

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958) — Works for Chamber Chorus — prepared by Gary D. Cannon, for Emerald Choral Academy, October 2022

	For church	Folk songs (and the like)	Literary texts	Selected works for other forces
1889	Three Kyries			
1891	<i>I heard a voice from heaven</i> (Revelation)			
1893			<i>Music, when soft voices die</i> (P Shelley) TB	
1894				<i>Vexilla Regis</i> CH
1895			<i>Three Elizabethan Songs</i> 1 Sweet day (G Herbert) 2 The Willow Song (Shakespeare) 3 O mistress mine (Shakespeare)	
1896			<i>Echo's Lament of Narcissus</i> (Jonson) <i>Sonnet 71</i> (Shakespeare) <i>Vine, vine and eglantine</i> (Tennyson) PF	<i>To Sleep</i> (Tennyson) CH
1899			<i>Rise early Sun</i> (R Gatty)	<i>A Cambridge Mass</i> CH <i>The Garden of Proserpine</i> (Swinburne) CH
1901				<i>Heroic Elegy and Triumphal Epilogue</i> OR <i>Serenade in A minor</i> OR
1902			<i>Come away, Death</i> (Shakespeare) <i>Rest</i> (C Rossetti) <i>Ring out your bells</i> (P Sidney)	<i>Bucolic Suite</i> OR <i>Linden Lea</i> (W Barnes) VO
1903			<i>Sound sleep</i> (C Rossetti) SA,PF	<i>The Solent</i> OR <i>Willow-Wood</i> (D Rossetti) VO
1904				<i>In the Fen Country</i> OR <i>Songs of Travel</i> (RL Stevenson) VO <i>The House of Life</i> (D Rossetti) VO
1905			<i>Darest thou now, O Soul</i> (Whitman) UN,PF/OR	
1906	<i>for The English Hymnal</i> (original tunes) DOWN AMPNEY, RANDOLPH, SALVE FESTA DIES, SINE NOMINE <i>for The English Hymnal</i> (arrangements) ADESTO SANCTA TRINITAS, ADORO TE, ANIMA CHRISTI, AR HYD Y NOS, AVE MARIS STELLA, A VIRGIN UNSPOTTED, BRIDGEWATER, CAPEL, CHRISTE SANCTORUM, COELITES PLAUDANT, DEO GRACIAS, DE PROFUNDIS, DEUS TUORUM MILITUM, DEVONSHIRE, DIVA SERVATRIX, EARDISLEY, FARNABY, FITZWILLIAM, FORTUNATUS, HAMBRIDGE, HELMSLEY, HORSHAM, IN BABILONE, JESU CORONA, KINGSFOLD, KING'S LANGLEY, LANGPORT, LEW TRENCHARD, LLANSANNAN, LODSWORTH, MENDIP, Modes vii & viii, MORIAH, NEWBURY, ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, PANGE LINGUA, PROMPTO GENTES ANIMO, REX GLORIOSE, RUSPER, SANDYS, SHEPTON-BEAUCHAMP, SHIPSTON, SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS, SOUTHILL, ST AUSTIN, ST COLUMBA, STELLA, ST HUGH, ST ISSEY, ST PATRICK, ST VENATIUS, THIS ENDRIS NYGHT; WAS LEBET, WAS SCHWEBET	<i>Down among the dead men</i> (English) TB <i>for The English Hymnal</i> DANBY (i), DENT DALE, EAST HORNDON, FARNHAM, FOREST GREEN, GOSTERWOOD, HERONGATE, INGRAVE, KING'S LYNN, MONK'S GATE, RODMELL, SUSSEX	<i>Nocturne</i> ('By the bivouac's fitful flame')	<i>Norfolk Rhapsody 1</i> in E minor OR
1907			<i>Fain would I change that note</i>	<i>Harnham Down</i> OR <i>Norfolk Rhapsody 2</i> in D minor OR <i>Toward the Unknown Region</i> (Whitman) CH
1908		<i>Bushes and briars</i> TB <i>The jolly ploughboy</i> (Sussex) TB		<i>The Wasps</i> (Aristophanes) TH <i>Three Nocturnes</i> (Whitman) CH
1909				<i>On Wenlock Edge</i> (Housman) VO String Quartet in G minor CB
1910				<i>A Sea Symphony</i> (Whitman) CH <i>Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis</i> OR

