

ШЕСТЬ ХОРОВ

Six choruses

СЕРГЕЙ РАХМАНИНОВ
Sergei Rachmaninov

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Mixed choir and piano

Arr. Elger Niels



Harmonia

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SIX CHORUSES

Text: Nekrasov

opus 15

Music: S. Rachmaninov
С. РАХМАНИНОВ
(1873 – 1943)

Arr. Elger Niels

1. Слава народу!

1. Slav'sya

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M

f

До - я на-ро-да,
Dol ya na-ro-da,

S.

Сла - ва на - ро - ду на - ше-му, сла - ва!
Sla - va na - ro - du na - she-mu, sla - va!

A.

До - ля на - ро - да,
Dol - ya na - ro - da,

Dol - ya na -

T.

Сла - ва на - ро - ду на - ше-му, сла - ва!
Sla - va na - ro - du na - she-mu, sla - va!

B.

Piano

Сла - ва на - по - ду на - ше-му, сла - ва!
Sla - va *na - ro - du* *na - she-mu, sla - va!*

До - я на-ро-да,
Dol ya na-ro-da,

A musical staff with three notes. The first note is a solid black circle. The second note is a white circle with a black vertical stem and a curved black arrow pointing up and to the right. The third note is another white circle with a similar vertical stem and curved arrow.

T.

Сла - ва на - ро - ду на - ше-му, сла - ва!
Sla - va na - ro - du na - she-mu, sla - va!

B.

Piano

Сла - ва на - по - ду на - ше-му, сла - ва!
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B.

Piano

The image shows a musical score for piano, consisting of two staves. The top staff is for the right hand (treble clef) and the bottom staff is for the left hand (bass clef). Both staves are in common time (indicated by '4/4') and A major (indicated by a sharp sign). Measure 1 starts with a forte dynamic (f) and consists of eighth-note pairs. Measures 2-4 continue this pattern. Measures 5-6 show sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 7-8 feature eighth-note chords. Measures 9-10 conclude the section with eighth-note chords.

ро - да, сча - стье е - го, мир и сво - бо - да - преж - де все - го! _____
ro - da, scha - st'ye e - go, mir i sva - bo - da - prez - de vse - go! _____

мир и сво-бо - да - преж - де все - го!

A musical score for piano, featuring three staves. The top staff uses a bass clef and has a key signature of one sharp. The middle staff uses a treble clef and has a key signature of one sharp. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and has a key signature of one sharp. Measure 11 begins with a rest followed by a bass note. The middle staff has a sustained note with a grace note. The bottom staff has a bass note. Measure 12 begins with a bass note. The middle staff has a bass note with a grace note. The bottom staff has a bass note. Measures 11 and 12 conclude with a dynamic marking 'f'.

ff

Сла - ва на - по - ду на - ше - му, сла - ва!
Sla - va na - ro - du na - she - mu, sla - va!

pp

В бо - ях с вра - га - ми
V bo - yakh svra - ga - mi

ff

Сла - ва на - по - ду на - ше - му, сла - ва!
Sla - va na - ro - du na - she - mu, sla - va!

pp

ff

мир и сво - бо - ду нам от - сто - я - ли на - ши от - цы.
mir i sva - bo - du nam at - sto - ya - li na - shi ot - sy.

3

мир и сво - бо - ду нам от - сто - я - ли на - ши от - цы.
mir i sva - bo - du nam at - sto - ya - li na - shi ot - sy.

3

3

Poco meno mosso

mf

Мы все с лю - бо - вью друж-ной семь - е - ю, мир у - креп - ля - я,
My vsye s lyu - bo - v'yu druzh - noy sem' - e - uy, mir u - krep - lya - ya,

Мы все с лю - бо - вью друж-ной семь - е - ю, мир у - креп - ля - я,
My vsye s lyu - bo - v'yu druzh - noy sem' - e - uy, mir u - krep - lya - ya,

Poco meno mosso

pp

де - ло сво - бо - ды дви - - нем впе - - ред.

dye - lo sva - bo - dy dvi - - nyet vpuet red.

