

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

Also available by Richard Lambert

Away in a manger

carol for unison voices and piano or mixed voices (SATB) with or without organ,
 words anonymous, 19th century

Hodie Christus natus est

motet for unaccompanied mixed voices (SSATB),
 words in Latin of an Antiphon at Christmas Day Vespers, paraphrase of Luke 2.11,13-14

O magnum mysterium

motet for unaccompanied mixed voices (SSATB),
 words in Latin of the Matin Responsory for Christmas Day

There was sweet music

carol for unaccompanied mixed voices (SATB)

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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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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