

WELCOME ALL WONDERS was commissioned by the Racine Symphonic Chorus,  
James Schatzman, conductor, in celebration of its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season.

from IN THE HOLY NATIVITY OF OUR LORD GOD

Welcome all wonders in one sight!  
Eternity shut in a span.  
Summer in winter, day in night.  
Heaven in earth, and God in man.  
Great Little One, whose all-embracing birth  
Lifts earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth!

To Thee, meek Majesty! soft King  
Of simple Graces and sweet Loves,  
Each of us his Lamb will bring,  
Each his pair of silver doves;  
Till burnt at last in fire of Thy fair eyes,  
Our selves become our own best sacrifice.

Richard Crashaw (1613-1649)

MOONLESS DARKNESS STANDS BETWEEN

Moonless darkness stands between,  
Past, O past, no more be seen!  
But the Bethlehem star may lead me  
To the sight of Him who freed me  
From the self that I have been.  
Make me pure, Lord: Thou art holy;  
Make me meek, Lord; Thou wert lowly;  
Now beginning and alway;  
Now begin, on Christmas day.

Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889)