де - ло сво - бо - ды дви - - нем впе - - ред.

dye - lo sva - bo - dy dvi - - nyet vpuet red.

дви - нем дви-нем впе - - ред.

dvi - nyet dvi-nyet vpuet red.

ff Tempo I

Sla - va na - ro - du na - she - mu, sla - va!
Sla - va na - ro - du na - she - mu, sla - va!

Tempo I

ff

mf

Do - ля на - ро - да, сча - стье е -
Dol - уа na - ro - da, scha - st'e ye -

mf

Do - ля на - ро - да, сча - стье е - ГО,
Dol - уа na - ro - da, scha - st'e ye - vo,

mp

cresc.

- го,
- го,
cresc.

мир и сво - бо - да - преж - де все -
mir *i* *sva* - *bo* - *da* - *prezh* - *dye* *vseye* -

mf cresc.

мир и сво - бо - да - преж - де все -
mir *i* *sva* - *bo* - *da* - *prezh* - *dye* *vseye* -

mf cresc.

мир и сво - бо - да - преж - де все -
mir *i* *sva* - *bo* - *da* - *prezh* - *dye* *vseye* -

f

- го! _____ Сла - ва,
- go! _____ *Sla* - - *va!*

f

- го! _____ Сла - ва,
- go! _____ *Sla* - - *va!*

f

sla - ва,
sla - va,

sla - - -
sla - - -

sla - ва,
sla - va,

sla - - -
sla - - -

Ва,
va,

Ва,
va,

Ва,
va,

Ва,
va,

V V V V V V

Text: Lodyzhensky
Слова В. Ладыженского

2. Ночка
2. Notchka

Lento assai

mf

p *pp*

The musical score consists of ten staves of music. The first three staves are for piano (treble and bass staves) and contain dynamic markings: *ppp*, *mf*, *dim.*, and *mf*. The fourth staff is for voice (soprano) and contains lyrics: "Ти - хо - ноч - - ка _____ тем - но - кры - - ла -" with its English translation below. The fifth staff continues the piano parts. The sixth staff begins another vocal line: "- я про - ле - та - ет над зем - лей," with its English translation below. This pattern repeats across the remaining staves, with lyrics "- я" and "- уя" appearing on some staves and "pro - lye" and "nad zem - lyey" appearing on others. The score concludes with a final dynamic marking *mf*.

mf

где - то
gdye - to

dim.

льет - ся _____ песнь у - ны - ла - я, _____ о - мра -
lyot - *sya* _____ *ryesn'* *u* - *ny* - *la* - *ya*, _____ *o* - *mra* -

8

льет - ся _____ песнь у - ны - ла - я, _____ о - мра -
lyot - *sya* _____ *ryesn'* *u* - *ny* - *la* - *ya*, _____ *o* - *mra* -

mf

чен - на - я _____ сле - - зой. _____
 - chen - na - ya _____ slyo - - zoy. _____

8

чен - на - я _____ сле - - зой. _____
 - chen - na - ya _____ slyo - - zoy. _____

p
mf
dim.

Animato

mf
 Прочь ско - реи, на - пев то - ску - ю - ший, notch - ka tem - na - ja прой -
 proch' sko - ryey, na - ryev ta - sku - yu - shiy, notch - ka tyom - na - ya proy -

mf
 Прочь ско - реи, на - пев то - ску - ю - ший, notch - ka tem - na - ja прой -
 proch' sko - ryey, na - ryev ta - sku - yu - shiy, notch - ka tyom - na - ya proy -

mf

Animato

mf

cresc.

- дет, и, вос - крес - нув, день ли - ку - ю - ший
 - dyot i, vos - kres - nuv, dyen' li - ku - yo - shiy

cresc.

- дет, и, вос - крес - нув, день ли - ку - ю - ший
 - dyot i, vos - kres - nuv, dyen' li - ku - yo - shiy

cresc.

- дет, и, вос - крес - нув, день ли - ку - ю - ший
 - dyot i, vos - kres - nuv, dyen' li - ku - yo - shiy

cresc.

- людям счасть - е при - не - сет.
 lyu - dyam schast - ye pri - nye - syot.

cresc.

