

BRINKBURN PRIORY

MUSIC FOR A SPRING AFTERNOON

Saturday 20 April 2013 15:00

The Singers

conducted by Donald Halliday

Music for Spring

- In these delightful pleasant groves
Henry Purcell (c. 1658 – 1695)

In these delightful pleasant groves let us celebrate our happy loves. Let's pipe and dance and laugh and sing. Thus every happy living thing revel in the cheerful Spring.

- April is in my mistress face
Thomas Morley (c. 1557 – 1602)

*April is in my mistress' face,
And July in her eyes hath place;
Within her bosom is September,
But in her heart a cold December.*

- All in the April evening
Hugh Robertson (1874 – 1952)

*All in the April ev'ning, April airs were abroad:
the sheep with their little lambs pass'd me by
on the road. All in the April ev'ning, I thought
on the Lamb of God.
The lambs were weary and crying with a weak
human cry, I thought on the Lamb of God
going
meekly to die. Up in the blue, blue mountains,
Dewy pastures are sweet, Rest for the little
bodies, rest for the little feet.
But for the Lamb of God, up on the hilltop
green, only a cross, a cross of shame, two stark
crosses between.*

- It was a lover and his lass
Thomas Morley (1557 – 1603)
- Broadside ballad: On the Banks of Allan Water
trad., words by Matthew Lewis (1775 – 1818)

*By the banks of Allan Water when the sweet
springtime did fall*

*There I saw the miller's lovely daughter, fairest
of them all
For his wife, a soldier sought her and a winning
tongue had he
On the banks of Allan Water, none so gay as
she*

- Britten (1913 – 1976)
from Five Flower Songs Op. 47
 1. To Daffodils
 2. The Succession of the Four Sweet Months
 4. The Evening Primrose

Music for Weddings

- O sing joyfully
Adrian Batten (c. 1591 – ca 1637)
- If ye love me
Thomas Tallis (c. 1505 – 1585)
- Ubi caritas
Maurice Duruflé (1902 – 1986)
- This Marriage
Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)
- The Lord bless you and keep you
John Rutter (b. 1945)

Music for twilight

- Tonight eternity alone
René Clausen (b. 1953)

*Tonight eternity alone is near: the sea, the
sunset, and the darkening blue;
Within their shelter is no space for fear, only
the wonder that such things are true.*

- Abendlied
Josef Rheinberger (1839 – 1901)

*Sung in German: Bide with us, for evening
shadows darken, and the day will soon be
over.*