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1911	<i>Five Mystical Songs</i> (G Herbert) PF/OR 1 Easter — 2 I got me flowers 3 Love bade me welcome — 4 The Call — 5 Antiphon			
1912		<i>Alister McAlpine's Lament</i> (Scottish) <i>The jolly ploughboy</i> (Sussex) UN <i>The winter is gone</i> (English) TB <i>Ward the pirate</i> TB <u>for <i>Folk Songs for Schools</i></u> UN 1 The jolly ploughboy 2 The cuckoo and the nightingale 3 Servant man and husbandman 4 The female highwayman — 5 The carter 6 I will give my love an apple 7 My boy Billy — 8 Down by the riverside 9 The fox — 10 The farmyard song 11 The painful plough		<i>Fantasia on Christmas Carols</i> CH
1913	<i>O praise the Lord of Heaven</i> (Ps 148)	<i>Mannin Veen</i> (Manx)	<i>Love is a sickness</i> (S Daniel)	
1914		<i>Five English Folk Songs</i> 1 The dark-eyed sailor 2 The springtime of the year 3 Just as the tide was flowing 4 The lover's ghost — 5 Wassail Song		<i>A London Symphony</i> OR <i>Phantasy Quintet</i> CB
1915				
1916				
1917				
1918				
1919		<i>Eight Traditional English Carols</i> ORG 1 And all in the morning 2 On Christmas night — 3 The twelve apostles 4 Down in yon forest — 5 May-Day Carol 6 The truth sent from above 7 The birth of the saviour 8 The Wassail Song UN <i>The turtle dove</i> (English) TB <u>for <i>The Motherland Songbook</i></u> 3:1 The Arethusa — 3:5 Full fathom five 3:6 Jack the sailor TB 3:8 We be three poor mariners TB 4:1 The Golden Vanity 4:3 Just as the tide was flowing 4:9 The Spanish ladies		
1920	<i>O clap your hands</i> (Ps 47) ORG/OR	<i>Twelve Traditional Carols from Herefordshire</i> [w/EM Leather] 1 The holy well (i) — 2 The holy well (ii) 3 Christmas now is drawing near at hand 4 Joseph and Mary — 5 The angel Gabriel 6 God rest you merry, gentlemen 7 New Year's Carol — 8 On Christmas day 9 Dives and Lazarus 10 The miraculous harvest 11 The saviour's love — 12 The seven virgins	<i>Our love goes out to English skies</i> [Purcell] (H Child) MX/UN	

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1921	<i>Lord, thou hast been our refuge</i> (Ps 90) ORG/OR	<i>A farmer's son so sweet</i> (English) MX/TB <i>Heart of oak</i> (W Boyce) MX/TB/UN <i>Loch Lomond</i> (Scottish) TB <i>Old folks at home</i> (S Foster) TB <i>The farmer's boy</i> (English) TB <i>The lass that loves a sailor</i> (C Dibdin) PF/UN <i>The mermaid</i> (English) PF/UN		<i>The Lark Ascending</i> OR
1922	Mass in G minor 1 Kyrie — 2 Gloria — 3 Credo — 4 Sanctus — 5 Agnus Dei <i>O vos omnes</i>	<i>Ca' the yowes</i> (Scottish)		<i>A Pastoral Symphony</i> OR <i>The Shepherds of the Delectable Mountains</i> (Bunyan) OP
1923		<i>High Germany</i> (English) TB <i>The seeds of love</i> TB	<i>Let us now praise famous men</i> (Eccl.) UN,PF/ORG	<i>English Folk Song Suite</i> BD <i>Old King Cole</i> TH
1924		<i>The turtle dove</i> (English)		<i>Hugh the Drover</i> (H Child) OP
1925	<i>Magnificat and Nunc dimittis</i> ("The Village Service") ORG for <i>Songs of Praise</i> (original tunes) CUMNOR, GUILDFORD, KING'S WESTON, MAGDA, OAKLEY for <i>Songs of Praise</i> (arrangements) ACH! WAN DOCH JESU, LIEBSTER MEIN; BAMBERG, CRÜGER, DANBY (ii), ENGADINE, ESSEX, EVENTIDE, FREUEN WIR UNS, HARDWICK, IL BUON PASTOR, LONDONDERRY, MACHT HOCH DIE THÜR, MARINERS, MILITES, O MENTES PERFIDAS, REGINA, RESONET IN LAUDIBUS, ST GABRIEL, VALOR, WÄCHTERLIED			<i>Concerto Accademico</i> OR <i>Flos Campi</i> CH
1926				<i>Along the Field</i> (Housman) VO <i>On Christmas Night</i> (Dickens) TH <i>Sancta Civitas</i> (Bible) CH <i>Six Studies in English Folk Song</i> CB
1927		<i>The lawyer</i> (English)		
1928	<i>Te Deum</i> in G ORG for <i>The Oxford Book of Carols</i> (original tunes) ORG Blake's Cradle Song — Snow in the street The Golden Carol — Wither's Rocking Hymn for <i>The Oxford Book of Carols</i> (arrangements) ORG All in the morning — Children's Song of the Nativity Coverdale's Carol — Dives and Lazarus Down in yon forest — Gloucestershire Wassail Hereford Carol — If ye would hear [w/M Shaw] Joseph and Mary — May Carol — O little town Psalm of Sion — Quem pastores laudavere Song of the Crib — Sussex Carol Sussex Mummers' Carol — The carnal and the crane The miraculous harvest — The Salutation Carol The seven virgins — The sinners' redemption The truth from above — This endris night			
1929	for <i>Songs of Praise for Boys and Girls</i> (original tunes) MARATHON for <i>Songs of Praise for Boys and Girls</i> (arrangements) BANBURY; COME, FAITHFUL PEOPLE; EPSOM, FARNHAM, MAGDALENA, PLEADING SAVIOUR, QUEM PASTORES LAUDAVERE, RODMELL, SOLOTHURN, STOWEY, TAVISTOCK			<i>Sir John in Love</i> (Shakespeare) OP

