The Hounds of Spring

Jonathan David

Mixed chorus, electric guitar, electric bass, and drums

PF-Vocal Score
When the hounds of spring are on winter's traces,  
   The mother of months in meadow or plain  
Fills the shadows and windy places  
   With lisp of leaves and ripple of rain;  
And the brown bright nightingale amorous  
Is half assuaged for Itylus,  
For the Thracian ships and the foreign faces,  
   The tongueless vigil, and all the pain.

Come with bows bent and emptying of quivers,  
   Maiden most perfect, lady of light,  
With a noise of winds and many rivers,  
   With a clamour of waters, and with might;  
Bind on thy sandals, O thou most fleet,  
Over the splendour and speed of thy feet;  
For the faint east quickens, the wan west shivers,  
   Round the feet of the day and the feet of the night.

Where shall we find her, how shall we sing to her,  
   Fold our hands round her knees, and cling?  
O that man's heart were as fire and could spring to her,  
   Fire, or the strength of the streams that spring!  
For the stars and the winds are unto her  
As raiment, as songs of the harp-player;  
For the risen stars and the fallen cling to her,  
   And the southwest wind and the west wind sing.

For winter's rains and ruins are over,  
   And all the season of snows and sins;  
The days dividing lover and lover,  
   The light that loses, the night that wins;  
And time remembered is grief forgotten,  
   And frosts are slain and flowers begotten,  
And in green underwood and cover  
   Blossom by blossom the spring begins.

The full streams feed on flower of rushes,  
   Ripe grasses trammel a travelling foot,  
The faint fresh flame of the young year flushes  
   From leaf to flower and flower to fruit;  
And fruit and leaf are as gold and fire,  
And the oat is heard above the lyre,  
And the hoofed heel of a satyr crushes  
   The chestnut-husk at the chestnut-root.

And Pan by noon and Bacchus by night,  
   Fleeter of foot than the fleet-foot kid,  
Follows with dancing and fills with delight  
   The Maenad and the Bassarid;  
And soft as lips that laugh and hide  
The laughing leaves of the trees divide,  
And screen from seeing and leave in sight  
   The god pursuing, the maiden hid.

The ivy falls with the Bacchanal's hair  
   Over her eyebrows hiding her eyes;  
The wild vine slipping down leaves bare  
   Her bright breast shortening into sighs;  
The wild vine slips with the weight of its leaves,  
But the berried ivy catches and cleaves  
To the limbs that glitter, the feet that scare  
   The wolf that follows, the fawn that flies.

--Chorus from Atalanta in Calydon by Algernon Charles Swinburne (1837-1909)
The Hounds of Spring

for mixed chorus, electric guitar, electric bass, and drums

Text by Algernon Charles Swinburne

Very free (\( \dot{\mathcal{L}} = 60 \))

Faster, with increasing expectation (\( \dot{\mathcal{L}} = 126 \))

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The Hounds of Spring

fleeter of foot, fleeter, fleeter of foot, fleeter, fleeter of foot, fleeter, fleeter of foot, fleeter,

Come with bows bent,
fleeter of foot, fleeter, fleeter of foot, fleeter, fleeter of foot, fleeter, fleeter of foot, fleeter,
When the hounds come with bows bent, fleet-er of foot, fleet-er, fleet-er of foot, fleet, fleet-er, fleet-er of foot, fleet-er,
The Hounds of Spring

hounds... when the hounds...

come with bows bent come with bows

fleeter of foot, fleeter, fleeter of foot, fleet, fleeter, fleeter of foot, fleeter,

bent, bind, come with bows fleeter of foot, fleet, fleeter, fleeter of foot, fleet, fleeter,
The Hounds of Spring

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come...
When the hounds of spring,
when the hounds of spring, when the hounds of spring, when the hounds of spring are on winter's traces, winter's traces, winter's traces, winter's traces,
The Hounds of Spring
The Hounds of Spring

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The hounds of windy places,
the mother of months in
meadow or plain fills the shadows and windy places,
The Hounds of Spring

months...

months...

fills the shadows... With lisp of leaves,

fills the shadows...

lisp of leaves...

lisp of leaves and ripple of rain,

leaves, lisp of leaves, ripple of rain,

leaves, lisp of leaves, ripple of rain,
The Hounds of Spring

when the hounds of spring, the
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hounds of spring are on winter's traces...

And the brown bright night -
The Hounds of Spring

Thracian ships and the foreign faces, the tongueless vigil and...

For the
The Hounds of Spring

Come* with bows bent and with emptying of quivers,


Come,* ______ come, ______ come,* ______


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The Hounds of Spring
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a clamor of waters,

with a clamor of waters,

and with might;

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Unison with a clamor of waters,
The Hounds of Spring

Bind on, bind on thy sandals,
O thou most fleet,

Bind on, fleet-er of foot, fleet-er,
The Hounds of Spring

Over the splendour and speed of thy feet;

fleet-er of foot, fleet-er of foot,

Over the splendour,

of thy feet;

Over the splendour and speed of thy feet;

For the faint east...
the wan west shiv-ers, Round the
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The Hounds of Spring
feet of the day...

