

# Caroline Leighton & Anne Atkins

*Could the sky forget rain?*

for Mothering Sunday

an anthem for mixed voices and piano

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Composed by Ben Atkins  
HE'LL SOON COME TO CALL ME  
(ANTHEM FOR MARY AND DAVID)

traditional Scottish melody, *Braes o' Balquhither*, arranged by Ben Atkins in two scorings:  
for SATB and chamber ensemble (harp, violin & cello); and SATB and piano.  
Words by Anne Atkins, based on Song of Songs 2, Psalm 23 and Revelation 21.

Composed by Caroline Leighton  
MARY IN THE GARDEN  
anthem for two-part voices and piano, words by Caroline Leighton, suitable for Easter Day

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carol for SATB and piano, words by Caroline Leighton, suitable for Christmas Day

# Could the sky forget rain?

Words by Anne Atkins

Music by Caroline Leighton

**Warmly with rubato**  $\text{J} = 50$

PIANO

4 SOPRANO  $\text{mp}$

Can a mother forget her breast-feeding child?

9  $\text{mf}$

Could young chicks not be missed by the hen? Would a...

14

bear not defend, in the dangerous wild, The tumb...

18 -den? *f*

S. Could the sky for-get rain Or the sun spurn the

T. *f*

B.

Pno. *f*

22 *mf*

rain - bows Or springs not re-mem-ber the sea?

*mf*

*mf*

26 *f*

Nor our God can-not ev - er, No nev - er, not

*f*

*f*

30

ev - er, God can nev - er for - get you nor me.

34 TENOR & BASS unis. *mf*

What - ev - er my mood, like a dam with her brood Or an

37

ea - gle pro - tect - ing her nest, On pin - ions you bore me, would

40 SOPRANO & ALTO unis. *mf*

You taught me to talk and  
TENOR & BASS  
al-ways re store me, Your wing shield-ing me by your breast.

44 SOPRANO & ALTO

stag-ger-ing - ly walk, When I fell you would keep me from harm, You

47

nudged me back up like a vi - xen her pup, And you raised me a - loft on your

50 *f*

S. A. arm. Could the sky for-get rain Or the sun spurn the

T. B.

Pno. *f*

54 *mf*

rain-bows Or springs not re - mem-ber the sea?

*mf*

58 *f*

Nor our God can-not ev - er, No nev - er, not

*f*

62

ever, God can never forget you nor me.

SOPRANO & ALTO *mp*

66

When life felt too hard, my childhood heart scarred, With a

69

kiss you re-store all my mirth; Through ev-'ry shock you re-

72

-mained still my rock, The one who had given me birth.

S.  
A.

T.  
B.

Pno.

And the mo - ther in - dul-ges the child at her breast,

79

The hen pecks us if we come near; The

83

she - - - bear pro - tects the young cubs in her nest With a