Song Tutorial for David’s Lament for Jonathan by Muriel Herbert

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Please purchase the score at:

- [http://bibliofox.co.uk/product/muriel-herbert-davids-lament-for-jonathan/](http://bibliofox.co.uk/product/muriel-herbert-davids-lament-for-jonathan/)

Here are a couple links to other sources to obtain the music:

- [https://worldcat.org/title/1282607673](https://worldcat.org/title/1282607673)
- [https://worldcat.org/title/937720959](https://worldcat.org/title/937720959)

If possible, I strongly recommend printing the score. I can be difficult to read music from phones, however, it is not impossible!
Who was Muriel Herbert?

Read this short biography!

- [https://www.oxfordlieder.co.uk/composer/185](https://www.oxfordlieder.co.uk/composer/185)

Still interested in learning more? Read this article about “preserving her legacy.”

- [https://blogs.bl.uk/music/2014/05/preserving-the-legacy-of-muriel-herbert.html](https://blogs.bl.uk/music/2014/05/preserving-the-legacy-of-muriel-herbert.html)
Step 1:
Read, Listen, and Speak the Text in Rhythm

Use your score and follow along with these audio files.
Step 2: Learn the Melody

With these audio files, try learning the melody on a neutral syllable (bee, doo, etc.).

If you are already comfortable, try singing with the text!
Step 3: Put Rhythm, Melody, and Text Together

Use the tracks to sing the rhythm, melody, and text all together.

It should sound something like this!
Step 4:
Sing with the Piano Part

These tracks have both the vocal and piano lines.

You are able to hear the melody while you sing with the piano part!
Step 5:
Sing with the Piano Part *Only*

These tracks take away the melody line.

This will challenge your melodic independence!
Step 6: Prepare and Submit Your Audition!

Use all these tracks to help secure your learning and memory. You got this!

Here are a couple recordings of myself performing this piece if you would like ideas and inspiration!