'The Hawk and the Wren walk arm in arm,
The Mouse has kissed the Cat,
The Wolf and Sheep have hired a farm,
And the Dog dines with the Rat.
'And I, to bring the glorious news,
Have hurried from the wood;
Come down, dear friends, and don't refuse
To hail the tidings good.'

The Cock stretched out his neck and said, 'Hey! Cock-a-doodle-doo!
'Tis strange how soon reports are spread, I hope the news is true.

'What means that scarlet on the lea? What mean those merry sounds? O! 'tis a jovial sight to see, The huntsmen and the hounds!'

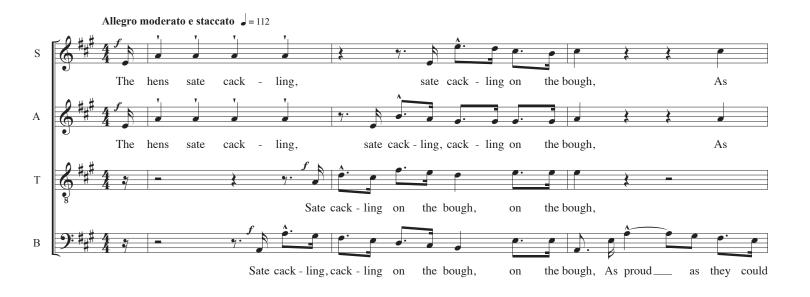
'What's that you say? I must away,' Replied that artful fox; 'Oh! do not go; 'tis peace you know.' Sung out the Hens and Cocks.

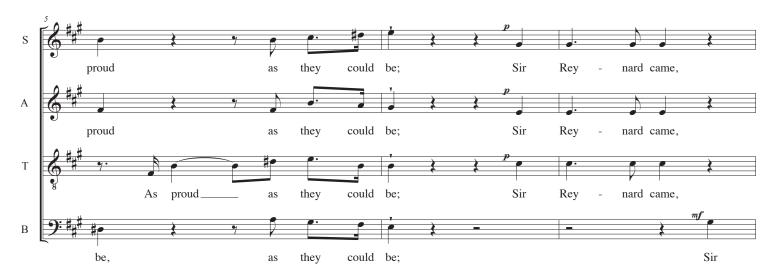
'Nay!' Reynard cried, and licked his chaps, 'My flight abrupt excuse, I'll call another day; perhaps They have not heard the news.'

Isaac John Innes Pocock (1819–1886)

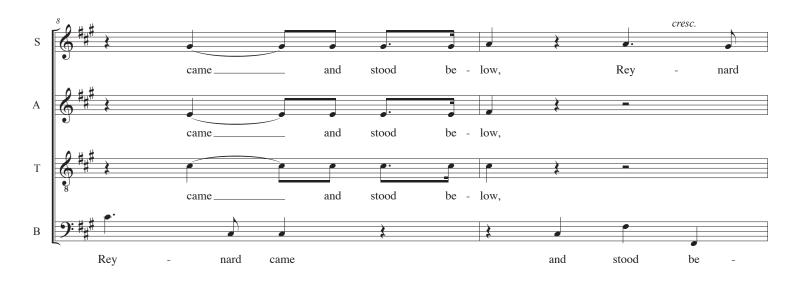
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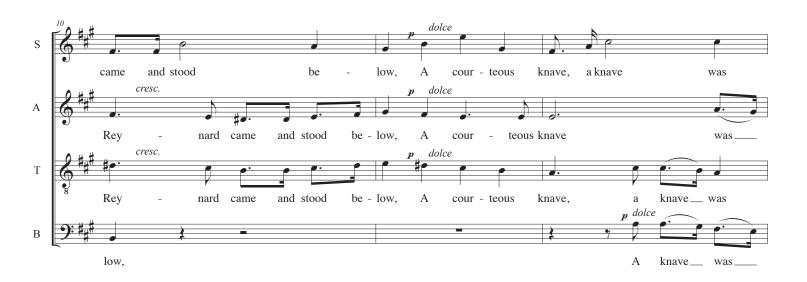
J. Frederick Bridge

