
Science Chorus Rehearsal, 5/13/21

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Hi everybody, here are some notes about our upcoming Thursday Science Chorus Rehearsal (5:30 socializing, 6 to 7:30 rehearsal, 7:30 more socializing :-).

REMINDERS:

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/93352616178?pwd=dmEvK1BZb09iUTE0dWp6dG50NVh1UT09>

Resource page: http://www.familyopera.org/drupal/2020_Vision_Practice_Page

(you can also access the Resource Page from FamilyOpera.org under "Content Menu" on the top left)

YES, THERE'S STILL TIME if you'd like to submit an AUDIO RECORDING for THE CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL MEDLEY

Upload link (audio and artwork files):

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/llFwx5kJo12nIUCKIfPX> (AUDIO due Thursday 5/13?)

We'll let you know when "The Power of How We Feel" gets published.

THIS WEEK:

- We'll start with some warmups
- We'll then sing through the a cappella song, "All About Tears" ([sheet music](#) / [demo](#)), which we learned last week.
- Then we'll read through "Cataracts" ([sheet music](#) / [demo](#)), a song by David Haines. We listened to this song at the very end of last week's rehearsal, and enough people liked it that we decided to learn it this week. A couple of the lyrics are a bit "ick"-inducing, so we've appended the lyrics to the end of this email so you can preview them in case you are at all squeamish. This is a somewhat tricky 3-part song, so we'll break up into
- SECTIONALS and work on the individual parts.
- When we reconvene, we'll work on the whole song together.
- We'll finish up by singing through "Single Photon" ([original sheet music](#) / [sheet music with new time signatures](#) / [demo](#)) one last time.

After this week, we'll have either one or two more rehearsals. We'll spend these:

- singing through all of the songs we've learned this season
- congratulating ourselves for having learned ALL the new songs in *2020 Vision*
- talking about potential themes for future Science Choruses
- talking about the future of live singing (rehearsing and performing)
- talking about our upcoming 2021-2022 season and what is realistic to plan for
- other topics you all might think of!

NEW ON THE WEBSITE:

New rehearsal recordings, emails, etc.

See you all on Thursday--David and Sue

LYRICS TO CATARACTS

My world is gradually fading away
Slowly year by year, though not day by day
Colors less vivid, trouble seeing at night
There are halos around every source of light
I used to smoke like a chimney, and I drank too much
Did not wear shades in the sun, but now I know they were such
Stupid things to do - I wish I'd realized

How badly I was damaging my precious eyes

Is it a cataract catastrophe?

Am I doomed to one day not be able to see?

As my vision fades year by year by year,

I feel a secret growing fear.

Oooo, oooo, oooo, oooo...

The surgeon says she'll anesthetize my eye - it'll be paralyzed

Within cornea two tiny cuts she will incise

Through which a hole with a needle in the lens will be made

Ultrasound will emulsify the lens so degraded

The cataract's outer layer - cortex by name

Will be aspirated (sucked away) to achieve the aim

Of making room for a folding plastic lens to be

Inserted in the capsule to return to me.....

The kind of vision that I once enjoyed

Rich colours and clarity, no longer annoyed

By being unable to recognize faces of friends

Maybe cataracts will prove to be a blessing in the end...

I will appreciate like never before

This precious sense I thought was lost now it has been restored

I will remind myself each day how lucky I've been

To see again the way that I used to see

I'll see again with clarity - I'll see again how I used to see!

I'll see again with clarity - I'll see again how I used to see!