**Back Bay Chorale**

***In Beauty May I Walk***

**October 29, 2022 | 8pm | Emmanuel Church, Boston**

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A note from Music Director Jonathan Mott:

“In beauty may I walk … with beauty all around me”… lines that evoke the moments in which all seems right with the world, in which everything is clear, in which the separation between yourself and everything else dissolves.

We, like the poets, often see things other than beauty around us: poignant reminders of regrets and old longings around us, of war and suffering. The poet’s words, though, help us learn about these tender and painful corners of life; they mysteriously bring beauty to the brokenness.

“In beauty may I walk … with beauty all around me” is an invitation for us in “this soil’d world”: to be free to imagine a world with the beauty you hope for, where beauty around you is beauty around everyone.

*Beauty, All Around Me*

In Beauty May I Walk (1998) (4’) Jonathan Dove

(b. 1959)

[Interlude – guitar, voice] (4’)

*Memories, All Around Me*

Heavenly Hurt (2013) (15.5’) Alice Parker

 (b. 1925)

1. There’s a certain Slant of light (2.5’)
2. The Bustle in a House (1’)
3. Under the Light, yet under (2’)
4. Behind Me – dips Eternity – (3’)
5. A Shade upon the mind (2’)
6. There is a pain – so utter (1.5’)
7. The Love a Life can show Below (4’)

[Interlude – guitar, voice] (4’)

*Now I Lay (with everywhere around me)*

now i lay (with everywhere around) (2021) (5’) Joanna Marsh

 (b. 1970)

Nightfall (1995) (10’) Meredith Monk

(b. 1942)

*A Procession Winding Around Me*

A Procession Winding Around Me (23’) Jeffrey Van

 (b. ??)

1. By the Bivouac’s Fitful Flame (4.5’)
2. Beat! Beat! Drums! (4.5’)
3. Look Down Fair Moon (4.5’)
4. Reconciliation (9’)

[Interlude – guitar, voice]

Hymn to the Eternal Flame (4’) Stephen Paulus

(1949-2014)

Schedule Cycle 1:

Week 1: Monday Sept 12th, 7-10, Emmanuel Church Parish Hall (EPH)

Sunday Sept 18th, 4-7, Social potluck cook-out, Brookline

Week 2: Monday Sept 19th, 7-10, EPH

Week 3: ~~Monday Sept 26~~~~th~~, *ROSH HASHANA*, no rehearsal

Week 4: Monday Oct 3rd, 7-10, EPH

Week 5: Monday Oct 10th, 7-10, EPH

Week 6: Monday Oct 17th, 7-10, EPH

Week 7: Monday Oct 24th, 7-10, EPH

 Tuesday Oct 25th, 7-10, Emmanuel Sanctuary

 Thursday Oct 27th, 7-10, dress rehearsal, Emmanuel Sanctuary

**Saturday Oct 29th, Concert, 6pm call, 8pm performance**

As per BBC COVID protocol masking is required at all BBC gatherings, rehearsals and concerts.