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EATNEMEN VUELIE

(FAIREST LORD JESUS)

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PROGRAM NOTE

EATNEMEN VUELIE is inspired by the traditional Sámi “Yoik.” Yoik is a very old vocal tradition among the Sámi people of Scandinavia and Russia. Typical of this tradition is the use of short melodic phrases that repeat endlessly with small variations. The Sámis themselves say that the Yoik has no beginning and no end. The Yoik often describes a specific person, emotion or other element of nature and does so with very little use of words.

I do not have the intention of teaching the performers of this choral work how to Yoik. The work contains small elements of the tradition giving the composition a “Sámi flavour.” The syllables used are inspired by the tradition but slightly normalized to make them work in this context. They have no specific linguistic meaning.

The syllables have been written with Norwegian speaking people in mind, so a short guide to Norwegian follows:

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|------|--|
| A, a | as in <u>are</u> |
| E, e | as in <u>feather</u> |
| O, o | as in <u>moon</u> |
| Å, å | as <u>all</u> |
| J, j | as in <u>yes</u> |
| R, r | the rolling variety as used in Scotland or Ireland |

The words were written by German Jesuits as “Schönster Herr Jesu in the 17th century and published in the Münster Gesangbuch of 1677.

Schönster Herr Jesu,
Schöpfer aller Dinge,
Gottes und Marien Sohn!
Dich will ich lieben,
Dich will ich ehren,
Meiner Seelen Freud und Wonn.

It was translated into English by Joseph August Seiss in 1873.

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's Glory, Joy and Crown.

B. S. Ingemann wrote a Norwegian text.

Deilig er jorden,
prektig er Guds himmel,
skjønn er sjelenes pilgrimsgang!
Gjennom de fagre
riker på på jorden
går vi Paradis med sang.

Several translations and versions of this text exist around the world. Choose your local version or use any of the above. The rest of the text is yoik syllables with no specific meaning.

The “Yoik” sung by Treble IV should be performed with a dry and intense character. The contrast between the Yoik and the sacred feeling of the hymn should be evident all the way through the work. To emphasize this further the choir can be arranged with the Treble IV singers (the Yoikers) in front, and the Treble I singers in the back. This will give the Treble I a more reverberant sound making the hymn “float” on top of the down and earthy Yoik. If only one percussionist is available, the frame drum part should be given priority.

— Frode Fjellheim

ABOUT THE COMPOSER

Frode Fjellheim was born in Norway in 1959. He studied classical piano at the Music Conservatory in Trondheim between 1980-84. Since then he has worked as a freelance musician and composer. Frode has toured all over the world with his band TRANSJOIK, playing modern techno/ambient influenced music based on the traditional Sámi yoik. He has written many choral works and gives workshops where the choirs learn to perform his music in a Sámi style. For more information visit: www.transjoik.com.

PERFORMANCE TIME

ca. 3 min. 15 sec.

A complete and comprehensive choral performance curriculum for beginning choirs can be found in the music textbook **WE WILL SING!** published by Boosey & Hawkes (M-051-80810-6).

EATNEMEN VUELIE*

(Fairest Lord Jesus)

for Four-Part Treble Voices, Synthesizer, Percussion & Optional Male Yoik

Words by

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Joseph August Seiss

Music by

Frode Fjellheim &
Silesian Folk Melody

d = 80, with a rhythmic intensity

Treble I

Treble II

Treble III

Treble IV
(+ optional
Male Yoik)

p *poco a poco cresc.*

Synth

d = 80, with a rhythmic intensity

Timpani

Frame Drum

6

poco a poco cresc.
deep tuned,
played with hand or soft mallet

d = 80, with a rhythmic intensity

hei - a na _ ja no - a ha na hei o no a na

* Eatnemen vuelie means "Song of the Earth" in the South Sámi language.

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Musical score for measures 12-16. The score consists of four staves:

- Staff 1 (Treble Clef):** Dynamics *mp*. Notes: na, na, ha, na, ha, ha, ja.
- Staff 2 (Treble Clef):** Dynamics *mp*. Notes: na, na, na, hei-a, na, ha-hi, ja-a, na-a, na, hei-a.
- Staff 3 (Bass Clef):** Dynamics *mp*. Notes:
- Staff 4 (Bass Clef):** Dynamics *mp*. Notes: - - - - - - - -

Musical score for measures 17-21. The score consists of four staves:

- Staff 1 (Treble Clef):** Notes: - - - - - - - -
- Staff 2 (Treble Clef):** Notes: ha, ha, ja
- Staff 3 (Bass Clef):** Notes: hei-a, na, ja, no-a, ha, na, hei-o, no-a, na
- Staff 4 (Bass Clef):** Notes: - - - - - - - -

23 *molto espressivo*

Musical score for measures 23-27. The score consists of four staves:

- Staff 1 (Treble Clef):** Notes on the first, second, third, and fourth lines. Lyrics: na na na na - a na _____.
- Staff 2 (Bass Clef):** Notes on the first, second, and third lines. Lyrics: na na ha na ha ha ja _____.
- Staff 3 (Treble Clef):** Notes on the first, second, and third lines. Lyrics: na na na hei - a na ha - hi ja - a na - a na hei - a.
- Staff 4 (Bass Clef):** Notes on the first, second, and third lines. This staff is mostly silent except for measure 27.

