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When the fire to ice does burn,
When the rocks melt in the sun,
When the tide no longer turns,
my love will have just begun.

OSTINATO
Ah

NOTES

This round is called 'Words from a folksong' because its words can be found in many folksongs. It can be sung in four parts – with entries at the end of each line, or for the more adventurous round singer, in 8 parts, with additional entries at the asterisks. The optional ostinato adds a further layer of crunch to the piece!

The notes are not difficult, but the round has a fair range to it, so think carefully about where to pitch it (our recording is down a tone from the written pitch). The real challenge of this round is breathing – it's really tricky to find somewhere to breath in the last two lines! When I wrote this round, it was designed to challenge singers to plan their breath and think ahead to those last two lines – but now (January 2021!) when choral singers have been singing so little for the best part of the year, and then mostly in isolation on Zoom etc – it really is a challenge. But there are work arounds – have a listen to our recording for one suggestion!

FURTHER INFORMATION

'A Round a Month' is a project by Glasgow Madrigals.

You are free to use this round as you see fit, with your own choirs, singing groups, classes, on long bus journeys, in keep-fit classes etc. If used in performance, or written down in anyway, please credit the composer and lyricist. And please spread the word about this resource!

Glasgow Madrigals is a female choir based at the University of Glasgow, directed by Katy Lavinia Cooper and Catriona Downie.

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