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# The Cloud of Unknowing

Conspirare

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Craig Hella Johnson leads Conspirare, soprano Esteli Gomez, baritone David Farwig, and the Victoria Bach Festival string orchestra in this first recording of three choral works by Robert Kyr (b. 1952). Exploring the relationship between human and divine love, his cantatas *The Cloud of Unknowing* (2013) and *Songs of the Soul* (2011) transfixed audiences and critics alike when *Conspirare* premiered them. "A powerful new achievement in American music that vividly traces a journey from despair to transcendence" (*The Wall Street Journal*, concert review)

## Artists

- Craig Hella Johnson  
Conductor
- Esteli Gomez  
Soprano
- David Farwig  
Baritone
- Victoria Bach Festival
- Conspirare

## Composers

- Robert Kyr

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· **The Singer's Ode** (2'55)

### The Cloud Of Unknowing

Part I: Songs Of Night

· i. *Unknowing* (2'27)

· ii. *Fearing* (2'07)

· iii. *Forgetting* (2'37)

· iv. *Longing* (7'26)

Part II: Songs Of Dawn

· i. *Waiting* (1'29)

· ii. *Thinking* (1'52)

· iii. *Beseeching* (2'32)

· iv. *Piercing* (1'16)

· v. *Surrendering* (2'43)

· vi. *Enduring* (2'21)

### Songs Of The Soul

· i. *Descending: From The Abyss* (10'38)

- ii. *Venturing: On A Dark Night* (4'27)
- iii. *Hoping: Toward Dawn* (8'46)
- iv. *Transforming: Beloved Into Lover* (4'27)
- v. *Arising: A Time For Song* (5'42)
- vi. *Uniting: Leaving My Cares* (6'30)
- vii. *Transcending: And Love Remains* (6'19)