

THE KING'S SINGERS

SONGBIRDS

Songbirds combines music written about some of our favourite feathered friends – spanning the last 500 years – with music by modern-day songbirds from recent decades. These are singers and songwriters who have changed the course of popular music with their voices and musical ideas, inspiring and lifting the next generation of musicians to new heights.

Fleetwood Mac, arr. Nicholas Ashby

Songbird

The Beatles, arr. Daryl Runswick

Blackbird

Traditional, arr. Bob Chilcott

She's like the swallow

György Ligeti

The cuckoo and the pear tree

Huw Watkins

The Phoenix and the Turtle

Franz Schubert

Flucht

Maurice Ravel

Trois beaux oiseaux du Paradis

Francis Poulenc

Pilons l'orge

Clément Janequin

Le chant des oiseaux

Edward Johnson

Come, blessed bird

Jacques Arcaldet

Il bianco e dolce cigno

Pierre Passereau

Il est bel et bon

Malcolm Williamson

The Musicians of Bremen

Interval

Beth Orton, arr. Christopher Bruerton

Call me the breeze

Laura Mvula, arr. Eric Whitacre

Father Father

Queen, arr. Nicholas Ashby

Good old-fashioned lover boy

Songs in close-harmony

Throughout The King's Singers' history, the group has created a treasure trove of arrangements of pop, jazz, folk and spiritual songs that span the globe and celebrate the amazing variety of music in our world today. Incorporating songs from recent EPs in our The Library series, we want to shine a light on all kinds of songbirds from around the world in this final set – and make you smile too.