

# Suantraí ár Slánaitheora

for soprano solo and SATB Choir

Traditional Scottish  
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With a lilting rhythm  $J=44$

**System 1 (Measures 1-5):**

- Sop. Solo:** Rests throughout.
- Sop.:** *pp sempre*. Notes: Seo - thó, seo - thú - ló - Seo - thó, seo - thú - ló, seo - thú - ló
- Alt.:** Notes: Seo - thó, seo - thú - ló - Seo - thó, seo - thú - ló, seo - thú - ló
- Ten.:** Notes: Seo - thó, seo - thú - ló - Seo - thó, seo - thú - ló, seo - thú - ló
- Bass:** Notes: Seo - - - thó, Seo - - - thó, Seo - thó, Seo -

**System 2 (Measures 6-10):**

- S. Solo:** Notes: Mo ghaol, mo ghrá, 'gus m'ead - uil thí!
- S.:** Notes: My kin, my love, my trea - sure you.
- A.:** Notes: Mo stói - rín úr is m'fhéi - rín thí!
- T.:** Notes: My won - drous gift, my dar - ling new.
- B.:** Notes: Mo bheith'd dháil.

This Carol is a gentle Lullaby of the Virgin Mary to her new-born Son. In it, she speaks of his beauty and his new life. She also speaks of her wonder of his being her kin ('mo ghaol') without her being of his clan ('chan fiú mé féin bheith'd dháil').

The phonetic pronunciations are of necessity approximations; the vowels with ^ indicated should be short as follows: Shô as in 'shovel' Vê as in 'vest'

Seo-thó, seo-thú-ló. Mo ghaol, mo ghrá, 'gus m'ead-uil thí! Mo stói - rín úr is m'fhéi- rín thí,  
Shô-ho, shô-who-low. Mô gwail, mô graw, gus ma- dill who! Mô stow-reen oor iss may- reen who,

Mo mha-cán álainn, scéi - mheach thí. Chan fiú mé féin bheith'd dháil.  
Mô vock-awn aw-ling shkay - vock who. Khan few may fain vê dawl

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S. Solo

mha - cán á - lainn scéi - mheach thí. Chan fiú mé féin bheith 'd dháil.  
son, who's filled with beau - ty too, 'Tis I that do be - long to you.

11

S.

Hm.

A.

Hm.

T.

<sup>8</sup> Hm.

B.

Hm.

Hm.

15 *pp*

S. Solo

Al - le - lú - ia, Al - le - lú - ia, Al - le - lú - ia,

15

S.

Hm.

Hm.

A.

Hm.

T.

<sup>8</sup> Hm.

B.

Hm.

Hm.

Hm.

21

S. Solo

Al - le - lú - ia. Al - - - le - lú - ia, Al - le -

21

S.

Hm.

Al - le -

A.

Hm.

Al - le -

T.

<sup>8</sup> Hm.

Al - le -

B.

Hm.

Al - le -

Al - le -