

I vow to thee, my country

Text: Cecil Spring-Rice, 1922

Music: Adapted from The Planets, Gustav Holst, 1925

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The musical score is written for a single voice in 3/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column starting on the first line of music and the second column starting on the second line. The lyrics are: 1 I vow to thee, my coun - try, all earth-ly things a - bove, 2 And there's an-oth - er coun - try I've heard of long a - go, en - tire and whole and per - fect, the ser-vice of my love: most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know; the love that asks no ques - tion, the love that stands the test, we may not count her ar - mies, we may not see her King; that lays up-on the al - tar the dear-est and the best; her for - tress is a faithful heart, her pride is suf - fer - ing; the love that nev - er fal - ters, the love that pays the price, and soul by soul and sil - ent - ly her shin-ing bounds in - crease, the love that makes un - daunt - ed the fin - al sac - ri - fice. and her ways are ways of gen - tle - ness and all her paths are peace.

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