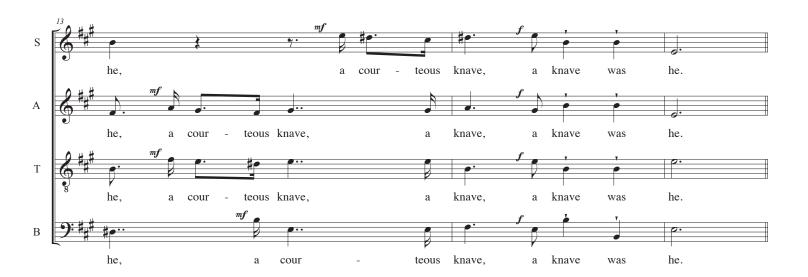


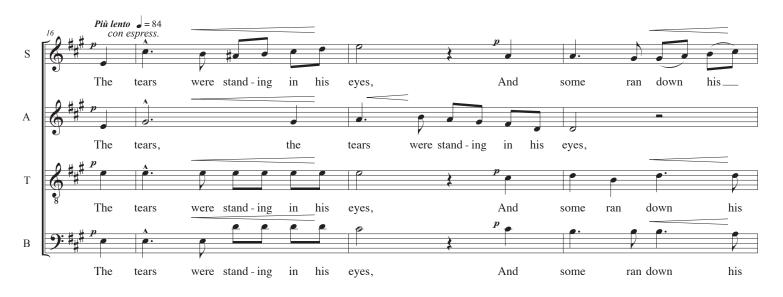


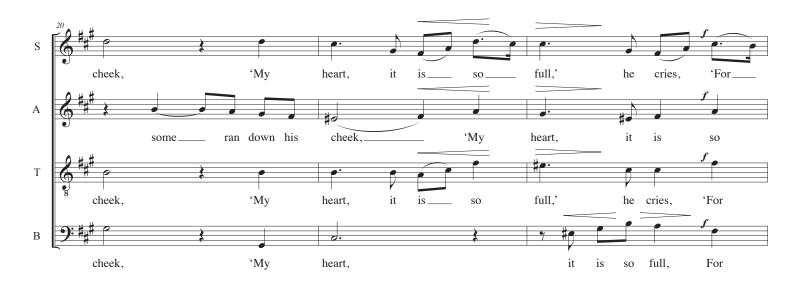


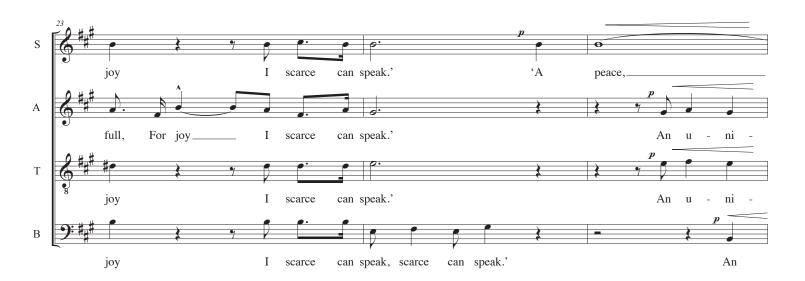


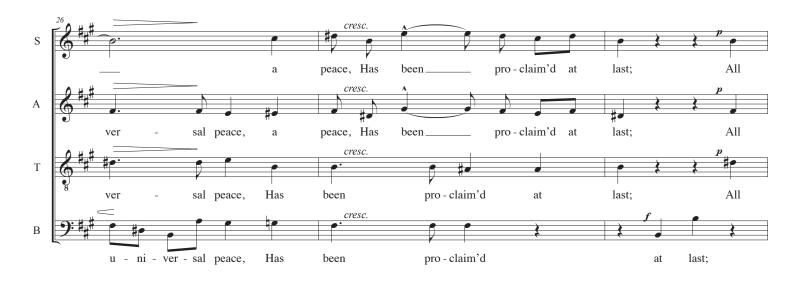


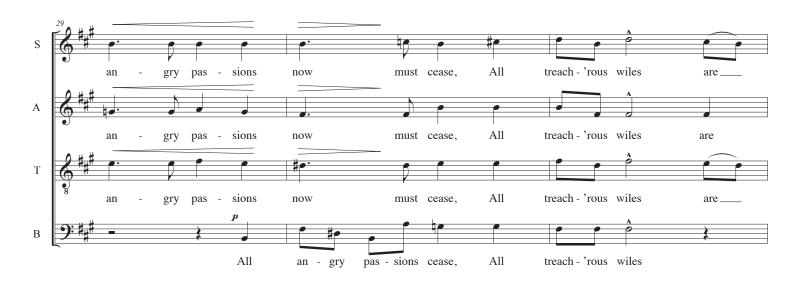


