

Cambrian Plume

Brinley Richards (1817–1885)

Henry Brinley Richards (1817-1885) was born in Carmarthen, Wales, son of the organist at St. Peter's Church, and originally planned for a career in medicine. He received the patronage of the Duke of Newcastle after winning a prize at the Gwent-Morgannwg Eisteddfod, enabling him to attend the Royal Academy of Music. He lived some time in Paris where he studied under Frédéric Chopin. He joined the faculty at the R.A.M., becoming a successful teacher and concert pianist. He died in in Kensington, London. He published some works under the pseudonym 'Carl Luini'. His compositions include a symphony, overtures, concertos, works for military band, piano works, songs, and part songs.

All hail! to the plume that hath emblemed the story Of Cambria's endurance of old,
That white as the Snow on the peaks of Eryri,
Its purity claims to unfold!
An ensign unsullied o'er mountain and valley,
Triumphantly still may it soar,
In seasons of danger the valiant to rally,
Their trust when the danger is o'er.

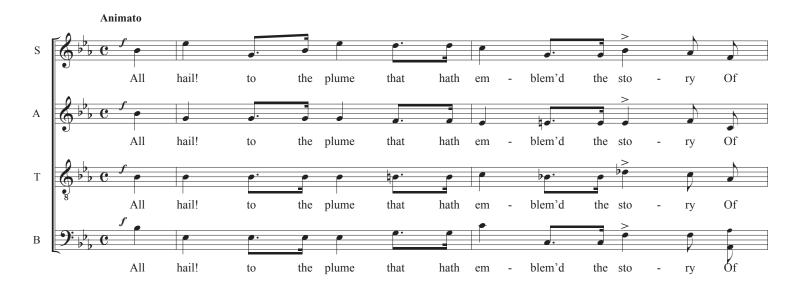
Though telling of conquest in history's pages,
The plume we would honour and prize;
More surely a nation's affection engages,
When worn by the good and the wise.
Heaven grant, then, its wearer as onwards he presses,
May cherish the love he has won:
So, Wales shall rejoice in the Prince she possesses,
And England be proud of her son!

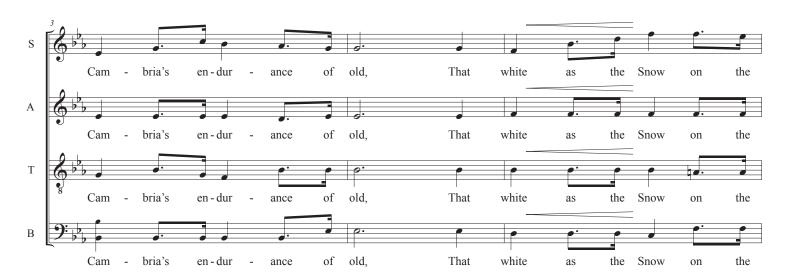
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Cambria = Wales, from Welsh *Cymru*

Eryri (Welsh) = Snowdonia, a mountainous region in northwestern Wales

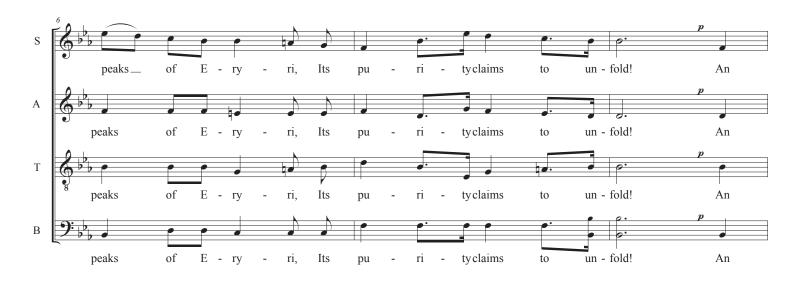
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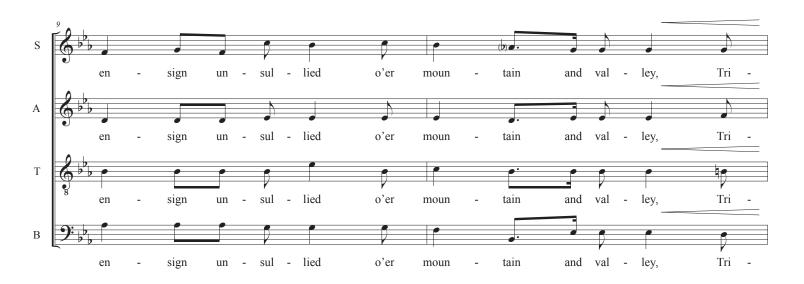


