

CHORAL SCORE

Earth (Winter, Summer)
(#2 from **Midnight Sun Songs**)

for youth choir
and piano trio

words and melodies by
Mary-Anne Muyambo, Alisha Hardisty,
and Aisling Dunn

music and arrangement by
Jeffrey Ryan

commissioned by
Northern Arts and Cultural Centre
and the Gryphon Trio

Programme Note:

For the 2014/15 season, the Gryphon Trio partnered with the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre for a far-reaching instalment of the Trio's *Listen Up!* project. Students in six communities throughout Canada's Northwest Territories wrote poetry around the theme of The Elements, then worked with composers Jeffrey Ryan and Carmen Braden to develop melodies for their poetry. These melodies became the source material for ***Midnight Sun Songs***, a collection of six songs for youth choir and piano trio composed and arranged by Jeffrey Ryan. ***Midnight Sun Songs*** received its world premiere in May 2015 at Yellowknife's Northern Arts and Cultural Centre, performed by a 70-voice youth choir comprised of students from the six participating communities, accompanied by the Gryphon Trio and conducted by Rob Kapilow.

Earth (Winter, Summer) is the second song of the collection, and explores the idea of Earth through the land and the seasons.

Performance Note:

Earth (Winter, Summer) may be performed separately, or in combination with any or all of the other ***Midnight Sun Songs***.

EARTH (WINTER, SUMMER)

Winter is coming
Summer is ending so soon
Time to have cocoa

Oh how lovely the winter is
White snow falling
Days are getting better and better

Green, reluctant, agile, solid and springy
As it dips and sways, it bows to the earth
and salutes the sky
Twirling and flipping by and by

Tickling your toes and itching your nose:
Grass

Green, reluctant, agile, solid and springy
A soft and squishy blanket that covers the earth:
Grass

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♩ = 84 *Gently and simply*

(Mary-Anne Muyambo/Fort Simpson) *mf* easy, unforced

Win-ter is

mp
con ped. ad lib.

5

A

com-ing. _____ Sum-mer is end-ing _____ so soon. _____

5

9

Time _____ to have co - coa. _____

9

12 **B** (Alisha Hardisty/Fort Simpson)

mf

Oh how love - ly the win - ter is. _____ White snow fall - ing.

12

15

Days _____ are get - ting bet - ter and - bet - ter. _____

18

poco rit. ----- **C** = 84 *A tempo, warmly and joyously* (Aisling Dunn/Yellowknife) *mp* with wonder

Green, re -

22

luc - tant, a - gile, so - lid and spring - y.

26

D *mp*

As it dips and sways, _____ it bows to the

30 **E** *mp*

earth and sa - lutes the sky. Twirl - ing _____ and

34 *mp*

flip - ping _____ by and by. Tick - ling your toes and

38 **F**

itch - ing your nose: grass.

42 **G** *mp*

Green, re - luc - tant, a - gile, so - lid and spring - y.

p sub.

48 **H**

A soft _____ and squish-y blan - ket that co-vers the earth:



54 *div. p* *poco rit.* -----

grass. _____