- людям счасть - е при - не - сет.
 lyu - dyam schast - ye pri - nye - syot.

cresc.

- людям счасть - е при - не - сет.
 lyu - dyam schast - ye pri - nye - syot.

cresc.

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

dim.

Tempo I *ppp*

От - дох - нет зем - ля у - ста - ла - я,
At - dakh - nyot zem - lya u - sta - la - ya,

ppp

От - дох - нет зем - ля у - ста - ла - я,
At - dakh - nyot zem - lya u - sta - la - ya,

ppp

ppp

Tempo I

p

о - кол - до - ван - на - я сном,
o - kol - do - van - na - ya snom,

о - кол - до - ван - на - я сном,
o - kol - do - van - na - ya snom,

о - кол - до - ван - на - я сном,
o - kol - do - van - na - ya snom,

о - кол - до - ван - на - я сном,

p

mf

и за - бле - щет зорь - ка а - ла - я
i za - blyo - shet zor' - ka a - la - ya

mf

8

и за - бле - щет зорь - ка а - ла - я
i za - blyo - shet zor' - ka a - la - ya

mf

dim.

dim.

dim.

ppp

p.

p.

f

dim.

mf

в не - - бе яс - - но - - го - лу - - бом.
v nye - - bye yas - - no - - ga - lu - - bom.

f

dim.

mf

f

dim.

mf

dim.

mf

ppp

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

mf

3. Сосна

3. Sosna

Text: Lermontov

Слова М. Лермонтова

Lento

T.

B.

Piano

f

pp

ff

pp

и дрем - лет, ка - ча - ясь, и
i dryem - lyet, ka - cha - yas', *i*

ff

pp

ff *#*

ppp

Il Basso un poco marcato /Несколько выделяя басы

сне - гом сы-пу - чим о - де - та, как
snye - gom sy-pu - chim a - dye - ta, kak

ри - - зой, о - на. + S. and A.

ri - - zoy, o - na. + S. and A.

pp

ff

pp

ff

pp

ff *#*

Più mosso / строго выдер живая
Solo: bouche fermée

Solo: bouche fermée

p

Solo: bouche fermée

p

ppp

И снит - ся ей все, ————— что в пус - ты - не да-ле -
I snit - sya ey vsyo, ————— chto v pus - ty - nye da-lyo -

ppp

A musical score for piano. The top staff is in treble clef, 2/4 time, and A major. It features a dynamic marking of *Più mosso* above the staff and *ppp* below it. The notes are primarily sixteenth-note patterns. The bottom staff is in bass clef, also in 2/4 time and A major. It consists of a series of rests: a breve rest, followed by two eighth-note rests, a whole rest, and another whole rest.

(a) *cresc.*

(a) *cresc.*

cresc.

cresc.

8 - кой, в том кра - - - е, где солн - - - та вос -
- koy, v tyom kra - - - ye, gdye soln - - - tsa vas -

cresc.

cresc.

f

mf *dim.*

- ход, _____ од - на и грустна, на у - те - се го -
 - *khod*, _____ *ad* - *na* *i grust-na*, *na* *u - te - se* *go -*

mf *dim.*

f *dim.*

Meno mosso

rit.

mf

- рю - - - - - чем пре - - - крас - - на - я паль - - ма рас -
 - *ryu* - - - - - *chem* *pre* - - - *kras* - - *na* - *ya pal'* - - *ma* *ras* -

mf

Meno mosso *rit.*

f

pp

- тет. _____

f

pp

mf

dim.

4. Задремали волны

Text: Romanov

Слова К. Романова

4. Zadryemali volny

Moderato

све - тит ме - сяц, ме - сяц пол - ный над ла -
 svye - tit me - syats, me - syats pol - nyj nad la -
 не - бо - свод, nye - bo - svod,
 f mf
 3

- зурь - ю ВОД. _____
 - zur' - ui vod. _____
 pp 3

pp mf dim.

T. Ce - pe -
 B. Se - re -
 pp mf

poco cresc.

