

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 consists of six staves of music for voice and piano. The top staff is in treble clef, the bottom staff is in bass clef, and the middle four staves are for the piano. The music is in 3/4 time and key signature of B-flat major (two flats). The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords indicated above the staff. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below the notes. The chords used throughout the piece are B-flat, E-flat, F7/C, B-flat, E-flat, F, and Gm.

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.

E♭ F7/C B♭ E♭maj7 Cm B♭