

LOVE FALLS

For SATB Choir

Text by Nefra Canning

PROGRAMME NOTES

Love Falls is very much a show piece for a solo violinist, its constant dancing figures providing the introduction, interludes and coda as well as the accompaniment to the choir's mostly homophonic texture.

Nefra Canning's expression of an inner sense of music has manifested at different times throughout her life in the form of both dance and words, each providing a different distillation of heard or sensed music.

The text describes a '*glowing light behind clouds*' that bring her to the realisation: '*You are come to tell to tell me my heart will not break, My heart was made to hold love, all is well.*' The light transforms in the sky '*to beams of light. A cascade, a fall, but not of angels—A fall of love—Love falls to Earth And flows through the tributaries of my heart*'.

These words were set to music by the composer at a time when she and her family were coming to terms with their own heartbreak after the tragic death of her brother as a young man.