

Caroline Leighton & Anne Atkins

Could the sky forget rain?

for Mothering Sunday

an anthem for mixed voices and piano

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Composed by Ben Atkins
HE'LL SOON COME TO CALL ME
(ANTHEM FOR MARY AND DAVID)

traditional Scottish melody, *Braes o' Balquhither*, arranged by Ben Atkins in two scorings:
for SATB and chamber ensemble (harp, violin & cello); and SATB and piano.
Words by Anne Atkins, based on Song of Songs 2, Psalm 23 and Revelation 21.

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anthem for two-part voices and piano, words by Caroline Leighton, suitable for Easter Day

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Warmly with rubato $\text{♩} = 50$

PIANO

mp *mf*

con Ped.

4 SOPRANO *mp*

Can a mo - ther for - get her breast-feed - ing child?

mp

9 *mf*

Could young chicks not be missed by the hen? Would a

mf

14

bear not de - fend, in the dan - ger - ous wild, The tumb - ling cubs in her

mf

18 -den? *f*

S. A. *f*

T. B. *f*

Pno. *f*

Could the sky _____ for-get rain _____ Or the sun spurn the

22 *mf*

S. A. *mf*

T. B. *mf*

Pno. *mf*

rain - bows _____ Or springs _____ not re-mem-ber _____ the sea?

26 *f*

S. A. *f*

T. B. *f*

Pno. *f*

_____ Nor our God _____ can-not ev - er, _____ No nev - er, _____ not

30

ev - er, God can nev - er for - get you nor me.

34 TENOR & BASS unis. *mf*

What - ev - er my mood, like a dam with her brood Or an

37

ea - gle pro - tect - ing her nest, On pin - ions you bore me, would

40 SOPRANO & ALTO *unis. mf*

TENOR & BASS

You taught me to talk and
al-ways re-store me, Your wing shield-ing me by your breast.

mf

44 SOPRANO & ALTO

stag-ger-ing - ly walk, When I fell you would keep me from harm, You

47

nudged me back up like a vi - xen her pup, And you raised me a - loft on your

50 *f*

S. A. arm. Could the sky for-get rain Or the sun spurn the

T. B. *f*

Pno. *f*

54 *mf*

rain-bows Or springs not re - mem - ber the sea?

mf

58 *f*

— Nor our God can-not ev - er, No nev - er, not

f

62

ev - er, God can nev - er for - get you nor me.

66 SOPRANO & ALTO *mp*

When life felt too hard, my child-hood heart scarred, With a

69 *mf*

kiss you re-stored all my mirth; Through ev - 'ry shock you re -

72

-mained still my rock, The one who had gi - ven me birth.