# EACH MORNING SHE WALKS

SATB divisi



Music by Charles Anthony Silvestri

Text by Eric Whitacre



#### **About the Work**

In 2015 my friend and frequent collaborator, Eric Whitacre, and I decided to mix things up and switch our usual roles on a new piece, with a poem written by Eric and music written by me. We were both a little scared of that prospect, it being a first for both of us. Eventually Eric entrusted to me this beautiful, mystical poem--a gift for his wife--and I set about studying, internalizing, and discovering the music I heard imbedded in the text. It was challenging, fascinating, and deeply rewarding to sit in the composer's chair for a change, and I hope this is but the first of many new collaborations for me. This work was commissioned by a consortium of choirs. I express my deepest gratitude to the consortium directors and ensembles for their confidence in me, and to those from whom I sought invaluable advice during the composition process.

-Charles Anthony Silvestri

#### **Each Morning She Walks**

Each morning she walks, Rising in darkness, called by the sea, Circle upon circle upon circle, The tips of her wings softly polishing the stones.

Each morning she stalks, Breath in her quiver, bow of compassion, Step after step after step Hunting silence, solitude, peace.

And then she returns, Her eyes full of stars, Her heart full of daybreak, Her arms full of arrows and feathers and light,

Each morning, Silky and warm, She places her prey at my feet.

-Eric Whitacre, 2016

#### **About the Composer**

As an acclaimed lyricist, Charles Anthony Silvestri has collaborated with choral composers all over the world to create texts tailor-made for their commissions and specific artistic needs. He enjoys the challenge of solving creative problems and has provided custom choral texts, opera libretti, program notes, and other writing for composers including Eric Barnum, Dan Forrest, Ola Gjeilo, Susan LaBarr, Andrea Ramsay, Tim Takach, and Eric Whitacre, and for groups ranging from high schools to the Houston Grand Opera, from the Kings Singers to the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, and from Westminster Choir College to Westminster Abbey. As a clinician Silvestri speaks to choirs, classes, and concert audiences about his works, the creative process, the marriage of words and music, and about his collaborative relationships with composers. This is his first choral work as a composer in his own right. Silvestri lives in Lawrence, KS and teaches history at Washburn University in Topeka, KS. For more on Silvestri's work, kindly visit www.charlesanthonysilvestri.com.

Duration: Approx. 4:30

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*Lyrics by* ERIC WHITACRE (b. 1970) Music by CHARLES ANTHONY SILVESTRI (b. 1965) Andante (= 80) Soprano **pp** like a distant calling sim. Alto **pp** like a distant calling Tenor Ah, Ah, Ah, Bass Piano

(for rehearsal only)



























### **Opus 1 Commissioning Consortium**

Benedictine College Atchison, Kansas Timothy Tharaldsen, conductor

Capital University Chapel Choir Columbus, Ohio
Lynda Hasseler, conductor

Drake University
Drake Choir
Des Moines, Iowa
Aimee Beckmann-Collier, conductor

Eastern Kentucky University Singers Richmond, Kentucky Richard Waters, conductor

Emmaus High School Chorale Emmaus, Pennsylvania Rita Cortez, conductor

Free State High School Lawrence, Kansas Hilary Morton, conductor

Heritage High School Chamber Choir Rogers, Arkansas Chris Brown, conductor

Lee's Summit High School Concert Choir Lee's Summit, Missouri Chris Munce, conductor

Loyola Marymount University
Consort Singers
Los Angeles, California
Mary Breden, conductor

Marist College
Poughkeepsie, New York
Sarah Williams, conductor

Masterworks Chorale San Carlos, California Bryan Baker, conductor

Rose Hill High School Rocketaires
Rose Hill, Kansas
Brian Stranghoner, conductor

Staley High School Kansas City, Missouri Tracy Resseguie, conductor

Stuttgart High School APO, AE J. Alan Landers, conductor

Washburn University
Washburn Singers
Topeka, Kansas
Kevin Kellim, conductor

Una Vocis Choral Ensemble Mason City, Iowa Dennis Lee, conductor

University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Chamber Choir
Platteville, Wisconsin
Bob Demaree, conductor