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1930	<i>Three Choral Hymns</i> (M Coverdale) ORG/OR 1 Easter Hymn — 2 Christmas Hymn 3 Whitsunday Hymn			<i>Benedicite</i> (J Austin, Apocrypha) CH Prelude and Fugue in C minor ORG/OR
1931	<i>for Songs of Praise</i> , enlarged edition (original tunes) ABINGER, FAMOUS MEN, MANTEGNA, WHITE GATES <i>for Songs of Praise</i> , enlarged edition (arrangements) COBBOLD, CRADLE SONG, DORKING, DUNSTAN, OSLO, STALHAM, ST OLAF'S SEQUENCE	<i>Loch Lomond</i> (Scottish)		<i>In Windsor Forest</i> (Shakespeare) CH <i>Job</i> OR
1932				<i>Magnificat</i> CH
1933	<i>for The English Hymnal</i> , revised edition (arrangements) O INVIDENDA MARTYRUM, ROUEN, WICKLOW			<i>Henry V</i> BD Piano Concerto OR
1934	<i>O how amiable</i> (Ps 84, 90) ORG <i>The pilgrim pavement</i> (MR Partridge) ORG/OR	<i>An acre of land</i> (English) MX/TB <i>I'll never love thee more</i> (J Graham) <i>John Dory</i> (English) <i>Six English Folk Songs</i> TB 1 Robin Hood and the pedlar 2 The ploughman — 3 One man, two men 4 The brewer — 5 Rolling in the dew 6 King William <i>The turtle dove</i> (English) UN <i>The world it went well with me then</i> (English) TB <i>Tobacco's but an Indian weed</i> (English) TB		Suite for Viola OR <i>The Running Set</i> OR
1935	LITTLE CLOISTER (P Dearmer) UN <i>My soul, praise the Lord</i> (W Kethe) ORG			Symphony 4 in F minor OR
1936			<i>Nothing is here for tears</i> (Milton) PF/ORG/OR	<i>Dona Nobis Pacem</i> (Whitman, etc) CH <i>Five Tudor Portraits</i> (J Skelton) CH <i>The Poisoned Kiss</i> (E Sharp) OP
1937	<i>Festival Te Deum</i> in F ORG			<i>Riders to the Sea</i> (JM Synge) OP
1938	MILES LANE (E Perronet) ORG	<i>Benedictus and Agnus Dei</i>		<i>Serenade to Music</i> (Shakespeare) VO
1939	<i>A Hymn of Freedom</i> (GW Briggs) UN Services in D minor ('Christ's Hospital') ORG <u>Morning Service</u> : 1 Te Deum, 2 Benedictus, 3 Jubilate <u>Communion Service</u> : 4 Kyrie, 5 Responses, 6 Before the Gospel, 7 After the Gospel, 8 Creed, 9 Sursum corda, 10 Sanctus, 11 Benedictus, 12 Agnus Dei, 13 Gloria <u>Evening Service</u> : 14 Magnificat, 15 Nunc dimittis			<i>Five Variants of 'Dives and Lazarus'</i> OR
1940			<i>Six Choral Songs To Be Sung in Time of War</i> (P Shelley) PF/OR 1 A Song of Courage — 2 A Song of Liberty 3 A Song of Healing — 4 A Song of Victory 5 A Song of Pity, Peace, and Love 6 A Song of the New Age	<i>49th Parallel</i> FM
1941	<i>A Call to the Free Nations</i> (GW Briggs)		<i>England, my England</i> (WE Henley) PF/OR	
1942	<i>Five Wartime Hymns</i> (GW Briggs) [w/M Shaw, I Atkins] UN <i>The Airmen's Hymn</i> (V Bulwer-Lytton) UN	<i>Nine Carols for Male Voices</i> TB 1 God rest you merry 2 As Joseph was a-walking 3 Mummers' Carol — 4 The first Nowell 5 The Lord at first — 6 Coventry Carol 7 I saw three ships — 8 A virgin most pure 9 Dives and Lazarus	<i>Valiant-for-truth</i> (Bunyan)	<i>Coastal Command</i> FM