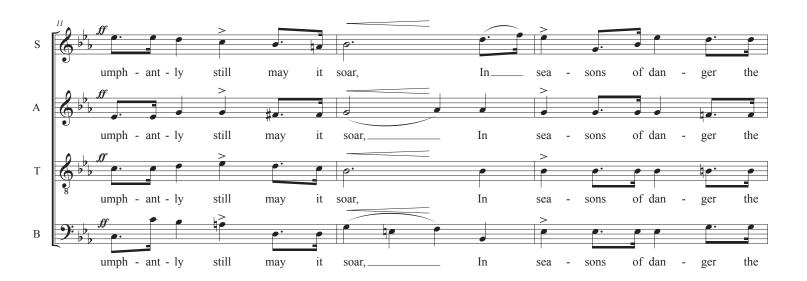


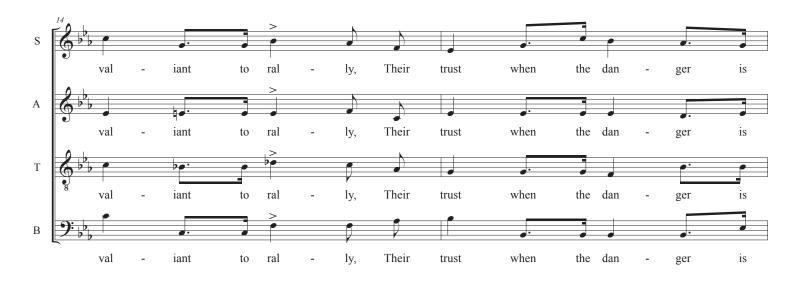


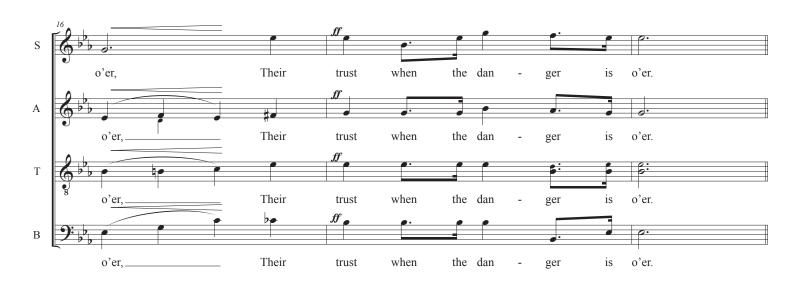
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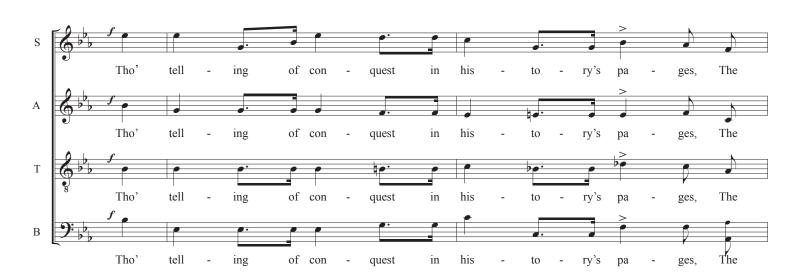


