



FOUR GREAT QUEENS

A Choral Fantasy celebrating the Golden Jubilee

of

Queen Elizabeth II on June 2nd 2002

Words: Norman Stone

Music: Donald Lane

Prelude

VIVAT! VIVAT! REGINA!
Four Great Queens of our fair land!

The First Elizabeth, 1558 – 1603
Words in the style of William Shakespeare
Music based on an anthem of Orlando Gibbons

Elizabeth Tudor Semper eadem!
An island sceptred and a monarch crowned,
A Queen of courage and of innovation.
Drake, Raleigh, Hilliard reknowned.
Will Shakespeare, voice of all the nation.
Gloria! Gloria!
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Glorious Gloriana!

Queen Anne, 1702 – 1714
Words in the style of Nahum Tate
Music based on an anthem of Henry Purcell

Queen Anne, last of the Stuart line.
So many changing scenes of life,
Bolingbroke, Marlborough, Swift,
Plot, counterplot and ceaseless strife.
She strove to heal the rift.
Scotland, England,
Joined in Union!
Anna Mirabilis!

Queen Victoria, 1837 – 1901
Words in the style of Alfred Tennyson
Music based on an anthem of Hubert Parry.

Victoria Queen of worldwide Empire!
Known and loved throughout the land,
She retold our island story, Art and science, hand in hand,
Trade and commerce, Empire, glory.
Victorious Victoria! Victorious Victoria!
Empress of all India!

The Second Elizabeth, 1952
Words in the style of John Betjeman
Music original contemporary

Elizabeth, Queen today. Jubilate! Jubilate!
Let the voices of the people
Tell the world that we're still free.
Bells, from every tower and steeple,
Ring the golden Jubilee!
Jubilee! Majesty! Jubilee! Majesty!
For half a hundred, half a hundred, half a hundred years.