



there's just one river of love



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### About the composer

Joan Szymko (b.1957) is widely regarded as an outstanding American choral composer. Her works consistently display a discerning, stirring marriage of words and music and are sung regularly at choral festivals and competitions across North America and



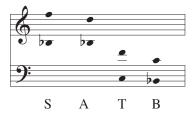
abroad. The American Choral Director's Association recognized Szymko's lasting impact on the choral arts in North America by selecting her as a recipient of the prestigious Raymond W. Brock Memorial Commission (2010) and her music has been sung on stage or in sessions at every ACDA National conference since 2003.

A dynamic conductor, Joan Szymko has led choirs in the Pacific Northwest for over forty years. As a visiting artist, Joan workshops her compositions with choirs in academic and festival setting in the US and abroad. As a resident composer and performer with Portland's Do Jump! Movement Theater, she created underscoring for major touring productions, earning praise from the New York Times for her "ethereal vocal music." Joan Szymko's catalog of over 150 choral works can be explored at joanszymko.com.

# Commissioning ensemble

SA voicing commissioned in 2004 by the members of the Renaissance City Women's and Men's Choirs and the Indianapolis Women's and Men's Choruses as a gift to GALA Choruses Festival VIIe International, Montréal 2004

# Ranges



#### **Duration**

c. 3'45"



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# Arise, My Love

Adapted from *The Song of Solomon* and hymn tune, *At the River* 

Music and Lyrics by Joan Szymko



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Arise my love, arise my fair one, come away.

The winter is passed, the rains are all over and gone;

And the flowers appear on the earth,

and the time of our singing has come,
and a band of many colors is riding the sky.

Arise my love, arise my fair one, come away.

Our winter is passed, the rains are all over and gone.

Our winter is passed, the storms are all over and gone.

And we'll gather at the river, that beautiful river;

And there's just one river of Love,

Yes there's just one river of Love.

Arise, arise, arise!