

Modern Madrigals

for SATB

Book Two

by

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I had no idea where *Modern Madrigals Book Two* was going to come from - if there should ever be one. But after a particularly good performance of Book One by the Occasional Choir at Tudeley, I woke up in the middle of the night and wrote down the words for letters G to L.

Where Book One dealt with the voice of everyman, Book Two examines our interactions (and irritations) with organisations - the next step in a kind of Maslowian Hierarchy of Niggles. As with the first six, the texts are ephemeral: just as the madrigals of the 16th & 17th centuries had short sell-by dates, so have these. They will perhaps be very *vieux chapeau* in a year or two – and this is as it should be.

F L Dunkin Wedd
Tonbridge, January 2007

Gates

This application has performed an illegal operation. Click OK to reboot your computer and lose all your work since 1987.

Helpline

Thank you for calling our helpline. All our agents are currently busy. Choose from the following options: To hear more options that aren't what you want, press one. To lose your place in the queue, press two. For service, please go elsewhere. To hear Vivaldi's Four Seasons, stay on the line. Your call is important to us. But not so important that we're going to answer it.

Interview

- So, Minister, what did you have for breakfast this morning?
- Well, let me be absolutely clear on this. The government is fully committed to increased choice in morning comestibles.
- But what did you have for breakfast?
- Well, if you'll let me finish, I'm coming to that. The previous government left us a legacy of diminished breakfast uptake, and not enough boiled eggs to go round.
- Did you have toast this morning?
- Well, I'm not ruling toast out, but I'm not ruling it in either. But let's talk about jam. The previous government's record on jam was appalling.
- Did you have coffee?
- Look, what's important here is not whether or not I had coffee for breakfast. What matters is that under this government we've had a record growth in cereals, historically high kippers, and more kedgereee than ever before.

Junk

Dear Mr Collins,

You have been specially selected to enter our prize draw . Imagine the rejoicing at number 3 Brook Street when you hear which exciting prize you have won! Will it be the free holiday? The brand new car? The microwave oven? To find out which exciting prize you have won, just call our helpline...

Kit

Assembly. Extend flaps A & B. Fold tab C over sprocket D. Locate and cement cross bearers into slots in the stringer splice plates making sure they are well seated in position.

Holding the main assembly in your left hand, and the rotating arm in your right hand, use your other hand to insert the mounting pins. If you have any difficulties, call our helpline...

Link

And now on TV, a choice of viewing. On channel one, one hundred best TV moments. On channel six, celebrity snooker. On channel three, reruns of Only Fools and Horses. On channel four, a bunch of misfits locked in a house with nothing to do. On channel five, paint drying.

Have you thought of reading a book?

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