- брит - ся мо - ре, _____
- brit - sya mo - rye, _____

трепетно го - рит,
trye - - pet - no ga - rit, _____

mf

Се - ре - брит - ся мо - ре, _____
Se - re - brit - sya mo - rye, _____

го -
ga -

cresc.

ff

так и па - дость го - ре яр - ко о - за -
tak i ra - dost' go - rye yar - ko o - za -

dim.

ff

так и па - дость го - ре яр - ко о - за -
tak i ra - dost' go - rye yar - ko o - za -

dim.

ff

так и па - дость го - ре яр - ко о - за -
tak i ra - dost' go - rye yar - ko o - za -

dim.

рит.
- rit.

ff

f

dim.

f

rit. 3 a tempo

- рит, яр - ко о - за - рит.
- rit, yar - ko o - za - rit.

f

rit. 3 a tempo

- рит, яр - ко о - за - рит.
- rit, yar - ko o - za - rit.

f

rit. 3 a tempo

- рит, яр - ко о - за - рит.
- rit, yar - ko o - za - rit.

Text: Tsyganov
Слова Н. Цыганова

5. Неволя
5. Nyevolya

Andantino p

S. "Что ты, со - ло - ве - юш - ко, кор - му не клю - ешь?"
"Chto ty, sa - lo - vye - yush - ko, kor - mu nye - klyu - yesh'?"

A. **p**

f rit. p

Andantino p

f rit. pp

(a tempo) *p*

Be - sha - ешь го - ло - вуш - ку, пе - сен не по - ешь ?
Vye - sha - yesh' ga - lo - vush - ku rye - sen nye pa - yesh?

p

(a tempo)

rit.
f
pp

Meno mosso *mf*

dim.

„Пе - ло - ся со - ловьюш - ку _____ в ро - ши - це вес - ной _____
„Pye - lo - sya sa - lov'yush - ku _____ v ro - shi - tse vyes - noy _____

Meno mosso

pp

ве - ша - ю _____ го - ло - вуш - ку _____ в клет - - - ке зо - - - ло -
vye - sha - uy _____ ga - lo - vush - ku _____ v klyet - - - ke za - - - lo -

pp

ve - sha - yo _____ go - lo - vush - ku _____ v klyet - - - ke zo - - - lo -
vye - sha - uy _____ ga - lo - vush - ku _____ v klyet - - - ke za - - - lo -

pp

rit.

Più mosso
p

- той ! — Под - руж - ка _____ на ве - точ - ке ту - жит о - бо мне, —
-toy! — Pad - ruzh - ka _____ na vye - toch - ke tu - zhit o - bo mnye, —

Più mosso

и сто - нут ми - лы де - - точ - ки; до
i sta - nyt mi - ly dye - - toch - ki; do

пень-я ли мне?“
ryen' ya li mnye?“

Animato

p

„От - пер - то о - ко - шеч - ко к ро - щи - це тво -
„At - per - to o - ko - shech - ko k ro - shi - tse two -

p

Animato

pp

f

ff

- ей, будь счаст лив, мой
- ey, bud' schast liv, toy

ff

p

5 *6* *5* *5*

dim.

mf *rit.*

кро - шеч - ка, у - ле - тай ско - реи !“
kro - shech - ka, u - lye - tay ska - ryey! “

dim.

mf

dim. *5* *5* *p* *5*

rit.

p *mf* *pp* *ppp*

Text: Lermontov
Слова М. Лермонтова

6. Ангел

6. Angyel

Andantino

6. Ангел
6. Angyel

Andantino

Text: Lermontov
Слова М. Лермонтова

6. Ангел
6. Angyel

12/8

p

По
Po

p

p

cresc.

не - - бу по - лу - но - чи ан - гел ле - тел, и
nye - - bu po - lu - no - chi an - gyel lye - tel, i

не - - бу по - лу - но - чи ан - гел ле - тел, и
nye - - bu po - lu - no - chi an - gyel lye - tel, i

p

ти - - ху - ю пе - сню он пел; и
ti - - khu - yu pue - snyu on pyel; i

ме - - сяц, и звезды, и ту - чи тол - пой вни -
me - - syats, i zvez - dy, i tu - chi tol - poj vni -

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me - - syats, i zvez - dy, i tu - chi tol - poj vni -

p

pp

cresc.

