

Music for Easter Day

Motet—*Easter* (from 5 Mystical Songs)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise,
without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him may'st rise:

That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name,
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:

Or since all music is but three parts vied,
And multiplied;

O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

(Words from *The Temple* (1633) by George Herbert)

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King's; 'Easter' from 5 Mystical Songs (Vaughan Williams)
King's College, Cambridge (Stephen Cleobury, director of music)

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Hymn 207 – Jesus Christ is risen today

Easter Hymn

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!