Charlie is My Darlin'

Scottish Folk Song

Arranged by

TIM WINEBRENNER

Words by

JAMES HOGG

SSA Voices with Keyboard & Optional Violin, Hand Drum or Guitar



Historical Background

Prince Charles Edward Stuart arrived in Scotland with only seven men to reclaim the throne of England and Scotland for his father, James Francis Edward Stuart, who was exiled in France. Bonnie Prince Charles was able to draw together many Scottish Highland troops in support of his cause, but ultimately failed in his efforts to defeat the English army. Many supported his political cause long after it was over. Charlie Is My Darlin' was written several decades after the last battle of these uprisings in 1745.

Performance Suggestions

This spirited Scottish folk song should be performed with a lot of enthusiasm. In teaching the music, it is helpful to isolate and teach the rhythm first. The dotted eighth-sixteenth combination is prevalent in Scottish folk music and must be performed with precision. It is best to wait until rhythms are accurately executed before performing the piece up to tempo.

Each verse showcases a section (Soprano 1, Soprano 2 or Alto) with the melody. As the song progresses, it should build in intensity, especially from m. 40 to the end. If instruments are used, feel free to repeat the clapping section (mm. 44–51) as the instrumentalists improvise culminating in a boisterous conclusion.

Performance possibilities abound with the addition of violin, hand drum, and/or guitar. When considering your performance, feel free to use as many of the instruments available as any combination will work. Charlie may be sung a cappella by omitting the first two measures. Another option is to use a soloist on the opening line and have the choir enter at m. 8 or 12.

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