

Lay Earth's Burden Down, Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory: Notes

Lay Earth's Burden Down is loosely inspired by a traditional spiritual. Most of the material is originally composed.

The piece was commissioned by the Portland Symphonic Girlchoir to celebrate Debra R. Burgess's 10th anniversary as the ensemble's co-conductor. It was premiered in May of 2008.

Since Portland is regarded among the United State's most environmentally conscious cities, it seemed fitting to use the work to address the greening of our earth.

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