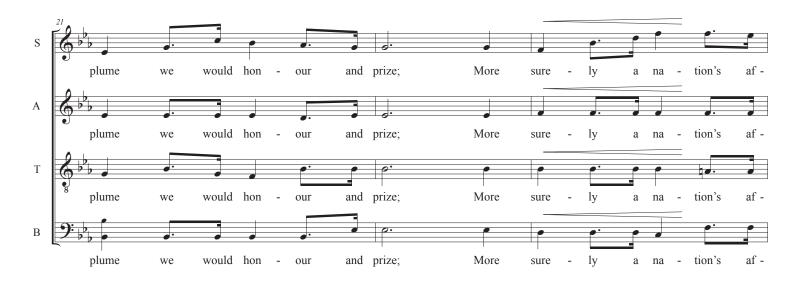


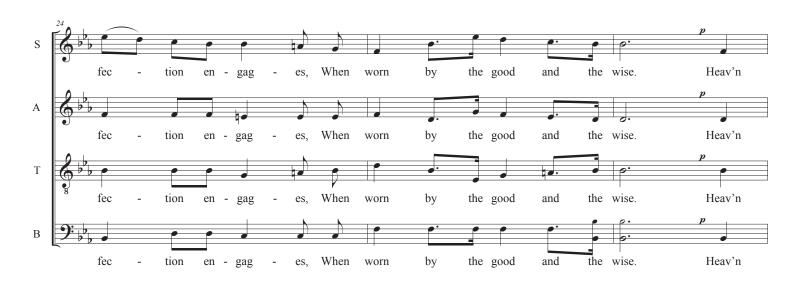


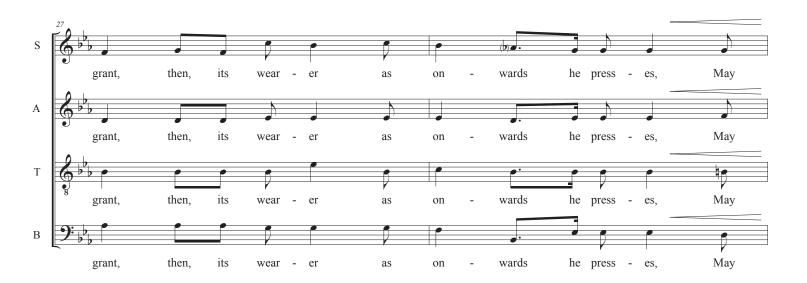


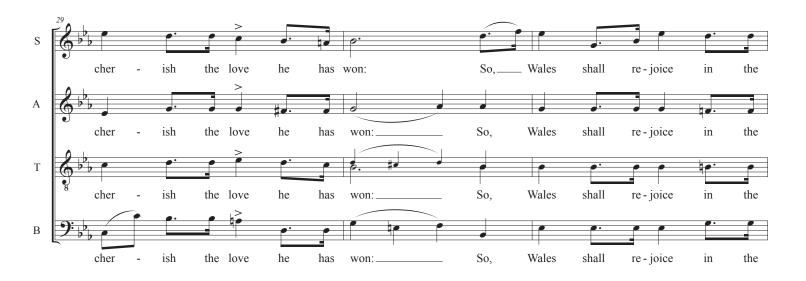


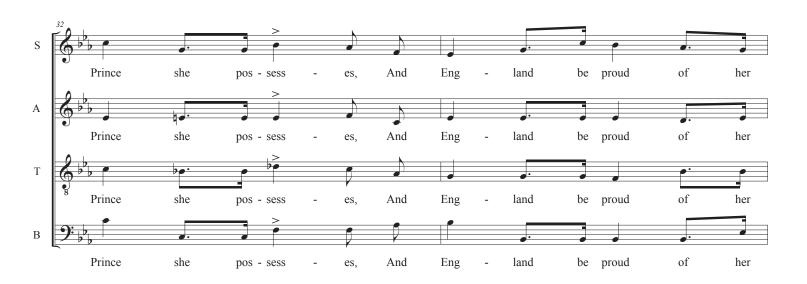


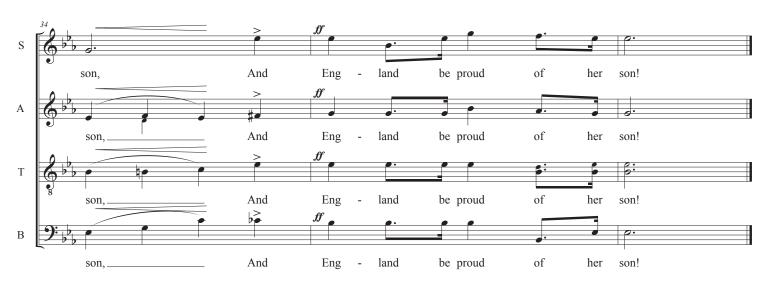












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