

Commissioned by Harlow Chorus in their 40th anniversary season

A Time for all Seasons

Before Words Fail

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Ecclesiastes 3, vv.1-8

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Expansive ♩ = c.66

Optional Percussion*

SOPRANOS
To ev-'ry thing there is a sea - son, and a time to ev - 'ry, ev - 'ry

ALTOS
To ev-'ry thing there is a sea - son, and a time to ev - 'ry, ev - 'ry

TENORS
To ev-'ry thing there is a sea - son, ev-'ry

BASSES
To ev-'ry thing there is a sea - son, ev-'ry

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PIANO

f resonant optional accompaniment *mf*

con Ped.

6 *f* pur - pose un - der the hea - ven: time, a time, a time to be born, *mp*

f pur - pose un - der the hea - ven: time, a time, a time to be born, *mp* *f*

f pur - pose un - der the hea - ven: time, a time, a time to be born, *mp* *f*

f pur - pose un - der the hea - ven: time, a time, a time to be born, *mp* *f*

*Optional Percussion: Suspended Cymbal, Tambourine, Triangle

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pochiss. rit. poco più mosso ♩ = 72

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and a time to die, there is a sea - son.

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mp *mf warm* *mp*

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A *mf*

Be -

mf

Be -

A *mf*

dolce e molto cantabile

20 UPPERVOICES * *mf*

U.V. To

S. - fore_ shoul-ders sag and stick legs buck-le,

A. - fore_ shoul-ders sag and stick legs buck-le,

T. *mf*
and stick legs buck-le,

B. *mf*
and stick legs buck-le,

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ev - 'ry thing a sea - son,

mf
Be - fore_ shoul-ders sag,

mf
Be - fore_ shoul-ders sag,

* This part may alternatively be sung by a children's choir

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mf

To ev - 'ry thing a sea - son, _____

sag, _____

sag, _____

mf

and stick legs buck-le, _____

mf and stick legs buck-le, _____ *mf* To ev - 'ry thing a sea - son, _____

mp *mf*

B

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f

be - fore _____ teeth rat-tle, rat - tle, and eyes _____ grow

f

be - fore _____ teeth rat-tle, rat - tle, and eyes _____ grow

f

be - fore _____ teeth rat-tle, rat - tle, and eyes _____ grow

f

be - fore _____ teeth rat-tle, rat - tle, and eyes _____ grow

B

36 Sus Cym. (soft sticks)

Cym. *p* *mf*

U.V. *mf*

To ev-'rything a sea - son, _____

S. *mp* *f*
mist - y, Be - fore _____

A. *mp* *f*
mist - y, Be - fore

T. *mp*
mist - y,

B. *mp*
mist - y,

mp *f*

40

heights, _____ heights, _____ be - come _____ fear - some _____

heights, heights be - come, be - come fear - some _____

and jour - neys,

and jour -

f *f*