

ALL THE THINGS MAGICIANS DO

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SSS and Piano

TEXT

Hymn

All the things magicians do
Could be done by me and you
Freely, if we only knew.

Human children every day
Could play at games the fairys play
If they were but shown the way.

Every man a God would be
Laughing through eternity
If as God's his eyes could see.

All the wizardries of God—
Slaying matter with a nod,
Charming spirits with his rod,

With the singing of his voice
Making lonely lands rejoice,
Leaving us no will nor choice,

Drawing headlong me and you
As the piping Orpheus drew
Man and beast the mountains through,

By the sweetness of his horn
Calling us from lands forlorn
Nearer to the widening morn—

All that loveliness of power
Could be man's peculiar dower,
Even mine, this very hour;

We should reach the Hidden Land
And grow immortal out of hand,
If we could but understand!

We could revel day and night
In all power and all delight
If we learn to think aright.

C. S. Lewis (1898–1963)

PROGRAMME NOTE

This setting of the Belfast-born C. S. Lewis's *Hymn* was written to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the inception of Belfast Phil Kids. In this exuberant poem, Lewis implores us to notice that the wonders of nature's beauty are always before us, if we only opened our eyes to see them.

Duration: *c.* 4 mins

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by the Phil Kids' Choirs and the Ulster Orchestra, conductor Lynsey Callaghan.

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Allegretto
mp playful

Piano

5

mf

Soprano

mf

All the things ma - gi - cians do Could be done by me and you, Free - ly, if we on - ly knew.

Piano

15

Hu - man child - ren ev' - ry day Could play at games the

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fai - rys play If they were but shown the way.

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Ev' - ry man a God would be, La-ha-ha - augh - ing through e - ter - ni - ty, (ha-ha-ha!)

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If as God's his eyes could see. (ha-ha-ha!)

33 *mf cresc. con forza*

All the wi - zar - dries of God, Slay - ing mat - ter with a nod, Charm - ing spi - rits with his rod,

p cresc. con ped. ad lib.

39 *f cresc.*

With the sing - ing of his voice Mak - ing lone - ly lands re - joice,

f cresc.

43 *ff*

Leav - ing us no will nor choice. Leav - ing us no will nor choice.

ff

47 *mp sub.*
 Draw - ing head - long me and you As the pip - ing Or - pheus drew

p sub.

51
 Man and beast the mount - ain through,

55 **Adagio** ♩ = 80 *solo mf dolce*
 By the sweet-ness of his horn, Call-ing

quasi chitarra *mf* *echo* *p* *come sopra* *mf* *p*

molto ped.

64
 us from lands for - lorn, Near - er to the wi - den - ing morn,

mf *p* *mf* *p*

70 *f* *mp* *tutti mp*
 All that love - li - ness of power, could be man's pe - cu - liar dower, E - ven mine, this ve - ry

pp cresc.

77 *mf*

hour. We could reach the Hid - den Land and grow im - mor - tal out of

mf *f*

We could reach the Hid - den Land and grow im - mor - tal out of hand,

mf *f*

We could reach the Hid - den Land and grow im - mor - tal out of hand,

83 *rit.* *f* **Tempo primo**

hand, If we could but un - der - stand!

If we could but un - der - stand!

If we could but un - der - stand!

rit. **Tempo primo**
p sub.

88 *mf*

93 *f*

We could re - vel day and night In all power_ and all de - light

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If we learn to think a - right.

101 *mf cresc.*

All thethingsma - gi-cians do Could be done by me and you, All thethingsma - gi-cians do Could be done by

mf cresc.

All thethingsma - gi-cians do Could be done by me and you, All thethingsma

mf cresc.

All thethingsma - gi-cians do

108 *f cresc.*

me and you, All thethingsma - gi-cians do Could be done by me and you, All thethingsma - gi-cians do

f cresc.

gi-cians do Could be done by me and you, All thethingsma - gi-cians do Could be done by me and you,

f cresc.

Could be done by me and you, All thethingsma - gi-cians do Could be done by me and you, All thethingsma

p cresc.

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ff

Could be done by me and you, All the things ma-gi-cians do Could be done by me and you,

ff

All the things ma-gi-cians do Could be done by me and you, All the things ma-gi-cians do

ff

gi-cians do Could be done by me and you, All the things ma-gi-cians do Could be done by

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All the things ma-gi-cians do Could be done by me and you, If we on-ly knew!

Could be done by me and you, All the things ma-gi-cians do If we on-ly knew!

me and you, All the things ma-gi-cians do, If we on-ly knew! If we on-ly knew!