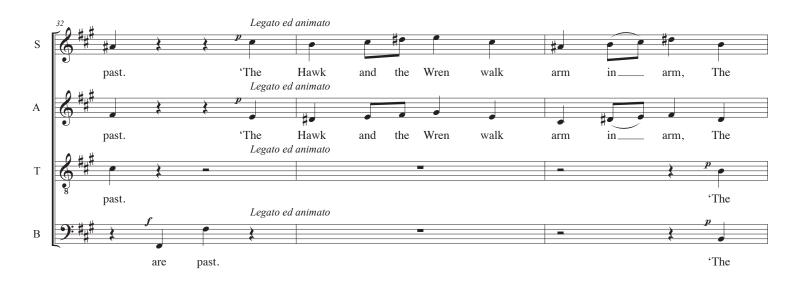


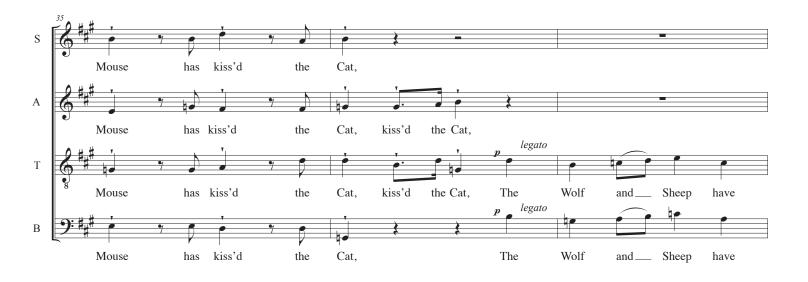


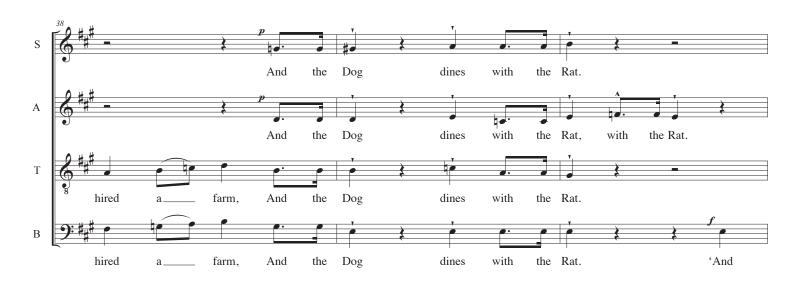


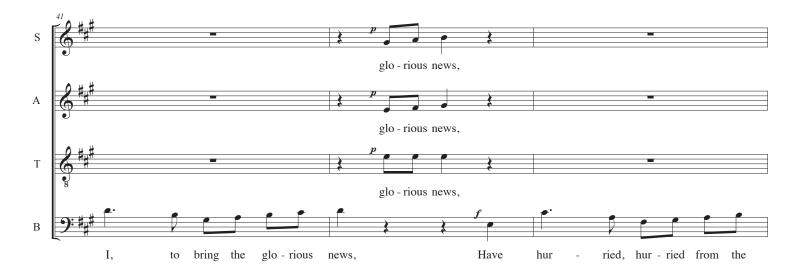


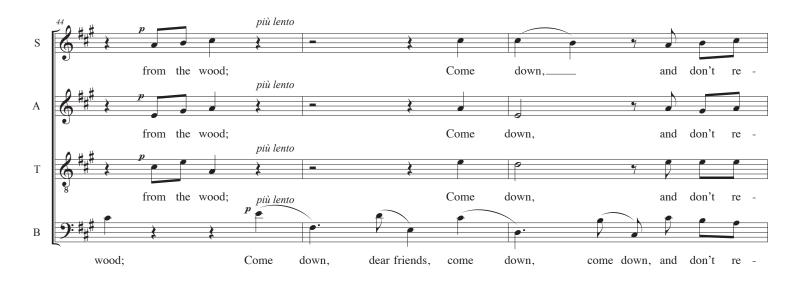


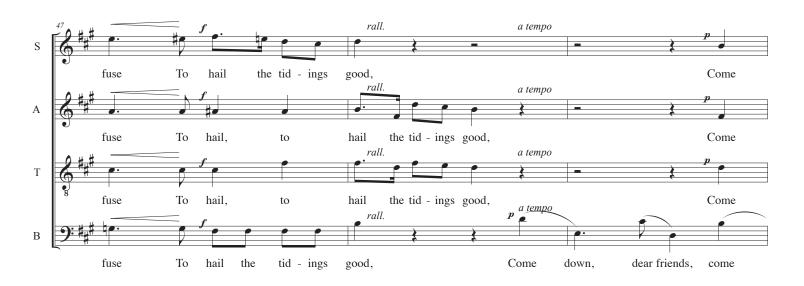


