

ICC1099

Gloria

SSA



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Nancy Ruth Durance is a Canadian educator, conductor, composer, and hymn writer from the Saskatchewan prairies. She began composing at the age of 10, and composes secular and sacred choral and piano music, including anthems, concert works, and music for liturgy. She has been a high school choir director for 13 years in Canada, Vietnam, and the United States, and is a sought after presenter and mentor to music teachers locally and abroad. Her music has been performed around the world, with recent collaborations including performances in the Philippines, UK, and Germany. Some of her music is published with Beckenhorst Press, ICC Publishing House, and Music Spoke. Nancy currently conducts the early music choir Atlanta Schola Cantorum, is Choir Director at Holy Cross Cathedral in Loganville, and is an education researcher with TeachBeyond. She belongs to the American Choral Director's Association (ACDA) and the Viola da Gamba Society of America (VdGSA). She has degrees in music education, international education, and choral conducting. Her PhD from the Talbot School of

Theology at Biola University explored the impact of contemporary culture on choral directing in North America. She resides in the Atlanta area with her husband and 4 sons, and loves hiking in the mountains.

Vocal ranges in this composition



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Gloria Translation

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Alleluia, Amen.

Glory to God in the highest.
Alleluia, Amen.

About the piece

This exuberant piece is scored for treble voices with an optional descant that can be sung as a solo or small group of first sopranos. Featuring dance-like compound meter, accents, syncopation, and contemporary harmonies, *Gloria* would make a joyful and impactful concert or festival opener for school, community, or church choir.

The opening “gloria” chant is called *Responsory Antiphon* and it references historical Gregorian Chant dating back to ancient times. Its purpose acts as a signal, setting the tone for the piece. It should be sung simply, yet cheerfully, with minimal vibrato by a single voice or small group in steady, plainchant style.

Care throughout the piece should be taken to draw attention to dynamics, word stresses, and contrasts in mood, such as in the smooth *Alleluia* section, so that places of build can truly shine. Likewise, the piano should join in the exuberance, yet never over-powering the voices. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

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Freely, in a plainchant style
Solo or small group

Naperville Youth Duo

mf

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

2 With exuberance ♩. = 56

6

2

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Joyfully, with pronouncement

15

f Glo - - - ri - a in ex -

Joyfully, with pronouncement

f Glo - - - ri - a in ex -

mf

2

20

mp - cel - sis De - - - o! in ex - cel - sis

mp - cel - sis De - - - o! in ex - cel - sis

mp

25

mf - o! Glo - - ri - a, glo - ri - a

mf - o! Glo - ri - a,

2

2

30 *mp*
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - - -
 glo ri - a Glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - - -

35 *mp* Smoothly
 - o! Al - le - lu - le - lu - ia
 - o! Al - le - ia, Al - le - lu - ia

41 *mf*
 le - lu - - - ia
 - - le - - lu - - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

With great joy

45 *f* *mp sub.*
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a! In ex -
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a! In ex -
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a ex -

With great joy

f *mp sub.*
 2
 2

Optional: Solo or small group

50 51 *f*
 A - men!
 - cel - sis De - o! Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a,
 cel - sis De - o! Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a,
 cel - sis De - o! Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a,
mf

55

Ah

glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a! *ff* Glo - ri - a, glo - ri -

glo - ri - a Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a *ff* Glo - ri glo ri - a,

glo - ri - a Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a

mf

59

O Glo - ri - a! in ex - -

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex - -

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex - -

ff Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex - -

mf

63

Musical score for measures 63-67. It features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are in G major and D major. The lyrics are: - cel - sis De - - - o! in ex - - cel - sis. The piano accompaniment includes a second ending marked with a '2' and a dynamic marking of *f*.

68

Musical score for measures 68-72. It features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts have long, sustained notes with lyrics: De - - - o! De - - - o! De - - - o! De - - - o!. The piano accompaniment includes a second ending marked with a '2' and a dynamic marking of *f*.