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L'dor Vador

for SATB chorus and piano
(2014)

PERUSAL SCORE

COMPOSER'S NOTE:

L'dor Vador was commissioned by the Cantors Assembly for HaZamir: The International Jewish High School Choir, in honor of their founder and director, Matthew Lazar. After originally planning to set a different text, this idea for "L'dor vador" came to me as soon as I began composing: the perpetual motion in the piano, like time flowing by, with the choral melody poised, hovering, over the accompaniment. The text, from the Kedusha section of the daily Amidah prayer, is a natural choice for a choir that plays such a key role in transmitting our rich Jewish musical tradition "from generation to generation". HaZamir is a treasure, one that we are so fortunate to have for our young people in their growth as musicians and Jews. I am so pleased to have had the opportunity to write this piece for them, especially with the support of the Cantors Assembly, another vitally important organization in preserving and advancing Jewish music.

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TEXT:

L'dor vador nagid god'lecha,
U'l'netsach n'tsachim k'dushat'cha nakdish.
V'shivchacha, Eloheynu, mipina lo yamush l'olam va-ed,
Ki El Melech gadol v'kadosh Atah.
Baruch Atah Adonai, haEl Hakadosh.

*From generation to generation we will declare your greatness,
And for ever and ever we will make sacred your holiness.
Your praise, our God, shall never depart from our lips,
For you, God and sovereign, are great and holy.
Praised are you, Adonai, the holy God.*

– Siddur: Kedusha section of Amidah

for HaZamir: The International Jewish High School Choir;
in honor of Matthew Lazar

Duration: Approx. 3'30"

L'dor Vador

Music: Gerald Cohen

Lyrics: Liturgy

Fast $\text{♩} = 104$

From generation to generation

mp

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

L' - dor va-dor _____ na -

L' - dor va-dor _____ na -

Fast $\text{♩} = 104$

Piano

mp legato

Lightly bring out 3+3+2 pattern

with half-Ped.

7 *we will declare your greatness,* *And for ever and ever*

S

gid — god - le - cha U' - l' - ne - tsach n' - tsa-chim _____ k' - du -

A

gid — god - le - cha U' - l' - ne - tsach n' - tsa-chim _____ k' - du -

T

B

7

Pno.

we will make sacred your holiness.

*From generation to generation
cresc.*

S
sha - t' - cha _ nak - dish, _____ L' - dor va-dor _____

A
sha - t' - cha _ nak - dish, _____ L' - dor va-dor _____

T
_____ L' - dor va-dor _____

B

Pno.

_____ *cresc.* _____

we will declare your greatness,

And for ever and ever

S
_____ na - gid _ god - le - cha _____ *f* U' - l' - ne-tsach n' - tsa-chim, _ u' - l' -

A
_____ na - gid god - le - cha _____ *f* U' - l' - ne-tsach n' - tsa-chim, _ u' - l' -

T
_____ na - gid _ god - le - cha _____ *f* U' - l' - ne-tsach n' - tsa-chim, _ u' - l' -

B
_____ *f* U' - l' - ne-tsach n' - tsa-chim, _ u' - l' -

Pno.

_____ *f* _____

we will make sacred your holiness.

28

S
ne-tsach n' - tsa-chim — k'-du-sha-t'-cha — nak-dish.

A
ne-tsach n' - tsa-chim — k'-du-sha-t'-cha — nak-dish.

T
8
ne-tsach n' - tsa-chim — k'-du-sha-t'-cha — nak-dish.

B
ne-tsach n' - tsa-chim — k'-du-sha-t'-cha — nak-dish.

Pno.

28

our praise, our God,

35

S
p
V' - shiv - cha - cha, — v' - shiv-cha-cha —

A
p
V' - shiv - cha - cha, — v' - shiv-cha-cha —

T
8

B

Pno.

35

Your praise, our God,

42

S E - lo - hey - nu, _____

A E - - lo - hey - nu, _____

T *mp* V' - shiv - cha - cha, _____ v' -

B *mp* V' - shiv cha - cha, _____ v' -

Pno.

r.h. r.h. r.h. *mp*

48

S _____ *cresc.* mi -

A _____

T *8* shiv - cha-cha _____ E - lo - hey - - - nu, _____

B shiv - cha-cha _____ E - - lo - hey - - - nu, _____

Pno.

shall never depart from our lips,

53

S
pi - nu lo ya - mush l' - o - lam va - ed, mi -
cresc.

A
lo ya - - - - mush mi -
cresc.

T
lo ya - - - - mush mi -
cresc.

B
lo ya - - - - mush mi -

Pno.
53 *legato*
cresc.

58

S
pi - nu lo ya - mush l' - o - lam va - - - -

A
pi - nu lo ya - mush l' - o - lam va - - - -

T
8 pi - nu lo ya - mush l' - o - lam va - - - -

B
pi - nu lo ya - mush l' - o - lam va - - - -

Pno.
58

leg.

63

S
ed. _____

A
ed. _____

T
ed. _____

B
ed. _____

Pno.

f

ped.

with half-Ped.

