

Ross C. Bernhardt

# Irish Blessing

SSAATTBB choir, unaccompanied

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*Irish Blessing* was composed for the Lambuth University Concert Choir and closed all concerts of the ensemble from 1996 to 2008.

An opening companion “bookend”, *Prayer of St. Patrick*, is published by Colla Voce.

DR. ROSS C. BERNHARDT is Director of Choral Activities and Associate Professor of Music at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, where he conducts Camerata Isla, University Singers, and teaches applied voice. He received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting from Michigan State University, and Masters and Bachelors degrees from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and the University of Missouri, respectively.

Dr. Bernhardt previously served as Chair of the Music Department and Director of Choral Activities at Lambuth University. He also served on the faculties of Columbia College (Missouri) and Lansing Community College (Michigan) and was a high school choral director in southwest Virginia.

An internationally recognized composer, Dr. Bernhardt has won first prize in the Ithaca College Choral Composition Competition (US), Silliman Anthem Award Competition (US), Longfellow Choral Composition Competition (US), and Concurso Internacional Amadeus de Composición Coral (Spain), and special commendation in the Phoenix Choral Composition Competition (UK). His compositions have been published by Hinshaw, Mark Foster, and Colla Voce.

Duration: 1'

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To the Lambuth University Concert Choir  
and everyone in the Lambuth University family  
(1843-2011)

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for SSAAT<sup>T</sup>TBB choir, unaccompanied

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(ASCAP)

SS  
AA

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be al-ways at your

TT  
BB

4

back, may the sun shine warm up - on your face, May the

9

rain fall soft up - on your fields, and un - til we meet a -

12

gain, may God hold you, may God hold you,

16

may God hold you, in the palm of his

21

hand (palm of his hand.)

dim. al fine