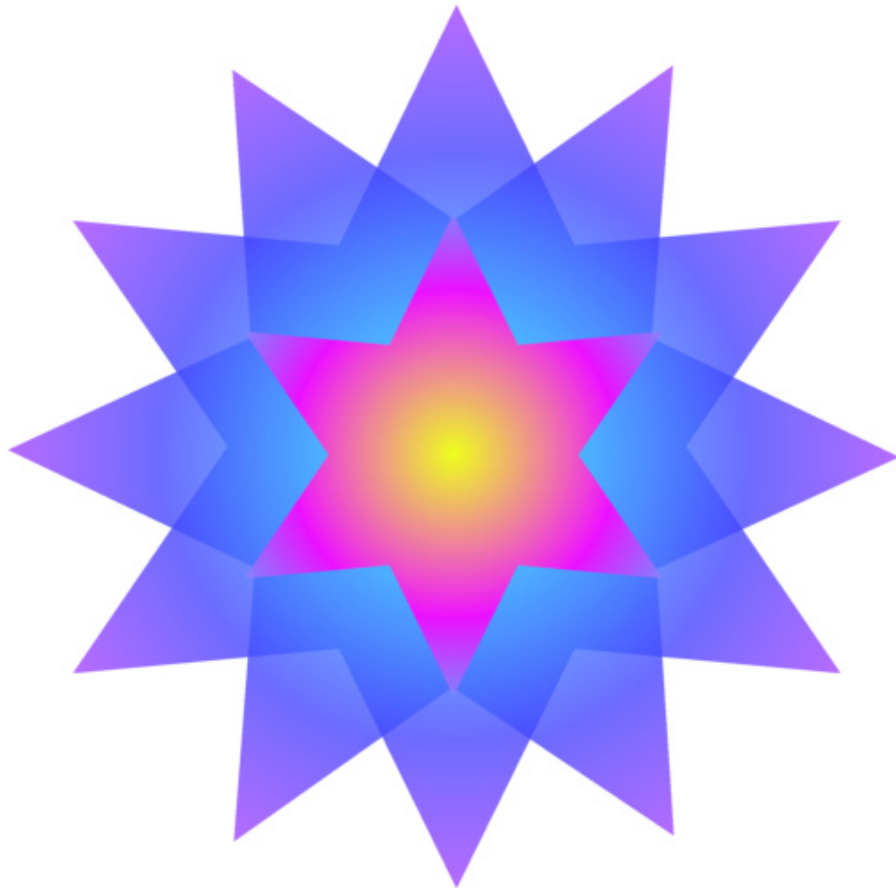


A Pure Heart



An Anthem for SAB Choir

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*Dedicated to William Vollinger,
a true servant of Jesus Christ,
and a brother of encouragement.*

About the piece...

This anthem was composed using a compositional technique known as equitonalism, in which the central idea is that no one key center should be any more important than another. Thus, in the course of this short piece, the tonal center shifts twelve times, taking it through all twelve major keys.

Although the composer has used this technique on other pieces, this is the first time it has been applied to a choral work.

The text is taken entirely from the New American Standard version of the Bible.

About the composer...

Charles O. Beck is a composer of many colors. He has written in many styles, from pop-rock to very classically oriented works. He holds a master's degree in composition from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH.

He lives in Alexandria, OH, with his wife and two very spoiled cats.

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Moderato – with an easy rhythm

(♩ = 90)

Piano

5

S

A

Who may as -

Who may as -

9

S

A

cend in - to the hill of the Lord? And who may

cend in - to the hill of the Lord? And who may

Performance time:
approximately 3:40

13

S stand in His ho - ly place?

A stand in His ho - ly place?

B *mp* He who has clean_ hands

17

B and a pure heart, _ And who speaks truth in _ his

21 *more intensely*

S Search me, _ O God, and know my _

A Search me, O God, and know my _

B heart. Search me, _ O God, and know my

25

S heart; _____ Try me and know my an-xious thoughts; _____ (melody)

A heart; _____ Try me__ and know my an-xious thoughts; _____ And

B heart; Try _____ me and know my an-xious thoughts;

29

S See if there be an - y hurt - ful way__ in me, and

A see if__ there be an - y hurt - ful way__ in me, and

B See if there be an - y hurt - ful way__ in me, and

33 *ritard* *a tempo*

S lead me in the ev - er - last - ing way.

A lead me in the ev - er - last - ing way.

B lead me in the ev - er - last - ing way.

33 *ritard* *a tempo*

37

41 *rallentando* *mf*

S Cre - - ate in

A *mf* Cre - - ate in

B *mf* Cre - - ate in

41 *rallentando* *mf*

44

S me a clean heart, O God, And re - new a stead - fast

A me a clean heart, O God, And re - new a stead - fast

B me a clean heart, O God, And re - new a stead - fast

(with a hushed, desperate intensity)

48

S spir - it with - in me. Do not

A spir - it with - in me. Do not

B spir - it with - in me. Do not

pp

pp

pp

51 *p*
S cast me a - way from Your pres - ence And do not
A cast me a - way from Your pres - ence And do not *p*
B cast me a - way from Your pres - ence And do not *p*

55 *mp*
S take Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
A take Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
B take Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

58

S

store to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion And sus -

58

mp

61

S

tain me with a will - ing spir - it.

61

ritard

ritard

64

A

Who may as - cend in - to the hill of the

64

a tempo *mp*

mp

B

Who may as - cend in - to the hill of the

64

a tempo *mp*

mp

67

A Lord? And who may stand in His ho - ly

B Lord? And who may stand in His ho - ly

70 *more intensely*

S He who has clean hands

A place? He who has clean hands

B place? He who has clean hands

73

S and a pure heart, — And who speaks

A and a pure heart, — And who speaks

B and a pure heart, — And who speaks

76

S truth in his heart. Cre - ate in

A truth in his heart. Cre - ate in

B truth in his heart. Cre - ate in

poco rit. *mp* *Slightly slower (almost plaintively)*

mp *mp* *mp*

79

S me a clean heart, O God, a

A me a clean heart, O God, a

B me a clean heart, O God, a

82

S pure heart.

A pure heart.

B pure heart.

82

ritardando

Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord?
And who may stand in His holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

—*Psalm 24:3-4*

And who speaks truth in his heart.

—*Psalm 15:2*

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me and know my anxious thoughts;
And see if there be any hurtful way in me,
And lead me in the everlasting way.

—*Psalm 139:23-24*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from Your presence
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation
And sustain me with a willing spirit.

—*Psalm 51:10-12*

Presentation suggestion:

You may want to have the anthem text (above) read before singing the anthem. If so, you might also want to include the following related verse:

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.
Cleans your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts,
you double-minded.

—*James 4:8*



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