- ма - ли той пе - сне свя -
 - ma - li tay pe - sne svya -

pp

cresc.

- ма - ли той пе - сне свя -
 - ma - li tay pe - sne svya -

pp

cresc.

- ма - ли той пе - сне свя -
 - ma - li tay pe - sne svya -

pp

cresc.

- ма - ли той пе - сне свя -
 - ma - li tay pe - sne svya -

f

mf

- той. _____
 - toy. _____

f

mf

- той. _____
 - toy. _____

f

2
 - той. _____
 - toy. _____

f

2
 - той. _____
 - toy. _____

mf

dim.

пел о bla - zhen стве без - греш - ных ду - хов под
 pyel o bla - zhen stve byez - gryosh - nykh du - khov pad
mf

f

mf

под
pad

mf

под
pad

ку - ща - ми рай - ских са - дов; о
 ku - sha - mi ray - skikh sa - dov; o

f

f

ку - ща - ми рай - ских са - дов; о
 ku - sha - mi ray - skikh sa - dov; o

f

4 *bo - ге ве - ли - ком он* *пел,* *и хва -*
bo - gye vye - li - kom on *pyel,* *i khva -*
 8 *bo - ге ве - ли - ком он* *пел,* *и хва -*
bo - gye vye - li - kom on *pyel,* *i khva -*
f
12 *la* *е - - - - го* *не - - - при*
- la *ye - - - - vo* *nye - - - pri -*
cresc.

cresc.

12 *la* *е - - - - го* *не - - - при*
- la *ye - - - - vo* *nye - - - pri -*
cresc.

cresc.

12 *la* *е - - - - го* *не - - - при*
- la *ye - - - - vo* *nye - - - pri -*
cresc.

p
cresc.

ff

- твор - на бы - ла. Он
tvor - na by - la. on

pp

ff

- твор - на бы - ла. Он
tvor - na by - la. on

pp

ff

- твор - на бы - ла. Он
tvor - na by - la. on

ff

du - - шу мла ду - - ю в обь -
du - - shu mla du - - ui v ab' -

ff

du - - шу мла ду - - ю в обь -
du - - shu mla du - - ui v ab' -

p

mf

S.

- я - ти - ях
- уа -
нес nyos
для dlya

T.

ми - - - ра пе - - - ча ли - - - и
ti - - - ra pe - - - cha li - - - i

+ Altos

слез.
slyoz.

+ Basses

f

И звук _____
I zvuk _____

е - го пе - сни в ду -
ye - vo rye - sni v du -

И звук _____
I zvuk _____

е - го пе - сни в ду -
ye - vo rye - sni v du -

f

2 2 2 2

- ше мо - ло - дой
- she ma - la - doy

о - стал - ся - без
a - stal - sya - byez

- ше мо - ло - дой
- she ma - la - doy

о - стал - ся - без
a - stal - sya - byez

СЛОВ, ————— но ————— жи - вой.
slov, ————— no ————— zhi - voy.

СЛОВ, ————— но ————— жи - вой.
slov, ————— no ————— zhi - voy.

cresc.

ff

pp

pp

И дол - - го на све - те то -
I dol - - go na svye - tue to -

pp

И дол - - го на све - те то -
I dol - - go na svye - tue to -

pp

И дол - - го на све - те то -
I dol - - go na svye - tue to -

pp

- ми - лась о - на, же - ла - - ни - - ем чуд - ным пол -
 - mi - las' a - na, zhe - la - - ni - - em chud - nym pal -
 - ми - лась о - на, же - ла - - ни - - ем чуд - ным пол -
 - mi - las' a - na, zhe - la - - ni - - em chud - nym pal -

- на; и зву - ков не - бес за - ме -
 - na; i zvui - kov nye - bes za - mye -
 - на; и зву - ков не - бес за - ме -
 - na; i zvui - kov nye - bes za - mye -

piano accompaniment in G major, with measure 12/8 indicated.