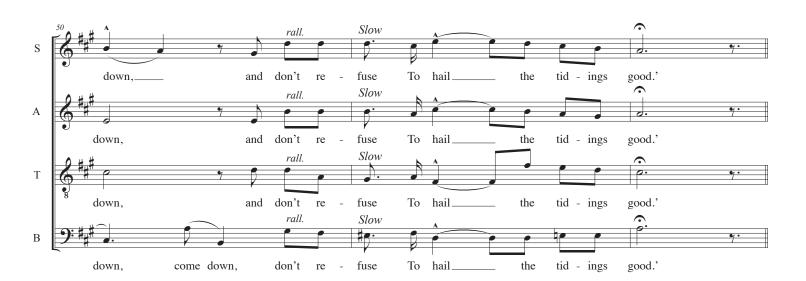


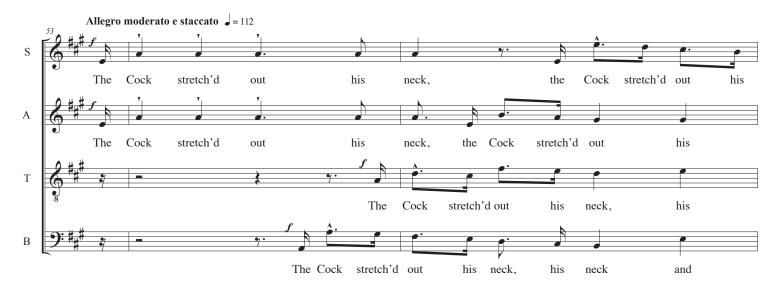


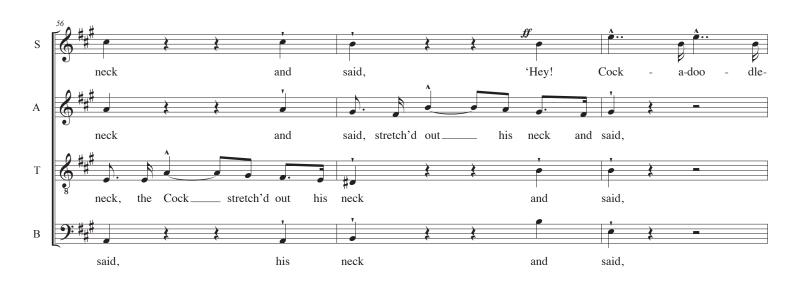


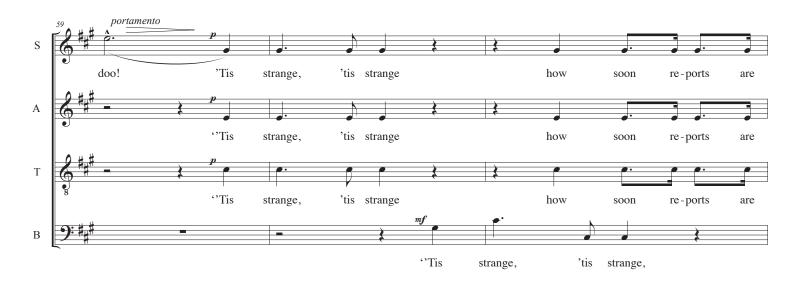


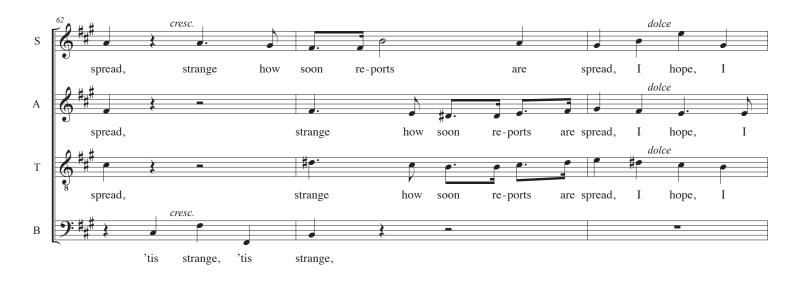


