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LUX

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REIGNS HERE IN FREEDOM)

FOR EIGHT SINGERS (SSAATTBB)

DURATION SEVEN MINUTES

COMMISSIONED BY THE SWINGLE  
SINGERS BACH 2000 PROJECT

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This work was commissioned by the Swingle Singers for their Bach 2000 series of concerts. The title (set in Latin) is an inscription in the archiepiscopal chapel in Ravenna - Aut lux nata aut capta hic libera regnat. I feel this captures my feelings about Bach's music and my notion of music generally. I wanted to create a work which captures a delicate moment suspended in time, floating in the ebb and flow of whispered melodic lines brushing against each other and overlapping gently. Like a taught wire humming and vibrating in slight movement. It was like trying to capture the essence of an exquisit split second musically extended. Having said this, with the closeness of intervals, this setting moves away from conventional ideas of harmony. Tension is present even in the sublime, and nowhere is this more beautifully heard than in the music of Bach.

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1. *Not too slowly - plaintively.*

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**S**  
Aut lux na-ta aut cap-ta hic  
Aut lux na ta aut cap-ta hic libe regret Aut lux

**A**  
Aut lux na-ta est aut cap-ta hic  
Aut lux na-ta aut cap-ta hic

**T**  
Aut lux na-ta aut cap-ta hic  
Aut lux na ta aut cap-ta hic

**B**  
Aut lux na-ta aut cap-ta hic libe-

Aut lux na-ta

**S**  
li-be-ra regnet  
na-ta aut cap-ta (aut) regnet

**A**  
li-be-ra regnat

**T**  
li-be-ra regnat Aut lux na-ta aut  
li-be-ra regnat aut lux

**B**  
na regnat Aut lux na-ta aut  
aut cap-ta hic li-be-ra regnet

S  
Aut lux na - ta  
hic li - be - ra reg -

A  
Aut lux na ta  
Aut lux na - ta

T  
Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat  
na ta est aut cap - ta

B  
cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat  
Aut lux na - ta

Aut lux na - ta

S  
aut Cap - ta hic li - be - ra  
nat lux na -

A  
ta aut Cap - ta hic li -  
aut Cap - ta hic li - be -

T  
Aut lux na - ta  
hic li - be - ra reg - nat

B  
aut Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat  
aut Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat

3.

S  
reg - nat Ant lux na - ta aut  
ta Ant Cap - ta

A  
be - ra reg - nat  
na reg nat Ant lux na - ta aut

T  
aut Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat  
Ant lux na - ta

B  
Ant lux na - ta aut

Ant lux na - ta

S  
Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat  
li - be - ra reg - nat Ant lux

A  
Ant lux na - ta aut Cap - ta hic  
Cap - ta ta hic li - be - ra

T  
aut lux na - ta aut Cap - ta hic  
aut Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat

B  
Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat  
aut Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat

S  
Aut lux na - ta aut  
na - ta aut cap - ta hic

A  
li - be ra regnat Aut  
reg - nat Aut lux na - ta aut cap - ta hic

T  
li - be - ra reg - nat  
Aut lux

B  
Aut lux  
nata aut

S  
cap - ta hic li - be - ra  
li - be - ra reg nat Aut lux

A  
lux nata aut cap - ta  
li - be - ra reg - nat Aut

T  
Aut lux na - ta aut  
na - ta aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra

B  
cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat  
aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat

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5.

S  
reg - net Aut lux na - ta aut  
na - ta aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg -

A  
hic li - be - ra reg -

T  
lux na - ta aut cap - ta  
hic li - be - ra reg - nat Aut lux

B  
reg - nat Aut lux na - ta aut cap - ta  
Aut lux na - ta aut cap - ta

Aut lux na - ta

S  
Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg  
nat Aut lux nata aut cap - ta hic

A  
nat aut lux na - ta aut  
hic li - be - ra reg - nat

T  
na - ta aut cap - ta  
na - ta aut

B  
hic li - be - ra reg - nat Aut lux  
aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat



Soprano (S): nat, Aut lux na - ta  
 Alto (A): li - be - ra, cap - ta hic libera reg - nat  
 Tenor (T): hic, Aut lux na - ta aut cap - ta  
 Bass (B): na - ta aut capta hic li - be - ra reg - nat Aut  
 Bass (B): Aut lux na - ta

Soprano (S): aut, reg - nat Aut, cap - ta hic li - be -  
 Alto (A): hic li - be - ra reg - nat, Aut lux na - ta aut  
 Tenor (T): lux na - ta, aut capta hic  
 Bass (B): lux na ta, aut capta hic li - be - ra reg -  
 Bass (B): aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat



7.

Soprano (S): ra reg - nat Ant lux na - ta

Alto (A): aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra

Tenor (T): ta aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra

Bass (B): li - be - ra reg - nat Ant lux na - ta cap - ta

Soprano (S): li - be - ra aut cap - ta hic li - be - ra

Alto (A): reg - nat Ant lux na - ta

Tenor (T): na - ta aut cap - ta hic

Bass (B): hic li - be - ra reg - nat Ant lux na - ta aut

S  
ra reg- nat Aut lux na- ta aut  
aut Cap- ta hic 3 li -

A  
aut Cap- ta hic li - be - ra reg -  
ta aut hic li -

T  
li - be - ra reg - nat Aut lux na- ta  
ta aut Cap- ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat Aut lux

B  
Cap- ta hic li - be - ra reg - nat Aut lux  
Aut lux na - ta

S  
Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg- nat Aut lux  
be - ra reg- nat Aut lux

A  
be - ra reg- nat Aut lux  
nat Aut lux

T  
aut Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg- nat Aut lux  
na - ta aut Cap- ta hic li - be - ra reg- nat Aut lux

B  
na - ta aut Cap- ta hic li - be - ra reg- nat Aut lux  
aut Cap - ta hic li - be - ra reg- nat Aut lux

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