Composed and Performed by
2nd Grade BELL Scholars

Classroom Cantatas

Mather Elementary School

The Weather Cantata

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About Classroom Cantatas

In 1990, Cantata Singers commissioned Slavery Documents by Donald Sur. It was the first of three major choral orchestral works commissioned to date by Cantata Singers with texts exploring the themes of slavery. Slavery Documents’ focus was American slavery, what Mr. Sur called the “unaddressed Achilles heel of United States culture.” Cantata Singers began to see that this work needed to resonate beyond that Symphony Hall performance. Sur’s musical examination of racial inequality and discrimination reminded Cantatas Singers' leadership of the crying need for meaningful arts education in the schools.

Out of this time, Classroom Cantatas emerged. Ann Marie Lindquist, Paul Brust and Judy Hill Bose developed a residency program far more challenging than the typical “come, talk, sing, leave.” Instead, it was one that had the potential to guide Boston’s schoolchildren in finding and harnessing their creative voices. Classroom Cantatas now flourishes in the Boston public schools and, over its twenty years, has touched the lives of thousands of children.

Classroom Cantatas guides young students in creating their own musical compositions, or “cantatas.” Students from participating schools work with the Teaching Artists—musicians from Cantata Singers’ ensemble—to compose and perform original songs about subjects they are studying in class or about larger cultural and historical issues. Past cantata topics have included the American Revolution, Factors of Weather, Mexican Culture, immigration, the Civil Rights Movements, Mathematics, poetic devices, and Geography. Over the past twenty years of Classroom Cantatas, students have composed and performed over 300 songs.

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Cantata Singers was founded in 1964 to present what was then a long-neglected repertoire, the cantatas of J.S. Bach. Since that time, the group has expanded its repertoire to include choral works from the seventeenth century to the present day. The Cantata Singers’ recordings and performances can be heard regularly on local and national public radio. For much more about Cantata Singers, visit our website: www.cantatasingers.org.

CLASSROOM CANTATAS
AT MATHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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WHAT MAKES WEATHER?

WATER

THUNDER AND LIGHTNING

WEATHER
What Makes Weather?

2nd Grade BELL Scholars
with Kilian Mooney, Cantata Singers

What makes weather do you know?
What makes rain and sleet and snow?
We know we know what makes weather.
Lots of things that work together.
We know, we know what makes weather.

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Wind and water, Earth's rotation

bring the seasons to each nation.
Fast and flowing, \( \text{(} \frac{3}{4} \text{)} \) \( \text{=} 100+ \)

Voice:

Water, water everywhere, water all around.

Water in the ocean, Water in the ocean.


Slow and still

A tempo

Water in a lake. Water on a flower as day begins to

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Slower and broader, with arms raised and out at end.

Vo.

Water from a waterfall rushing down from high. Water from a

Pno.

Vo.

dark cloud, Rain-ing from the sky. Wa-ter for the ani-mals.

Pno.

Vo.

Water for the ani-mals Swim-ming in the sea. Water, wa-

Pno.

Vo.

Slower and broader, with arms raised and out at end.

ev-ery-where, for you and for me!

Pno.

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Thunder and Lightning

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with Sara Wyse-Wenger, Cantata Singers

When a storm begins in the clouds, It

sometimes may look frightening.

You see a quick, electrical

spark - FLASH goes the lightning!

The
lightning bolts heat the air over clouds and under, and
when the air expands enough BOOM! goes the thunder.
BAM!
CLAP!
Weather

2nd Grade BELL Scholars
with Stephen Garman, Cantata Singers

Voice

Weather is hot, weather is cold. Weather is changing

Piano

as weeks unfold. Skies are cloudy, skies are fair.

Vo.

Skies are changing in the air.

Pno.

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It is raining, it is snowing.

It is windy with breezes blowing. Days are cloudy, days are clear. Weather is changing through the year.