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Night Song, Daryl Bichel, Artistic Director

MUSIC FOR THE PSALMS

Psalm 40 and "Birdsong" by Rumi

Rumi
The Psalter from
The Book of Common Prayer

Birdsong brings relief to my longing
I'm just as ecstatic as they are, but with nothing to say!
Please universal soul,
practice some song or something through me!

Music by Patricia Van Ness (1951)
Score rev. 3 February 2016

You heard my cry. You put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to you: amen.

♩ = 60
mp *mf*

Soprano
Bird (bird bird-song brings re - lief to my

mp *mf*
Bird bird brings re - lief to my

Soprano
mf *mp*
Bird - - - - song (re

Alto
mf *mp*
Bird - - - - song brings (lief, lief

7 A

S. *mp*
long-ing, I'm just as ec sta - tic with Please

S. *mp*
long-ing, I'm just as ec sta - tic with no - thing to say,

S. *mf*
long - ing (sta-tic Please un-i-

A. *mf*
just

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mf

S. (sal soul, (prac prac - - tice some song,

S. (ver - sal soul, prac - - - tice song

S. ver - sal soul, (prac prac - tice song

A. ver - sal soul (prac (a (a some song (ong-

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mp **B**

S. some - thing through me!

S. some - thing me! You

S. some - thing through me! You

A. song some - thing me! You

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mp *mf*

S. heard You you put a new

S. cry. You you put a new

S. heard my cry. You you new, new

A. heard my cry. You you put

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S. song, — praise — to

S. song, — in — my mouth, — song of praise — to —

S. a — song of praise to — to —

A. song a — song of praise — to —

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S. you: a - - men, (a — a - - -

S. you a - men (a — a - -

S. you — a - men, (a — a - -

A. (a — a - men, a - - men a -

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S. men, a - - - - - men.

S. men, — a - - - - - men.

S. men a - - - - - men.

A. men, a - - - - - men.