28

Musical score for measures 28-32. The score consists of four staves:

- Staff 1 (Treble Clef):** Notes on the first, second, third, and fourth lines. Lyrics: na na na na na - a na _____.
- Staff 2 (Bass Clef):** Notes on the first, second, and third lines. Lyrics: na na ha na ha ha ja _____.
- Staff 3 (Treble Clef):** Notes on the first, second, and third lines. Lyrics: hei - a na - ja no - a ha na hei o no a na _____.
- Staff 4 (Bass Clef):** Notes on the first, second, and third lines. This staff is mostly silent except for measure 32.

na na - a na
na na na hei - a na ha - hi ja - a na - a na hei - a

na a na
ha ha ja
hei - a na - ja no - a ha na hei o no a na

45

na a - a na - a na na a - a
na a - a na - a na na a - a
no - a no no - a hai a no no - a no

mp

mp

mp

mp

51

na - a na ha na ja na a na a
na a na ha na ja na a na a
no - a hai a no no - a no no - a no

mp

mp

mp

mp

57

Musical score for measures 57-61. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is for soprano voice, indicated by a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is for basso continuo, indicated by a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). Measure 57: Soprano sings "na" (two notes) followed by a rest. Basso continuo has a sustained note. Measure 58: Soprano sings "na" (two notes) followed by a rest. Basso continuo has a sustained note. Measure 59: Soprano sings "na na na hei - a na ha - hi ja - a na - a" (with slurs and rests). Basso continuo provides harmonic support. Measure 60: Soprano sings "na hei a -" (with a fermata over the "a"). Basso continuo continues harmonic support. Measure 61: Soprano rests. Basso continuo rests.

62

Musical score for measures 62-66. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is for soprano voice, indicated by a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is for basso continuo, indicated by a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). Measure 62: Soprano rests. Basso continuo rests. Measures 63-64: Both staves remain silent. Measure 65: Soprano sings "hei - a na _ ja no - a ha na hei o no a na" (with slurs and rests). Basso continuo provides harmonic support. Measure 66: Soprano rests. Basso continuo rests.

68

Fair - est, Lord Je - sus,

Fair - est, Lord Je - sus,

na na na hei - a na ha - hi ja - a na - a na hei a -

73

Rul - er of all na - ture,

Rul - er of all na - ture,

hei - a na - ja no - a ha na hei o no a na

79

O thou of God and _____
 O thou of God and _____
 na na na hei - a na ha - hi ja - a na - a _____ na hei a -

man the Son: _____
 man the Son: _____
 hei - a na - ja no - a ha na hei o no a na _____

90

mp

Thee will I cher - ish, Thee will I

mp

no - a no no - a hai a no no - a no

mp

no - a no no - a hai a no no - a no

mp

- - - - -

mp

- - - - -

mp

- - - - -

96

hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and

mp

no - a hai a no no - a no no - a no

mp

no - a hai a no no - a no no - a no

mp

- - - - -

mp

- - - - -

mp

- - - - -

102 *f*
crown

na na — na hei - a na ha - hi ja - a na - a — na hei - a

na na — na hei - a na ha - hi ja - a na - a — na hei - a

108 *f*

hei - a na - ja no - a ha na hei o no a na —
 hei - a na - ja no - a ha na hei o no a na —
 hei - a na - ja no - a ha na hei o no a na —

p

na na _ na hei - a na ha-hi ja-a na-a na hei-a hei-a na-ja

na na _ na hei - a na ha-hi ja-a na-a na hei-a hei-a na-ja

no - a ha na hei o no a na

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(Fairest Lord Jesus)

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Timpani

$J = 80$, with a rhythmic intensity

soft mallets



p poco a poco cresc.

6

12

mp

17

23

30

36

mp

42

mp

49

mp

57

Timpani

13

63



68



75



81



87



94



101



108



113



119



EATNEMEN VUELIE

(Fairest Lord Jesus)

Frame Drum
 $\text{♩} = 80$, with a rhythmic intensity
 (dep. tuned,
 played with hand or soft mallet)



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