- нить не МОГ - ли ей скуч - ны - е пе - сни зем -
 - nit' nye mag - li ey skuch - ny - ye pye - - sni zem -
 - нить не МОГ - ли ей скуч - ны - е пе - сни зем -
 - nit' nye mag - li ey skuch - ny - ye pye - - sni zem -
 - нить не МОГ - ли ей скуч - ны - е пе - сни зем -
 - nit' nye mag - li ey skuch - ny - ye pye - - sni zem -
 - ли. - li
 - ли. - li

*Arrangement dedicated to Julia
– a dear friend of the third kind*

'No child will ever be able to sing these choruses...' a desperate Rachmaninov once wrote in a letter, shortly after composing the Six Choruses opus 15 for children's or female voices. Restricted by the publisher's contract to write for these voices, the composer soon found out that the music he wrote was not well-suited for them. In order to fulfil the work's demand of expression, Rachmaninov needed the more powerful men's voices.

In the present arrangement, the leads Rachmaninov gives through the piano accompaniment were followed when filling in the parts for the men's voices. The sole objective has been to achieve the force of expression the music needs. Thus in the case of nr. 5 'Nyevolya', which works best in its original setting, no men's voices were added.

Except for the opening chorus - Slavsyia, a most effective but rather simple patriotic piece - all songs are centered around one initial theme: the beauty and pity of human life.

I.
Glory be to our nation, glory!
The nation's cause, its happiness,
peace and freedom before all!
Fighting the enemy,
our peace and freedom
was secured by our fathers.
With love, like a united family,
we consolidate our peace
and broaden our freedom
Glory be to our nation, glory!
The nation's cause, its happiness,
peace and freedom before all!

(Nekrassov)

II.
Silently, the dark-winged night
passes above the earth.
Somewhere a melancholy song resounds,
darkened by tears.

Quickly, fly away, anguished song.
Dark night will pass
and bright day will return,
returning the people's happiness.

Wearily, the earth then rests,
in slumber enfolded,
and dawn will shine
through the clear, blue sky.

(Lodyzhensky)

IV.
Waves have dozed off,
heaven is clear,
full moon shines,
shines over the azure waters.

Shimmers the silvery sea,
kindle the many sparks;
just as a beam of joy brightly
amid sorrow shines.

(Romanov)

V.
'Tell me nightingale,
why don't you eat,
why do you hang your head
and do not sing your songs?'

'The nightingale sang
in spring's meadows-
now I hang my head
in this golden cage!'

My friends on the bough
yearn for me,
and so do my dear daughters:
how can I sing?'

'I have opened your cage;
be happy, quickly fly away!'

(Tsyganov)

VI.
Through the sky, the midnight-angel flew,
and a silent song he sang,
and moon, stars and all the many clouds,
they listened to that holy song.

He sang of the bliss of innocent souls,
in the shade of the paradisal garden,
of the great Lord he sang
and his praise was unfeigned.

A young soul in his arms he carried
over to the world of grief and tears.
And the resonance of his song within the soul,
wordless, it remained, yet alive.

And long in the light did it languish,
with wondrous longing brimming over;
and those sounds of heaven were never outranked
by the weary songs of the earth.

(Lermontov)

The transliteration from the Russian follows the English rules. For clarity I include here some directions for differences in Dutch, German and French. It is impossible, however, to include all differences, so it is advisable to consult a linguist and/or a recording.

'Y' is an unpronounced or 'dumb' vowel, sounding like an 'I' on long notes and a 'Y' (or German 'J') on short notes.
'KH' sounds like the 'CH' of 'Bach' in German.

'U' sounds like 'OO' in English, 'OU' in French and 'OE' in Dutch.

'I' is always sharp.

A ' after a letter sounds as an added 'y' (or 'j' in German).

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*) Deus Meus (HU 4013), Concert for Choir (HU 4014), Chorus of Spirits (HU 4015), Six Choruses op. 15 (SA) (HU 4016), Six Choruses op. 15 (SATB) (HU 4017), Panteley the healer (HU 4018), Vocalise op. 34 nr. 14 (HU 4019).