

PAUL AYRES  
**I ASKED FOR  
PEACE**  
SSA CHOIR



**TUX PEOPLE'S  
MUSIC.**



## ABOUT:

A kaleidoscope of melodies and harmonies bring this visceral poem to life – a powerful and unique work for upper voice ensemble.

### FROM THE COMPOSER:

Nineteenth century English poet Digby Mackworth Dolben lived a colorful and eventful life, tragically cut short when he drowned in the River Wellend at age nineteen. His stark and vulnerable poem "I asked for Peace" paints a vivid portrait of his inner life, brought to life here with whirling melodies and chromatic harmonies.

DURATION: ~3'00"



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# I ASKED FOR PEACE

for SSA Choir

Digby Mackworth Dolben

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2009

Moderato ♩ = c. 108 (2 + 3 sempre)

*mp*

Soprano 1  
I asked for Peace, \_\_\_\_\_ I asked

*mp*

Soprano 2  
I asked for Peace, \_\_\_\_\_ I asked for

*mp*

Alto  
I asked for Peace, \_\_\_\_\_ I asked for

Reduction

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*cresc. poco a poco*

Peace: \_\_\_\_\_ My sins a - rose, \_\_\_\_\_ my sins

*cresc. poco a poco*

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*cresc. poco a poco*

Peace: My sins a - rose, \_\_\_\_\_ my sins \_\_\_\_\_ a - rose, my

*accel.*

7

a - rose, my sins a - rose And bound me close, and bound, and bound me

a - rose, my sins a - rose And bound me close, and bound, and bound me

sins a - rose And bound me close, and bound me close, and bound me close, bound

10  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 132$

close, I could not find, I could not find re - lease, I could not

close, I could not find, I could not find re - lease, I could not

close, I could not find, I could not find, I could not find re - lease, I could not

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*Slower, ♩ = c. 96*  
(ad lib.) *p sub.*

find re - lease. I asked for Truth: my

(ad lib.) *p sub.*

find re - lease. I asked for Truth:

*f* (ad lib.) *p sub.*

find re - lease. I asked for Truth:

(ad lib.)

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doubts came in, \_\_\_\_\_ my doubts came in,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ my doubts came in, \_\_\_\_\_ my doubts came in,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ my doubts came in, \_\_\_\_\_ my doubts came

20

And with their din \_\_\_\_\_ They wea - ried, \_\_\_\_\_ they wea - ried  
 And with their din \_\_\_\_\_ They wea - ried, they wea - ried all  
 And with their din \_\_\_\_\_ they wea - ried they wea - ried all

*molto f* **Tempo I** ♩ = c. 108 *espressivo*

*molto f* *espressivo* *dim. poco a poco*

*molto f* *espressivo* *dim. poco a poco*

\*slide, but not too much

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all my youth, they wea - ried, they wea - ried all my youth. \_\_\_\_\_  
 my youth, they wea - ried, they wea - ried all my youth, my youth. \_\_\_\_\_  
 my youth, they wea - ried, they wea - ried all my youth, my youth. \_\_\_\_\_

*dim. poco a poco* *rit.*

28

*mf* I asked for Love, for Love: my *f*

*mf* I asked for Love, for Love: my *f*

*mf* I asked for Love, for Love: *f*

32 *appassionato*

lo - vers failed, my lo - vers failed, And griefs, *p*

*appassionato* lo - vers failed, my lo - vers failed, And griefs, *p*

*appassionato* lo - vers failed, lo - vers failed, And griefs, *p*

lo - vers failed, lo - vers failed, And griefs, *p*

35 *f* *poco a poco accel.*

and griefs as - sailed A - bove,

*f* and griefs as - sailed A - round, a - round, a -

*f* and griefs as - sailed Be - neath, be - neath,

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a - bove, a - - - bove.

round, a - round, a - round, a - round, a - round, a - round.

be - neath, be - neath, be - neath, be - neath.

Slower, ♩ = c. 96

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*p* I asked, I asked for Thee: And Thou didst come

*p* I asked, I asked for Thee: And Thou didst

*p* I asked, I asked for Thee: And Thou didst

46

To take me home, and Thou didst come

come to take me home, and Thou didst

come To take, to take me home, and Thou didst

50 *dim.*

to take me home With - in thy heart,

come to take me home With - in thy

come to take me home With - in thy

53 *p*

with - in thy heart to be.

heart, with - in thy heart to be.

heart, with - in thy heart to be. *pp*

heart, with - in thy heart to be. I

57 *pp* *rit. al fine*

asked for Love, I asked for Thee.

I asked for Truth, I asked for Thee.

asked for Peace, I asked for Thee.

