

TWO WINGS OF A BIRD

Words of Bahá'u'lláh & 'Abdu'l-Bahá set to a waulking song *Mhurchaidh Bhig A Chinn A' Chonais* by Penny Morrison
(*Scottish Tradition 2: Music From The Western Isles, 1992*) adapted by Duncan Thomas & Cosma Gottardi (2015)

Male solo: The world of humanity has two wings—one is women and the other men.

Choir: ... will always be equal in the sight of God.

Female solo: The world of humanity has two wings—one is women and the other men.

Choir: ... will always be equal in the sight of God.

Male solo: Not until both wings are equally developed can the bird fly.

Choir: ... will always be equal in the sight of God.

Female solo: Not until both wings are equally developed can the bird fly.

Choir: ... will always be equal in the sight of God.

Male solo: Should one wing remain weak, flight is impossible.

Choir: ... will always be equal in the sight of God.

Female solo: Should one wing remain weak, flight is impossible.

Choir: ... will always be equal in the sight of God.

Male solo: As long as women are prevented from attaining their highest possibilities...

Choir: ... will always be equal in the sight of God.

Male solo: ... so long will men be unable to achieve the greatness which might be theirs.

Choir: ... will always be equal in the sight of God.

Female solo: As long as women are prevented from attaining their highest possibilities...

Choir: ... will always be equal in the sight of God.

Female solo: ... so long will men be unable to achieve the greatness which might be theirs.

Choir: ... will always be equal in the sight of God.

Male solo: ... when women participate fully and equally in the affairs of the world ...

Choir: ... will always be equal in the sight of God.

Male solo: ... war will cease; for woman will be the obstacle and hindrance to it.

Choir: ... will always be equal in the sight of God.

Female solo: ... when women participate fully and equally in the affairs of the world ...

Choir: ... will always be equal in the sight of God.

Female solo: ... war will cease; for woman will be the obstacle and hindrance to it.

Choir: ... will always be equal in the sight of God.

Male solo: Women and men have been and will always be...

Choir: ... will always be equal in the sight of God.

Female solo: Women and men have been and will always be...

Choir: ... will always be equal in the sight of God.

CHOIR FINALE (all together, rit.): *Women and men have been and will always be...
... will always be equal in the sight of God.*

Score for Choir

♩ = 96

SOPRANO
...will al - ways-be e-qual in the sight of God

ALTO
...will al - ways-be e-qual in the sight of God

TENOR
...will al - ways-be e-qual in the sight of God

BASS
...will al - ways-be e-qual in the sight of God

Score for Soloists (illustrative)

MALE SOLO
(Tenor)

The world of hu - ma-ni-ty has two wings: one is wo-men and the o-ther men.

FEMALE SOLO
(Mezzo-soprano)

The world of hu - ma-ni-ty has two wings: one is wo-men and the o-ther men.

Quotations from the Bahá'í Writings

1. The world of humanity has two wings—one is women and the other men. Not until both wings are equally developed can the bird fly. Should one wing remain weak, flight is impossible. (*Selections from the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, sec. 227, p. 302*)

2. As long as women are prevented from attaining their highest possibilities, so long will men be unable to achieve the greatness which might be theirs. (*Paris Talks: Addresses given by 'Abdu'l-Bahá in Paris in 1911–1912, 10th ed. (London: Bahá'í Publishing Trust, 1979), p. 133*) [20]

3. ... when women participate fully and equally in the affairs of the world ... war will cease; for woman will be the obstacle and hindrance to it. (*The Promulgation of Universal Peace: Talks Delivered by 'Abdu'l-Bahá during His Visit to the United States and Canada in 1912, p. 135*)

4. Women and men have been and will always be equal in the sight of God. (*Bahá'u'lláh, in Women: Extracts from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Shoghi Effendi and the Universal House of Justice, 1986, no. 54*)

Background on Scottish 'waulking' songs

1. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Waulking_song
2. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Waulking>