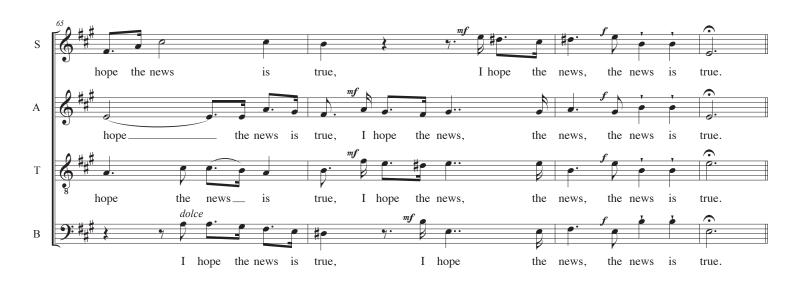




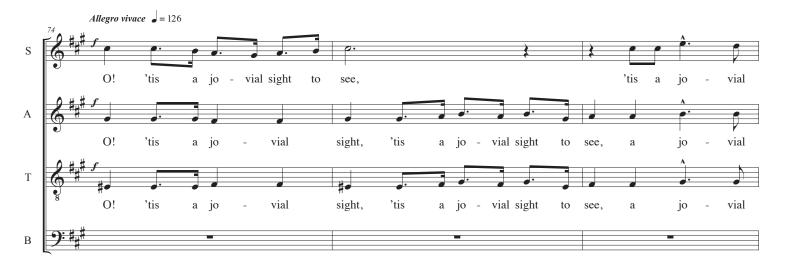


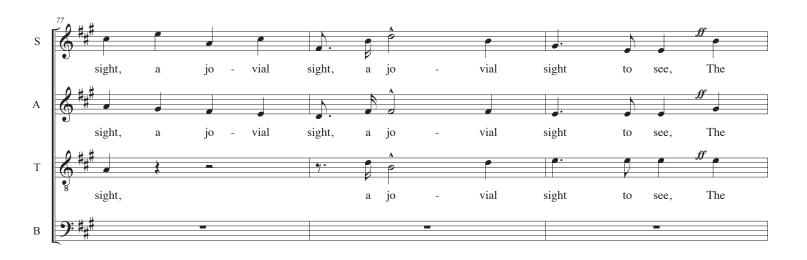


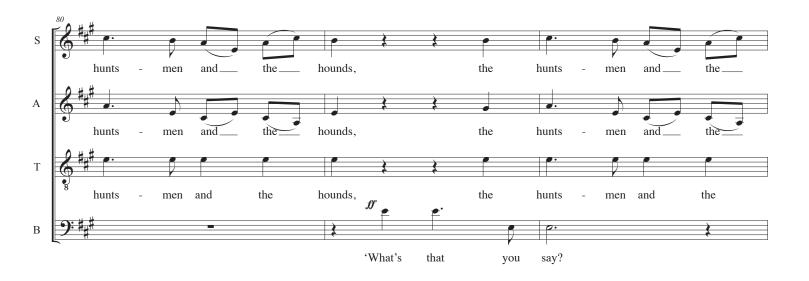


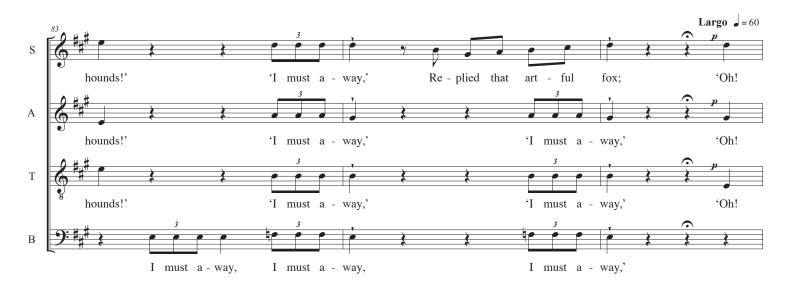


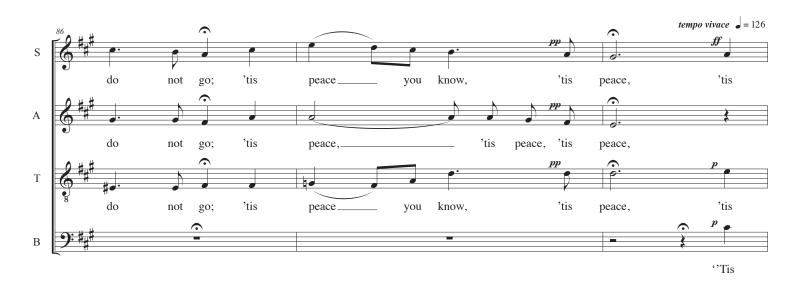


