

## Concert Choir texts and translations

### SICUT LILIUM

*attr. Leonora d'Este (1515–75)*

### SUNG IN LATIN

Sicut liliū inter spinas,

*As the lily among the thorns*

Sic amica mea inter filias.

*So is my love among the maidens.*

—*Song of Songs 2:2*

### COME TO MY GARDEN

*Lucy Simon (1940–2022)*

*arr. John Leavitt*

### LILY:

Cluster of crocus,

purple and gold.

Blankets of pansies

up from the cold.

Lilies and iris

safe from the chill.

Safe in my garden

snowdrops so still.

Come to my garden,

nestled in the hill.

There I'll keep you safe beside me.

Come to my garden,

rest there in my arms.

There I'll see you safely grown

and on your way.

Stay there in my garden,

where love grows free and wild.

Come to my garden.

Come, sweet child.

### COLIN:

Lift me up and lead me to the garden,

where life begins anew,

where I'll find you,

and I'll find you love me too.

COLIN/LILY:

Lift me up and lead me to the garden/Come to the garden.  
Where love grows deep and true./Rest there in my arms.  
where I'll tell you, where I'll show you my new life, /There I'll see you safely grown,  
I will live for you./and on your way.

I shall see you in your/my garden,  
and spring will come and stay./Where love grows free and wild.  
Lift me up and lead me to the garden./Come to my garden,  
Come, sweet day!

### **I'VE JUST COME FROM THE FOUNTAIN**

*arr. André J. Thomas*

*Refrain:*

I've just come from the fountain, Lord, His name's so sweet.

Sisters, you love Jesus?  
Yes, Lord, I do love my Jesus! Sisters, you love Jesus?  
His name's so sweet.

*Refrain*

Brothers, you love Jesus?  
Yes, Lord, I do love my Jesus! Brothers, you love Jesus?  
His name's so sweet!

*Refrain*

Been drinking, my Lord!  
I've been drinking from the fountain! His name's so sweet.

*Refrain*

Backslider, do you know Him?  
Do you know that man from Galilee.

The Prince of Peace, the Rose of Sharon!

*Refrain*

Oh, Lord, my Lord!

— *Traditional Spiritual*