

Requiem by Eleanor Daley

Eleanor Daley is a Canadian composer. In 1994 she was presented with the Canadian National Choral Award for this work. It was described as the 'Outstanding Choral Composition of the Year'. It is unaccompanied throughout. The Amity Singers performed this work about 8 years ago and are very pleased to have had the opportunity to sing it again for you tonight.

The text comes from a wide diversity of sources.. from the Latin Mass for the Dead, Psalm 130, Book of Revelations, a Russian Benediction, the Book of Common Prayer, and also some modern poetry-all appropriate for a Remembrance Service. The poetry includes some very moving lines given to the soprano soloist-lines which make the whole Requiem meaningful to families who have lost a loved one whether in wars or other conflicts or tragic circumstances...

'Each night I listened for your call....when your call stopped I held my breath, suspended....

'The stillness is a room I've moved into... and you are not there you are gone'.

The piece ends with a feeling of hope and a journey to be taken.

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Soloists from the choir : Karen Spencer/Simone Garton -soprano  
: Paul Craig-bass/baritone

Chorus: The Amity Singers-conducted by Elizabeth Farnon.

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#### Movement 1. Requiem Aeternam 1

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine.

*'Each night I listened for your call, when your call stopped I held my breath suspended. I'd grow accustomed to a dialogue with silence, and wait for the sounds of the night.. you dying and I but witness to the end.'*(Carlyn Smart-The Sound of Birds)

### Movement 2. Psalm 130

Out of the Deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord hear my voice. O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint. If thou Lord wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it? For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared. I look for the Lord: my soul doth wait for Him: and in His word is my trust. My soul fleeth unto the Lord; before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the lord there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from their sins.

### Movement 3. And God shall wipe away all tears

I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Behold the dwelling of God is with all people, and God shall dwell with them and they shall be God's people. God shall be with them and the voice of weeping shall no more be heard: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.( Revelations)

*Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine.*

'I am the resurrection and the life' saith the Lord: 'he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.' ( from the Book of Common Prayer)

### Movement 4. In Remembrance

'Do not stand at my grave and weep.....I am not there I do not sleep...

(Congregational Hymn-Beauty for Brokenness)

**Movement 5. I heard a voice from heaven**

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours: even so saith the spirit'. ( from Book of Common Prayer).

**Movement 6. Thou knowest, Lord. ( extract)**

'In the midst of life we are in death.

Thou knowest Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy. In the midst of life we are in death.'( from the Book of Common Prayer)

**Movement 7. Requiem Aeternam 11**

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, dona eis sempiternam requiem.  
(from Missa pro defunctis)

*'The stillness is a room I've moved into, and you are not there you are gone...the dark heart of the night without song'*(**'The Sound of Birds**).

**Movement 8. In Paradisum**

Go forth upon thy journey from this world, O Christian soul, in the name of God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, in company with the blessed angels and archangels, and all the heavenly host. May thy portion this day be in peace and thy dwelling place in Jerusalem.( from a Russian Benediction)

In paradisum deducant angeli, in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres, et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem. Chorus angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro, quondam paupere, aeternam habeas requiem.

**Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, dona eis sempiternam requiem .**

