

Let us rejoice
and be glad for you

Francis Roads

Epithalamion for Helen and Toby

London Gallery Quire 371

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Verses from the Song of Songs

Francis Roads (b. 1943)

CHORUS
Epithalamion for Helen and Toby

[♩=88]

Soprano [Air] *f* Let us re-joice and be glad for you; let us praise your love, let us

Alto *f* Let us re-joice and be glad for you; let us praise your love, let us

Tenor *f* Let us re-joice and be glad for you; let us praise your love, let us

Bass *f* Let us re-joice and be glad for you; let us praise your love, let us

Instrumental Bass *f*

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S praise your love more than wine, and your ca-res-ses more than a-ny song.

A praise your love more than wine, and your ca-res-ses more than a-ny song.

T praise your love more than wine, and your ca-res-ses more than a-ny song.

B praise your love more than wine, and your ca-res-ses more than a-ny song.

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[♩=108] **A** BRIDE
Soprano *p* My be-lov-ed is for me a bunch of myrrh as he lies on my

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14 **B**

S
breast, as he lies on my breast, Alto

A
p My be-lov-ed is for me a clu-ster of

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A
hen-na blos-som from the vine-yards of En-ge-di, the vine-yards of En-ge-di.

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C BRIDEGROOM
Tenor

T
p How beau-ti-ful you are, my dear-est, my dear-est, O how

B
p How beau-ti-ful you are, my dear-est, my dear-est, O how

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T
beau-ti-ful, how beau-ti-ful, your eyes are like doves!

B
beau-ti-ful, how beau-ti-ful, your eyes are like doves!

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D BRIDE

S
p How beau-ti-ful you are, O my love, and how plea-sant!

A
p How beau-ti-ful you are, O my love, and how plea-sant!

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[♩=88] **E** CHORUS

f Let us re-joice and be glad for you; let us praise your love, let us

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f Let us re-joice and be glad for you; let us praise your love, let us

40 *f*

praise your love more than wine, and your ca-res-ses more than a-ny song.

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praise your love more than wine, and your ca-res-ses more than a-ny song.

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[♩=108] **F** BRIDEGROOM
Tenor

p Our couch is shad-ed with branches; the beams of our house are of ce-dar, our cei-ling are all of fir.

p The beams of our house are of ce-dar, our cei-ling are all of fir.

G BRIDE

p I am an as-pho-del in Sha-ron, a li-ly grow-ing in the

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H

S val - ley

A val - ley

T **BRIDEGROOM**
f No, no, a li - ly a-mong thorns is my dear-est a - mong girls

B *f* No, no, a li - ly a-mong thorns is my dear-est a - mong girls

IB *f*

I **BRIDE**

S *p* He took me in - to the wine - gar - den, He re-freshed me with

A *p* He took me in - to the wine - gar - den, He re-freshed me with

IB *p*

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S rai - sins, he re - vived me with a - pri-cots, for I was faint_ with love.

A rai - sins, he re - vived me with a - pri-cots, for I was faint_ with love.

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Notes: Asphodels are flowers.
 En-Gedi (literally "young goat") is an oasis in Israel.

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[88] **J** CHORUS

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f Let us re-joyce and be glad for you; let us praise your love, let us

f

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praise your love more than wine, and your ca - res - ses more than a - ny

praise your love more than wine, and your ca - res - ses more than a - ny

praise your love more than wine, and your ca - res - ses more than a - ny

praise your love more than wine, and your ca - res - ses more than a - ny

K Adagio

song, more than a - - - ny song.

song, more than a - - - ny song.

song, more than a - - - ny song.

song, more than a - - - ny song.