

Anthem for St Peter's Day

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SATB
& organ

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'Will you leave everything and come with me –
Yes, bring your brother, leave the nets and sea,
And fish for human souls?'

'The mother of my wife is ill.'
'Her raging fever I will still
Before this high sun rolls
Behind those hills.' 'We trust your nod,
Jesus, Son of the Living God.'

'Blessèd are you, Simon, for this!
My heavenly Father in his bliss
Opens your eyes.
I call you Peter now, the rock
On which my church will stand all shock.
You hold the keys
To bind or loose, in heaven, on earth.
Have faith, as I have in your worth.'

The High Priest's maid said: 'Galilean
Warming your hands, that prisoner's friend...'
'He's not my friend.'
Another pointed: 'He's one of them!'
'Girl, you offend!'
A Roman sneered: 'You share his accent.'
'I resent and I condemn
Inept lies!' The cock crowed. Peter wept.

They dined deep. Risen Christ bent down
To wash their feet, to Peter's frown.
'Simon, John's son, do you love me?'
'Yes, Lord, I do.'
'Simon, John's son, do you love me?'
'You know I do!'
'Simon, John's son, do you love me?
Feed my sheep.

When you were young your ways were free.
When you are old you'll follow me
With outstretched hands.'
And so it was. Agrippa tried
Peter as godless; crucified
As Rome commands –
But upside-down, the martyr's own request
Lest he should equal Jesus ever blest.

A tempo, ma espansivo ♩ = 58

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S. *f* *3* *3*
'Bles - - - sed are you, Sim - on, for *3* this!

A. *f*
'Bles - sed are you, Sim - on,

T. *f* *3*
'Bles - sed are you, Sim-on, for this!

B. *f*
'Bles - - - sed are you, for

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S. *ff* *3*
My heaven-ly Fa - ther in his bliss Op-ens your eyes. I call you

A. *ff*
for this! My Fa-ther in his bliss Op-ens your eyes. I call you

T. *ff*
My heaven-ly Fa-ther in his bliss Op-ens your eyes. I call you

B. *ff*
this! In bliss Op - ens your eyes. I call you

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S. Pe - - ter now, the rock

A. Pe - - ter now, the rock

T. Pe - ter, the rock

B. Pe - ter, the rock *f* On which my

Org.

Ped. *f*

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S. *f*
On which my church will stand all

A. *f*
On which my church will stand _____ all__

T. *f*
On which my church will stand all shock, _____ stand all__

B. *f*
church will stand all shock, my church will stand _____ all shock.

Org.

Ped.

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S.  shock. You ³ hold the keys To bind or loose, in heav'n, on earth.

A.  shock. You hold the keys To bind or loose, in heav'n, on earth. Have *mf dim.*

T.  shock. You ³ hold the keys To bind or loose, on earth. Have *mf dim.*

B.  You ³ hold the keys To bind or loose, in heav'n, on earth. Have *mf dim.*

Org.  *dim.* *p*

Ped. 