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# AN IRISH BENEDECTION

SATB Choir

Handwritten musical score for SATB choir. The score is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a 9/8 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a 9/8 time signature. The music consists of several measures of notes and rests. A large watermark "FOR PERUSE ONLY" is written diagonally across the score. The word "LUNGA" is written above the final measure of the top staff, and "MEN." is written below the final measure of the bottom staff. A signature is written at the bottom right of the score.

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*Blessing and brightness,  
Wisdom, thanksgiving,  
Great power and might  
To the King who rules over all.*

*Glory and honour and goodwill,  
Praise and the sublime song of minstrels,  
Overflowing love from every heart  
To the King of Heaven and Earth.*

*To the chosen Trinity has been joined  
Before all, after all, universal  
Blessing and everlasting blessing,  
Blessing everlasting and blessing.*

*-Old Irish, 9<sup>th</sup> century  
Translation: R.I. Best*

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"His craftsmanship and creativity consistently produce effective and appealing works..."

- Dale Warland

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# An Irish Benediction

Irish, 9th century  
Translation: R. I. Best

for Robert Shafer

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♩ = 72

S *p*  
Bles - sing and bright - ness, Wis - dom thanks giv - ing, Great power and

A *p*  
Bles - sing and bright - ness, Wis - dom thanks giv - ing, Great power and

T *p*  
Bles - sing and bright - ness, Wis - dom thanks giv - ing, Great power and

B

for rehearsal only

6  
might to the King who rules o - ver all.

6  
might to the King who rules o - ver all. *mp* bright - ness, Wis - dom thanks -

6  
might to the King who rules all. *mp* Bles - sing bright - ness, Wis - dom thanks -

6  
Bles - sing and bright - ness, Wis - dom thanks -

12

12

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giv - ing, Great power and might power to the King who rules o - ver

giv - ing, Great power and might power and might to the King who rules o - ver

giv - ing, Great power and might might to the King who rules o - ver

12

18

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*f* Glo - ry and hon - our and good - will, *mf* Praise and the sub - lime song of *p* min - strels,

*f* all. Glo - ry and hon - our and good - will, *mf* Praise and the sub - lime song of *p* min - strels,

*f* all. Glo - ry and hon - our and good - will, *mf* Praise and the sub - lime song of *p* min - strels,

*f* all. Glo - ry and hon - our and good - will, *mf* Praise and the sub - lime song of *p* min - strels,

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24 *f* *mp*

O - ver-flow - ing love from ev' - ry heart To the King of Heav - en and

24 *f* *mp*

O - ver-flow - ing love from ev' - ry heart To the King of Heav - en and

24 *f* *mp*

8 O - ver-flow - ing love from ev' - ry heart To the King of Heav - en and

24 *f* *mp*

O - verflow - ing love from ev' - ry heart To the King of Heav - en and

24

30 *p* *mf*

Earth. To the cho - sen Tri - ni - ty has been joined Be - fore all,

30 *p* *mf*

Earth. To the cho - sen Tri - ni - ty has been joined Be - fore all,

30 *p* *mf*

8 Earth. To the cho - sen Tri - ni - ty has been joined Be - fore all,

30 *p* *mf*

Earth. Be - fore all,

30

36 *mp* *mp* *p*  
af - ter all, u - ni - ver - sal Bles - sing and ev - er - las - ting bles - sing,  
36 *mp* *mp* *p*  
af - ter all, u - ni - ver - sal Bles - sing ev - er - las - ting bles - sing,  
36 *mp* *mp*  
8 af - ter all, u - ni - ver - sal  
36 *mp* *mp*  
af - ter all, u - ni - ver - sal

42 *mf*  
Bles - sing and ev - er - las - ting bles - sing,  
42 *mp* *mf*  
Bles - sing and ev - er - las - ting bles - sing, Bles - sing and ev - er - las - ting bles - sing,  
42 *mp* *mf*  
Bles - sing and ev - er - las - ting bles - sing, Bles - sing and ev - er - las - ting bles - sing,  
42 *mp* *mf*  
Bles - sing ev - er - las - ting bles - sing, Bles - sing ev - er - las - ting bles - sing,  
42 *mf*  
Bles - sing ev - er - las - ting bles - sing,



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ev - er - las - ting bles - sing, Bles - sing ev - er - las - - -

ev - er - las - ting bles - sing, Bles - sing ev - er - las - - -

ev - er - las - ting bles - sing, Bles - sing ev - er - las - - -

ev - er - las - ting bles - sing, Bles - sing ev - er - las - - -

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ting and bles - - - - - sing.

ting and bles - - - - - sing.

ting and bles - - - - - sing.

ting and bles - - - - - sing.

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