

SAMPLE FILE  
for reading only

Richard Lambert

*All was for an apple*

carol for unaccompanied mixed voices

**Text**

Adam lay ybounden,  
 Bounden in a bond;  
 Four thousand winter  
 Thought he not too long.  
 And all was for an apple,  
 An apple that he took,  
 As clerkës finden  
 Written in their book.  
 Ne had the apple taken been,  
 The apple taken been,  
 Ne had never our lady  
 A-been heavenè queen.  
 Blessed be the time  
 That apple taken was,  
 Therefore we moun singen,  
 'Deo gracias! Deo gracias!'

Words, 15th century (anon.)

**About the work**

Composed in 2020, this carol for unaccompanied four-part choir is a setting of a 15th century carol more commonly known as *Adam lay ybounden* (Sloan Manuscript, British Library 2593). A tonal work, it is centred around G modal minor and its relative major.

**Duration:** 2 minutes, 10 seconds

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# All was for an apple

Words: 15th century

Music: RICHARD LAMBERT  
Op. 48 No. 6

*mp*  $\text{♩} = 80$

SOPRANO  
A-dam lay y-bound-en, Bound-en in a bond;

ALTO  
A-dam lay y-bound-en, Bound-en in a bond;

TENOR  
A-dam lay y-bound-en, Bound-en in a bond;

BASS  
A-dam lay y-bound-en, Bound-en in a bond;

*for rehearsal only*

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Four thou-sand win-ter Thought he not too long. And all was for an

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*mf*

ap - ple, An ap - ple that he took, As clerk - ës find - en

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*mf*

ap - ple, An ap - ple that he took, As clerk - ës find - en

*mf*

ap - ple, An ap - ple that he took, As clerk - ës find - en

*mf*

all was for an ap - ple that he took, As clerk - ës find - en

15

*f*

Writ - ten in their book. Ne had the ap - ple tak - en been, The

*f*

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*f*

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*f*

Writ - ten in their book. Ne had the ap - ple tak - en been, The

19

*mp*

ap - ple tak-en been, \_\_\_\_\_ Ne had nev - er our la - dy \_\_\_\_\_ A-been

*mp*

ap - ple tak-en been, \_\_\_\_\_ Ne had nev - er our la - dy \_\_\_\_\_ A-been

*mp*

ap - ple tak-en been, \_\_\_\_\_ Ne had nev - er our la - dy \_\_\_\_\_ A-been

*mp*

ap - ple tak-en been, \_\_\_\_\_ Ne had nev - er our la - dy \_\_\_\_\_ A-been

*mp*

ap - ple tak-en been, \_\_\_\_\_ Ne had nev - er our la - dy \_\_\_\_\_ A-been

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23

*f* *mf*

hea - ven-è queen. \_\_\_\_\_ Bless-ed be the time That

*f* *mf*

hea-ven - è queen. \_\_\_\_\_ Bless-ed be the time That

*f* *mf*

hea-ven - - è queen. \_\_\_\_\_ Bless-ed be the time That

*f* *mf*

hea - ven-è queen. \_\_\_\_\_ Bless-ed be the time That

27

*f*

ap-ple tak - en was, \_\_\_\_\_ There - fore we moun sing - en,

*f*

ap-ple tak - en was, \_\_\_\_\_ There - fore we moun sing - en,

*f*

ap-ple tak - en was, \_\_\_\_\_ There - fore we moun sing - en,

ap-ple tak - en was, \_\_\_\_\_ There - fore we moun sing - en,

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*p*

'De - o gra - ci - as! \_\_\_\_\_ De - o gra - ci - as!' \_\_\_\_\_ And

*p*

'De - o gra - ci - as! \_\_\_\_\_ De - o gra - ci - as!' \_\_\_\_\_ And

*p*

'De - o gra - ci - as! \_\_\_\_\_ De - o gra - ci - as!' \_\_\_\_\_ And

'De - o gra - ci - as! \_\_\_\_\_ De - o gra - ci - as!' \_\_\_\_\_

35 ♩ = 72

all was for an ap - ple, An ap - ple that he took,

all was for an ap - ple, An ap - ple that he took,

all was for an ap - ple, An ap - ple that he took,

*p*

And all was for an ap - ple that he took,

♩ = 72

39 *mf*

As clerk - es find - en Writ - ten in their book.

*mf*

As clerk - es find - en Writ - ten in their book.

*mf*

As clerk - es find - en Writ - ten in their book.

*mf*

As clerk - es find - - en Writ - ten in their book.

♩ = 80

43 *f*

There-fore we moun sing-en, 'De - o gra - ci - as! De - o gra - ci - as!''\_\_\_\_\_ There

*f*

There fore we moun sing - en, 'D - o gra - ci - as! De - o gra - ci - as!'' There

*f*

There fore we mounsing - en 'De - o gra - ci - as! De - o!'\_\_\_\_\_ There

*f*

There fore we moun sing - en, 'De - o gra - ci - as!''\_\_\_\_\_ There

♩ = 80

**molto rall.**

48 *ff*

- fore we moun sing - en, 'De - - - o gra - ci - as!''\_\_\_\_\_

*ff*

- fore we moun sing - en, 'De - - - o gra - cia as!''\_\_\_\_\_

*ff*

- fore we moun sing - en, 'De - o gra - ci - as!''\_\_\_\_\_

*ff*

- fore we moun sing - en, 'De - o gra - ci - as!''\_\_\_\_\_

**molto rall.**