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Dr. Michelle Herring Folta, Director,
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How Can I Keep From Singing?

SSA *a cappella*

Words and Music by
Robert Wadsworth Lowry (1826-1899)
Arranged by Mark Patterson



With strength and beauty (♩ = 69-72)

A musical score for three voices (Soprano I, Soprano II, Alto) in 4/4 time. The key signature is B-flat major. The vocal parts are written on three staves. The lyrics "Oo" are repeated at the end of each measure. Dynamic markings include "mp" and "poco rall.". Measure 1: Soprano I starts with a sustained note followed by a melodic line. Measure 2: Soprano II enters with a similar melodic line. Measure 3: Alto enters with a melodic line. Measures 4-5: The pattern repeats with "Oo" lyrics and "poco rall." dynamics.

4

a tempo

A continuation of the musical score from the previous section. Measure 4: The vocal parts continue with "Oo" lyrics. Measure 5: The third voice begins with "My life flows on" followed by "in end-less song;". Measure 6: The vocal parts continue with "Oo" lyrics. Measure 7: The vocal parts continue with "Oo" lyrics. Measure 8: The vocal parts continue with "Oo" lyrics.

Performance time: ca. 3:30

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Oo _____ Oo _____
bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion.. I hear the real, _____ though far-off
Oo _____ Oo _____ Oo _____

10

Oo _____ Oo _____ , *mf*
No , *mf*
hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion. _____ No , *mf*

13

No , *mf*
— Oo _____ Oo _____ No
storm can shake my in-most calm while to that rock I'm
storm can shake my in - most calm while to that rock I'm
storm can shake my in - most calm while to that rock I'm

16

No , *mf*
cling-ing; Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
cling-ing; Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
cling-ing; Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,

19 *poco rall.* *mp a tempo*

how can I keep from sing-ing? _____ What though my
mp *poco rall.* *mp a tempo*

how can I keep sing-ing? _____ What though my
mp *poco rall.* *mp a tempo*

how can I keep sing - ing? _____ What though my

22

joys _____ and com-forts die? I hear the truth: it
joys _____ and com-forts die? I hear the truth: it
joys and com - forts die? I hear the truth: it

25

liv - eth.____ And though the dark - ness gath - er
liv - eth.____ And though the dark - ness gath - er
liv - eth.____ And though the dark - ness

27 *mf*

round, songs in the night it giv-eth.____ No
round, songs in the night it giv-eth.____ No
gath - er round, songs in the night it giv-eth.____ No