

How Can I Keep from Singing

for chorus SACT

for the Roxbury Union Congregational Church Choir

Dennis Báthory-KitsZ, arr.

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How Can I Keep from Singing?

Trad, arr Dennis Bathory-Kitsz

Tempo: ♩ = 60

Soprano

My life goes on in end - less song A -
What tho' the tem - pest loud - ly roars I
When ty - rants trem - ble sick with fear And

Alto

My life goes on in end - less song A -
What tho' the tem - pest loud - ly roars I
When ty - rants trem - ble sick with fear And

Counter-Tenor

My life goes on in end - less song A -
What tho' the tem - pest loud - ly roars I
When ty - rants trem - ble sick with fear And

S

bove earth's la - men - ta - tion. I hear the real tho'
hear the truth, it liv - eth. What tho' the dark - ness
hear their death knell ring - ing When friends re - jice both

A

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S
far - off hymn That hails a new cre - a - tion. A -
round me close Songs in the night it giv - eth. No
far and near, How can I keep from sing - ing? In

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bove the tu - mult and the strife I hear its mu - sic
storm can shake my in - most calm While to that rock I'm
pris - on cell and dun - geon vile Our thoughts to them are

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The melody is in the middle line.

Each verse is sung with that successive voices louder. The first verse is repeated with all voices equal in volume.

Three male voices may sing this an octave lower.

The word "soul" is sometimes sung "life" to keep the rhyme with "strife".

The counter-tenor part can be sung by a ringing alto.

This is sung without vibrato, and perfect (not tempered) intonation is needed in open fifths and major chords.

First performed by the Roxbury (Vermont) Union Congregational Church Choir.

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ring - ing. It sounds an e - cho in my soul. How
cling - ing. Since love is lord of - heav'n and earth... How
wing - ing. When friends by shame are un - de - filed... How

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