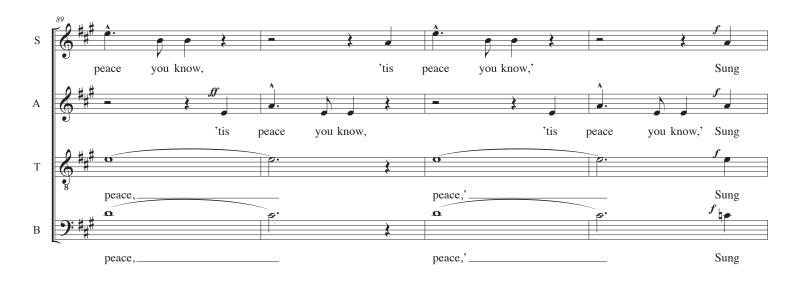


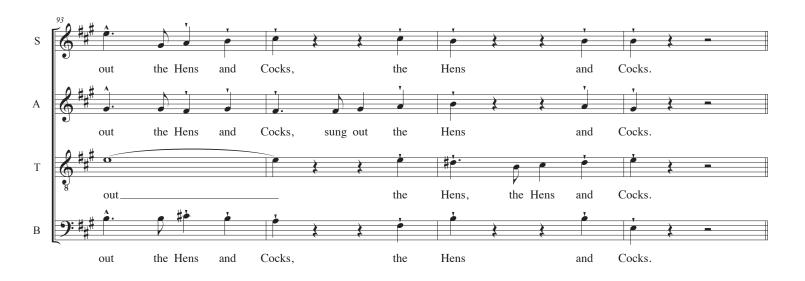


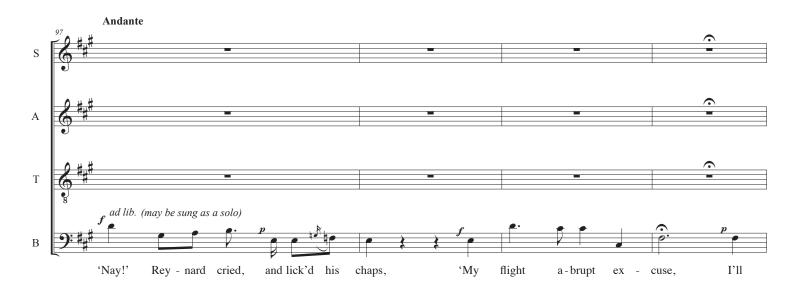


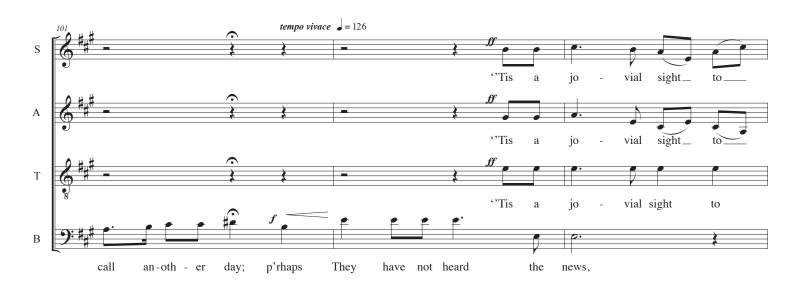


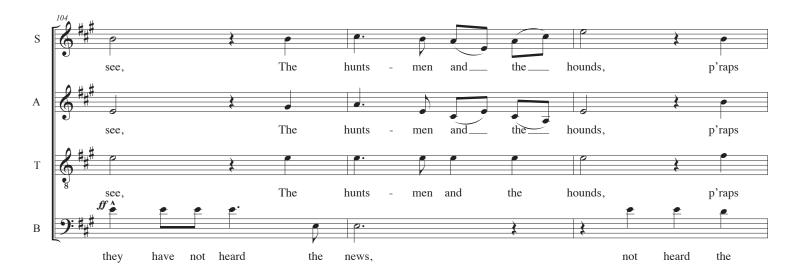


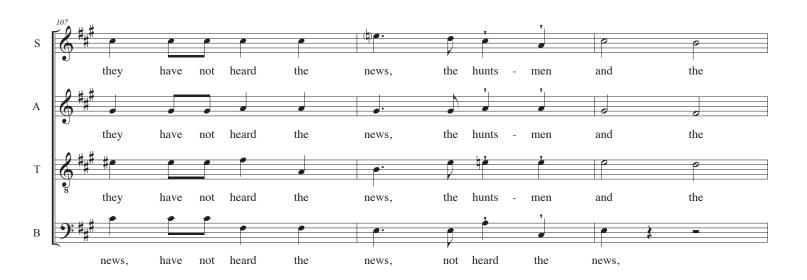


