

Anthem for St Catharine's Day

(FRANCIS WARNER)

SATB
& organ

DAVID GOODE

First performance given by the Choir of St Catharine's College, Cambridge in St Catharine's to celebrate the tercentenary of the consecration of the Chapel, St Catharine's Day, 25th November 2005 conducted by Edward Wickham (Organist: Matthew Cook)

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Pass me a match, my son, to spin this torture,
Spark the dark circle into furious light,
Scatter her fear of worst pain that can scorch her –
Catharine, Bride of the Christ Child, girls' hoped sight,

Queen of all scholars, sleeping on Mount Moses –
As she relives the Emperor's decree.
Death by dislimbing on the wheel exposes
Horror of what's to come before we're free.

Words are the feathered pen that carves our thinking
In blood on granite while we still have breath.
Pray in that numbness broken only by terror.
Time is God's mercy that heals pain in death.

Still she destroys the wheel of human dreading,
Blindness and ache of solitary hearts.
Victory triumphs over her beheading.
Christ in His pity lifts the severed parts,

But in a new dimension, to His glory.
Grace gave her courage when God's thunder came.
Now she is honoured in eternal story,
And the great Cambridge college of her name,

As in a thousand thousand of her children,
Church and cathedral, headland, mount, and sea.
Deathless at axe-stroke, she makes weak hearts quicken
Living to praise Christ to eternity.

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Allegro ritmico ♩ = 120

mp incisivo

Soprano
Pass me a match _____ Pass me a match, my son, to

mp incisivo

Alto
Pass me a match Pass me a match, my son, to

Allegro ritmico ♩ = 120

sfzp

Organ

sfzp

Ped.



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S.
spin _____ this tor-ture,

A.
spin _____ this tor-ture,

T.
Pass me a match, my son, to spin _____

B.
Pass me a match, my son, to spin _____

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S. *f* Spark the dark cir - cle in-to fu - ri - ous, *mp cresc.*

A. *f* Spark the dark cir - cle in-to fu - ri - ous, *mp cresc.*

T. *mf* — this tor - ture, Spark the dark cir - cle in-to fu - *mp cresc.*

B. *mf* — this tor - ture, Spark the dark cir - cle in-to fu - *mp cresc.*

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S. *f* fu - ri - ous light,

A. *f* fu - ri - ous light,

T. *f* - - - ri - ous light,

B. - - - ri - ous light,

Org. *f*

Ped. *f*

19

Org. *dim.*

Ped. *dim.*



22

S. *mp marc.*
Scat-ter her fear of worst pain_____ that can scorch her -

A. *mp marc.*
Scat-ter her fear_ of_ worst_ pain_____ that can scorch

T. *mp marc.*
Scat-ter her fear of worst pain_

B. *mp marc.*
Scat-ter her fear_ of_ worst

Org. *p*

Ped. *p*

25 *cresc.*

S. scat - ter her fear of worst pain that can scorch

A. her - scat - ter her fear of pain that can

T. that can scorch her - fear of worst pain that can

B. pain - scat - ter her fear of pain that can

f 27 *mp*

S. Ca - tha-rine,

A. scorch Ca - tha-rine, Bride of the

T. scorch Ca - tha-rine, Bride of the

B. scorch Ca - tha-rine, Bride of the

Org. *mp*

Ped. *mp*

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S. 
Bride of the Christ Child, girls' hoped sight,

A. 
Christ Child, girls' hoped sight,


T. 
Christ Child,

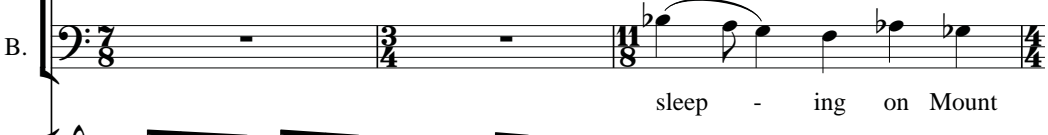
B. 
Christ Child,

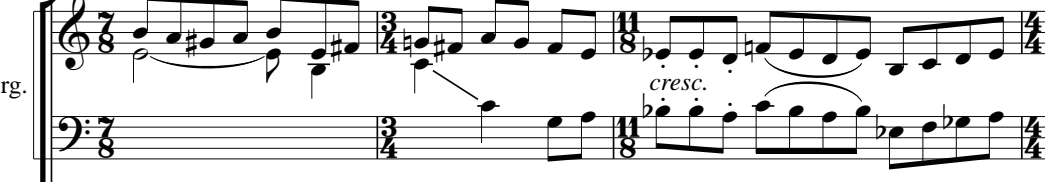
Org. 

Ped. 

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T. 
Queen of all scho - lars,

B. 
sleep - ing on Mount

Org. 

Ped. 