From generation to generation, et

68

S
mf
L' - dor va - dor na - gid god - le - cha

A
mf
L' - dor va - dor na - gid god - le - cha

T
mf
L' - dor va - dor na - gid god - le - cha

B
mf
L' - dor va - dor na - gid god - le - cha

Pno.

mf

74

S U' - l' - ne - tsach n' - tsa-chim _____ k' - du - sha - t' - cha _ nak -

A U' - l' - ne - tsach n' - tsa-chim _____ k' - du - sha - t' - cha _ nak -

T U' - l' - ne - tsach n' - tsa-chim k' - du - sha - t' - cha _ nak -

B U' - l' - ne - tsach n' - tsa-chim k' - du - sha - t' - cha _ nak -

74

Pno. (bring out prominently)

80 *cresc.*

S dish, _____ L' - dor va - dor _____ na - gid _____

A dish, _____ L' - dor va - dor _____ na - gid _____

T dish, _____ L' - dor va - dor _____ na - gid _____

B dish, _____ L' - dor va - dor _____ na - gid _____

80 *cresc.*

Pno.

86

S *f*
god - - - le - cha _____ U' - l' - ne - tsach n' - tsa-chim, _____ u' - l' -

A *f*
god - - - le - cha _____ U' - l' - ne - tsach n' - tsa-chim, _____ u' - l' -

T *f*
god - - - le - cha _____ U' - l' - ne - tsach n' - tsa-chim, _____ u' - l' -

B *f*
god - - - le - cha _____ U' - l' - ne - tsach n' - tsa-chim, _____ u' - l' -

Pno.

86

92

S *p*
ne - tsach n' - tsa-chim _____ k' - du sha - t' - cha _____ nak - dish. _____

A *p*
ne - tsach n' - tsa-chim _____ k' - du sha - t' - cha _____ nak - dish. _____

T *p*
ne - tsach n' - tsa-chim _____ k' - du sha - t' - cha _____ nak - dish. _____

B *p*
ne - tsach n' - tsa-chim _____ k' - du sha - t' - cha _____ nak - dish. _____

Pno.

92

with half-Ped.

For you, God and sovereign, are great and holy.

98

S

A *mp*
Ki El Me - lech ga - dol, v' - ka -

T *mp*
Ki El Me - lech ga - dol, v' - ka -

B

Pno.

mp

For you, God and sovereign, are great and holy.

mp cresc.

105

S
Ki El Me - lech ga - dol,

A *mp cresc.*
dosh A - - tah Ki El ga - - - dol,

T *mp cresc.*
dosh A - - - tah Ki El ga - - - dol,

B *mp cresc.*
Ki El Me - lech ga - dol,

Pno.

mp cresc.

ped.

112

S *f*
v' - ka - dosh A - - - - - tah

A *f*
v' - ka - dosh A - - - - - tah

T *f*
v' - ka - dosh A - - - - - tah

B *f*
v' - ka - dosh A - - - - - tah

Pno. *f*

Leo. Leo. Leo.

From generation to generation, etc.

118

S *p*
- - - - - dor va - dor l' - dor va - dor

A *p*
- - - - - l' - dor va - dor

T *p*
- - - - - l' - dor va - dor

B *p*
- - - - - l' - dor va - dor

Pno. *p* *mf*

Leo.

* with half-Ped., some separation in l.h.

124

S *mp* l' - dor _____ va - dor,

A *mp* l' - dor va - dor

T *mp* l' - dor va - dor, l' - dor va - dor,

B *mp* l' - dor va - dor,

Pno. *mp* *mf*

129

S *mf* na - gid god - le - cha *f* na-gid god - le - - -

A *mf* na - gid god le cha *f* na-gid god - le - - -

T *mf* na - gid god - le - cha *f* na-gid god - le - - -

B *mf* na - gid god - le - cha *f* na-gid god - le - - -

Pno. *f*

135

S
- - cha

A
- - cha

T
- - cha

B
- - cha

Pno.

135

legato

subito p

(hold previous pedal, gradually release over next two measures) * with half-Ped.

Praised are you, Adonai,
SOPRANO SOLO:

142

p

S
Ba - ruch A - tah A - do - nai,

A

T

B

Pno.

142

the holy God.

mp cresc.

149

S *mp cresc.* L' - dor

A *mp cresc.* Ha - el ha - ka - dosh,

T *mp cresc.* Ha - el ha - ka - dosh,

B *mp cresc.* Ha - el ha - ka - dosh,

Pno. *mp cresc.*

156

S *cresc.* va - dor L' - dor va - dor

A Ha - el ha - ka - dosh,

T Ha - el ha - ka - dosh,

B Ha - - - el ha - ka - dosh,

Pno. *cresc.*

S *ff* Ha - el ha - - - ka - - -

A *ff* Ha - el ha - - - ka - - -

T *ff* Ha - el ha - - - ka - - -

B *ff* Ha - - - - el ha - - - ka - - -

Pno.

S 169 dosh!

A 169 dosh!

T 169 dosh!

B 169 dosh!

Pno.

ff *sffz*

Red. *8vb*