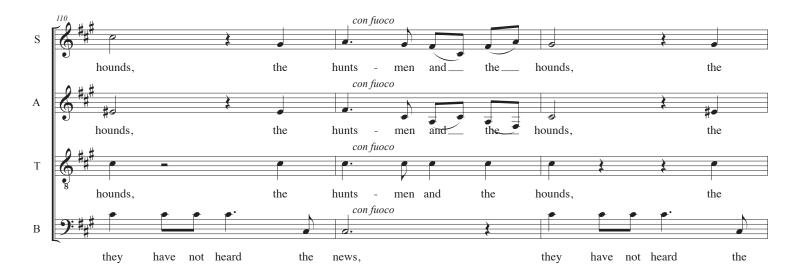


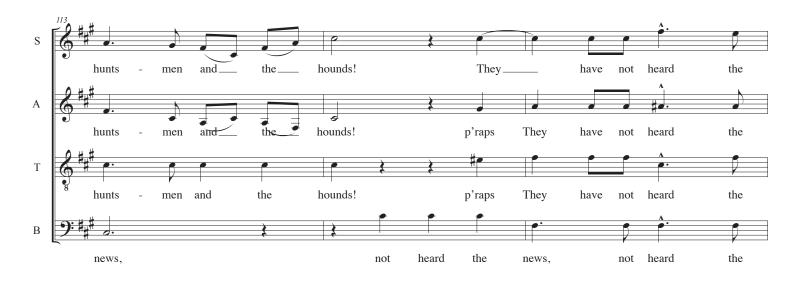


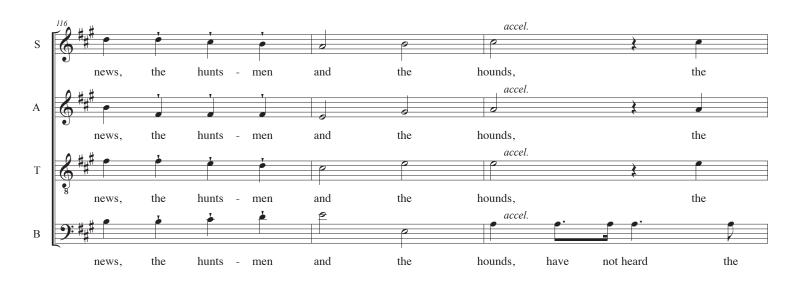


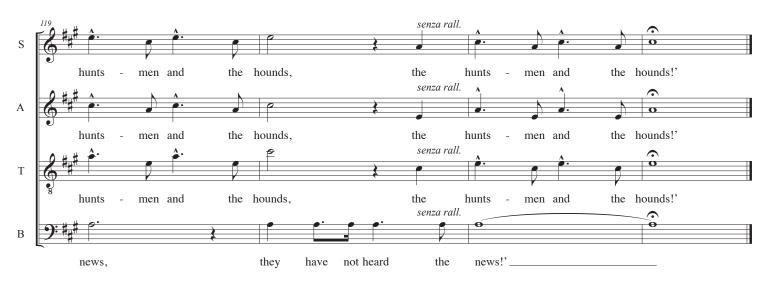












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