THE PURE IN HEART

from Beatitudes

SATB divisi with Piano

Music by Patrick Hawes



About the Work

This is the sixth piece in the *Beatitudes* collection. For me, it was easy to feel that I had to use the "pure" key of G major. There is a lovely richness created by the falling piano phrases of the opening bars, and it is out of these that the choral melody and supporting harmonies grow. Performers should, above all, create an atmosphere of stillness and reflection, making sure that vowel sounds are as pure as possible and that the long phrases feel unbroken. Writing this piece, I could hear it being performed by choirs of all ages in any situation where a period of quiet meditation is required.

-Patrick Hawes

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Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

-Matthew 5:8

About the Composer

Patrick Hawes is an English composer who has made his mark as a torchbearer of the English musical tradition. He is best known for writing the *Highgrove Suite* for HRH Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales; for being Composer-in-Residence at the UK's largest classical music station —Classic FM, and for the number one album *Angel*. He has written for Voces8, the Choir of New College Oxford, Julian Lloyd Webber, and Hayley Westenra on albums that have all reached number one on the classical charts. Patrick is currently writing for The King's Singers and working his biggest project to date—a choral symphony entitled *The Great War Symphony* —to be premiered in its entirety in the Royal Albert Hall in 2018.

His new album *Revelation*, which features the *Revelation* and *Beatitudes* choral collections published by Walton Music and recorded by The Elora Singers (Canada), will be released in February 2017.

For more information, visit patrickhawes.com.

Duration: Approx. 2.30 minutes

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