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1943		<i>O my dear heart</i> (German/U Wood) SA	<i>The new commonwealth</i> (H Child) PF/OR	<i>Flemish Farm</i> FM Symphony 5 in D major OR
1944				Oboe Concerto OR String Quartet in A minor CB
1945	Chant for Psalm 67, <i>Deus miseratur</i> Two Carols (U Wood) 1 Come love we God — 2 There is a flower	<i>Greensleeves</i>		<i>A Song of Thanksgiving</i> (various) CH
1946				
1947	<i>The souls of the righteous</i> (Wis of Solomon) <i>The voice out of the whirlwind</i> (Job) ORG/OR			<i>The Loves of Joanna Godden</i> FM
1948	<i>Hymn for St Margaret</i> (U Wood) UN <i>Prayer to the Father of Heaven</i> (Skelton)			<i>Partita</i> OR Symphony 6 in E minor OR <i>Scott of the Antarctic</i> FM
1949				<i>An Oxford Elegy</i> (M Arnold) CH <i>Fantasia on the 'Old 104th' Psalm Tune</i> CH
1950		<i>An acre of land</i> (English) UN <i>Folk Songs of the Four Seasons</i> SA,PF/OR 1 To the ploughboy <u>Spring</u> : 2 Early in the spring 3 The lark in the morning — 4 May Song <u>Summer</u> : 5 'Summer is a coming-in' and 'The cuckoo' — 6 The sprig of thyme 7 The sheep shearing — 8 The green meadow <u>Autumn</u> : 9 John Barleycorn 10 The unquiet grave — 11 An acre of land <u>Winter</u> : 12 Children's Christmas Song 13 Wassail Song — 14 In Bethlehem city 15 God bless the master		<i>Concerto Grosso</i> OR
1951			<i>Sun, Moon, Stars, and Man</i> (U Wood) PF/ORG, also UN 1 Horses of the Sun 2 The Rising of the Moon 3 The Procession of the Stars 4 The Song of the Sons of Light <i>Three Shakespeare Songs</i> (Shakespeare) 1 Full fathom five 2 The cloud-capp'd towers 3 Over hill, over dale	<i>The Pilgrim's Progress</i> (Bunyan) OP <i>The Sons of Light</i> (U Wood) CH
1952				Romance for Harmonica OR
1953	<i>O taste and see</i> (Ps 34)		<i>Silence and music</i> (U Vaughan Williams)	<i>Sinfonia Antartica</i> CH <i>The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune</i> (Kethe) CH
1954	<i>Te Deum</i> and <i>Benedictus</i> PF/ORG, also UN	<i>Three Gaelic Songs</i> (U Vaughan Williams) 1 Dawn on the hills 2 Come let us gather cockles 3 Wake and rise	<i>Heart's music</i> (Campion)	<i>Hodie</i> (various) CH Tuba Concerto OR Violin Sonata in A minor CB

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1955			<i>Song for a Spring Festival</i> (U Vaughan Williams)	
1956	<i>A Choral Flourish</i> (Ps 32) <i>A vision of aeroplanes</i> (Ezekiel) ORG <i>God bless the master of this house</i>			Symphony 8 in D minor OR
1957		<i>Greensleeves</i> TB		<i>Epithalamion</i> (Spenser) CH <i>Ten Blake Songs</i> (Blake) VO <i>The England of Elizabeth</i> FM Variations BD
1958				Symphony 9 in E minor OR <i>The First Nowell</i> CH

Compositions are listed with year of completion when known, otherwise year of first performance. Choral works are for mixed voices unless otherwise indicated.

Abbreviations: BD band, CB chamber music, CH chorus and orchestra, FM film, MX mixed, OP opera, OR orchestra, ORG organ, PF piano, SA treble voices, TB lower voices, TH theater, UN unison voices, VO solo voice(s).

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