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Slower, sweetly (q=116)
The Hounds of Spring

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Loo la loo,
Loo la loo,
Loo la loo,
Where shall we find her,

loola loo, loola loo, loola loo, loola loo,

Where shall we find her,

loola loo, loola loo, loola loo, loola loo,

how shall we sing to her, Fold our hands round our knees and cling,* cling,*

Where shall we find her,
The Hounds of Spring

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how shall we sing to her, Fold our hands round our knees and cling,

Where shall we find her,

how shall we sing to her, Fold our hands round our knees and cling,* where shall we find her,

find her, how shall we sing to her.
O that man's hearts were as fire and could spring to her,
Fire,

or the strength of the streams that spring*,
The Hounds of Spring

strength of the streams, the strength of the streams, the strength of the streams, the strength of the streams, the strength of the streams, the streams that spring! (Ord.) (ng) spring...
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For the stars and the winds are unto her as raiment,
The Hounds of Spring

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and the fallen cling to her,

and the fallen cling to her,
for the risen stars clinging to her,

and the fallen clinging to her, clinging to her,
The Hounds of Spring

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And the south-west wind

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The south-west wind and the west wind

Sing, sing.

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More relaxed \( \frac{3}{4} = 136 \)

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The Hounds of Spring

273
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\( \text{flo-wers be-got-ten,} \)

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\( \text{flo-wers be-got-ten,} \text{ Blos-som by bloss-som,} \)

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Pf.
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276
S
\( (3+3+2) \)

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The Hounds of Spring

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blos som by blos som, blos som, blos som by blos som,

blos som by blos som, blos som by blos som, blos som by blos som,

And in green un der wood and cov er

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Unison

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287
287

accel. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

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blos som by blos som, blos som by blos som, blos som by blos som the spring

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(Ord.)
The Hounds of Spring

Tempo II. \( \left( \frac{j=126}{j} \right) \)

293

spring begins.

293

spring begins.

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spring begins.

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spring begins.

Pf.

The full streams feed on flower of rushes,

Spring,* spring,* ripe

Spring,* spring,* ripe

The full streams feed on flower of rushes,
The Hounds of Spring

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leaf to flower and flower to fruit; And fruit and leaf are as (2+2+3) 

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leaf to flower and flower to fruit; And fruit and leaf are as

And the oat is heard above the lyre,

gold and fire, And the oat is heard above the lyre,

gold and fire, And the oat is heard above the lyre,

gold and fire, And the oat is heard above the lyre,
And the hoof-ed heel of a sa-tyr crush-es the

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And the hoof-ed heel of a sa-tyr crush-es the

chest nut husk of a chest nut root.

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chest nut husk of a chest nut root.

[pick scrape]

8th
The Hounds of Spring

Bacchus by night, and Pan by noon and Bacchus by night, and

Pan by noon, and Pan by noon, and Pan by noon, and

and Pan by noon, and Pan by noon, and Pan by noon, and
The Hounds of Spring

Pan by noon and Bac-chus by night, Flee-ter of foot than the fleet-foot kid,
Fol-lows with danc-ing and fills with de-light.

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Fol-lows with danc-ing,
The Hounds of Spring

follows with dancing, follows with...
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follows with dancing, follows with dancing,
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laugh and hide the trees divide,

the laughing leaves of the trees divide,

soft as lips, and

the laughing leaves of the trees divide and

lips, soft as lips, laugh and hide, trees divide,

soft as lips, and soft as lips, the trees divide,
The Hounds of Spring

Tempo III (q=116)

The god pur-suing,*

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The god pur-suing,*

The god pur-suing,*

The god pur-suing,*

the maiden hid.

the maiden hid.

the maiden hid.

the maiden hid.

the maiden hid.
The Hounds of Spring

O - ver her eye - brows, hid - ing her eyes;

The wild vine

hid - ing her eyes, wild
slipping down leaves bare Her bright breast, 
vine, leaves bare, bright breast, 

her bright breast shortening into sighs, 
bright breast, sighs, 

bright breast, 

bright breast, 

Her bright breast,
The Hounds of Spring

sho-ren-ing in- to sighs;
sighs...

The wild vine,

The wild vine,
The Hounds of Spring

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wild__vine__slips with the weight of its leaves,

A

wild__vine__slips with the weight of its leaves,

T

vine slips...

B

vine slips...

Pf.

But the

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leaves,

A

leaves

T

berried__ivy,____ the berried__ivy,

B

the berried__ivy,____ the berried__ivy,

Pf.

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but the berried ivy catches and cleaves, the

berried ivy catches and cleaves, catches and cleaves,
The Hounds of Spring

To the limbs that glitter,
The Hounds of Spring
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Duration: ca. 17'00"

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