



Mulbarton Community Choir – Lyric Writing Competition Details

- Mulbarton Community Choir is looking for a student to write new words to the chorus of 'Song of Liberty', a poem set to Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No.4.
- There will be two categories: primary and secondary.
- One winner from each category will be chosen. Both winners will hear their lyrics read out during Mulbarton Community Choir's Remembrance concert on Saturday 10 November in St Remigius' Church, Hethersett. There will be one overall winner, whose entry will be performed by the choir at the Remembrance concert. The overall winning entry will be announced on the night of the concert.
- The winner of each category will win £25 for themselves and two complimentary tickets to Mulbarton Community Choir's Remembrance concert. They will also win a WW1-themed book for their school's library, to be presented to the school by representatives of the choir. The overall winner will win an additional £25 for themselves.
- It has been possible to run this competition due to the award of a grant from South Norfolk Council.
- The closing date for entries is 5pm, Friday 19th October. Entries should be sent to Lin Goram, either by email at mcc-competition@outlook.com, or by post to 31 Catmere Herne, Mulbarton, Norfolk, NR14 8NU.
- The competition is to write new words to the chorus of 'Song of Liberty', a poem set to Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No.4. The current words to the verses and chorus are below, with the metre of the chorus in brackets at the end of each line. Please note that the last four lines are slightly different in the second chorus, as there is an extended ending at the end of the song. **Please also note that we will not be singing the verses; they are only included for your information.**

Verse 1

Fight for freedom, ev`ryone.
Build the ship and man the gun.
Do as you have never done
To set the peoples free.
We, the few, the happy free,
Will fly the flags of Liberty,
Blow the horns of Liberty! Liberty!
Till the world is free.

Chorus 1

All men must be free. (5)
March for Liberty with me. (7)
Brutes and braggarts may (5)
Have their little day, (5)
We shall never bow the knee. (7)
God is drawing his sword. (6) (this could be 5)
We are marching with the Lord. (7)
Sing, then, brother, sing, (5)
Giving ev`rything, (5)
All you are and hope to be, (7)
To set the peoples free. (6)

Verse 2

Wake and watch and work and win,
Fight and farm and sew and spin,
Fall the faithful people in
To set the peoples free.
But the day the battle`s won,
Never say the fight is done.
Make the world a better one! Better one!
When the world is free.

Chorus 2

All men must be free. (5)
March for Liberty with me. (7)
Brutes and braggarts may (5)
Have their little day, (5)
We shall never bow the knee. (7)
God is drawing his sword. (6)
We are marching with the Lord. (7)
Sing, then, brother, sing, (5)
Giving ev`rything, (5)
All you are and hope to be, (7)
To take the torch across the sea (8)
And set the peoples, (6)
Keep the peoples free (6)

A recording of the 'Song of Liberty' can be found here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_60nIVUG1U

Competition Rules

1. The competition is open to UK residents only, and is not open to relatives of the committee of Mulbarton Community Choir.
2. Only one entry per person.
3. Judging will take place in late October, and the named school contact/individual entrant will be notified of the outcome by 1 November 2018. It will not be possible to return entries.
4. Winning entries must agree to the performance of their work at Mulbarton Community Choir's Remembrance concert on 10 November 2018, and agree to their name being made publicly available. They must also consent to their name being used in pre-concert publicity.
5. The winner retains the copyright to their work, but will agree to future performances by Mulbarton Community Choir.
6. The decision of the judges is final, and no correspondence regarding the result will be entered into.
7. The competition administration team reserves the right to cancel this competition at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, or if circumstances arise outside of its control.
8. Personal details provided on the entry form will be kept only for as long as necessary, and will be processed in accordance with current Data Protection legislation. Our GDPR policy is available at www.mulbchurch.org.uk
9. Any questions about this competition should be directed to the competition administrator, Lin Goram (contact details earlier in this document).
10. These rules are governed by the laws of England and Wales.