

Five Childhood Lyrics

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Monday's child (*trad.*)
The owl and the pussy-cat (*Edward Lear*)
Windy nights (*Robert Louis Stevenson*)
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John (*trad.*)
Sing a song of sixpence (*trad.*)

John Rutter, best known for his many Christmas carols, is a composer whose music has greatly enriched the choral catalogue. These lighthearted pieces were written for the London Concord Singers and first performed in 1973. A large proportion of Rutter's music is designed to be within the scope of the average amateur choir, but in the *Childhood Lyrics* he allows himself a much freer rein, particularly in the rhythmically demanding *Windy Nights* and *Sing A Song Of Sixpence*.

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