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Dueling Proverbs

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Christopher Alexander

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About the Work

There are many worldly phrases which personify our morals and philosophies, but sometimes they can speak against the same value and it's up to us to decide which path to follow. This illustrative choral setting lists some of these opposing proverbs, making a fun adventure for your singers and audience to decide which paths to follow in their own lives.

PROVERBS

<i>Two heads are better than one.</i>	— <i>Paddle your own canoe.</i>
<i>It's better to be safe than sorry.</i>	— <i>Nothing ventured, nothing gained.</i>
<i>Great minds think alike.</i>	— <i>Fools seldom differ.</i>
<i>The early bird gets the worm.</i>	— <i>Haste makes waste.</i>
<i>Familiarity breeds contempt.</i>	— <i>Home is where the heart is.</i>
<i>Time and tide wait for none.</i>	— <i>All good things come to those who wait.</i>
<i>The pen is mightier than the sword.</i>	— <i>Actions speak louder than words.</i>
<i>Birds of a feather flock together.</i>	— <i>Opposites attract.</i>
<i>Money is the root of all evil.</i>	— <i>A penny saved is a penny earned.</i>
<i>Look before you leap.</i>	— <i>Strike while the iron is hot.</i>
<i>Too many cooks spoil the broth.</i>	— <i>Many hands make light work.</i>
<i>Two's company, three's a crowd.</i>	— <i>The more, the merrier.</i>
<i>You cannot judge a book by its cover.</i>	— <i>Clothes make the man.</i>
<i>Above all, to thine own self be true.</i>	— <i>When in Rome, do as the Romans do.</i>
<i>Never change horses in the middle of a stream.</i>	— <i>Variety is the spice of life.</i>
<i>Eye for an eye.</i>	— <i>Turn the other cheek.</i>
<i>Absence makes the heart grow fonder.</i>	— <i>Out of sight, out of mind.</i>
<i>Hold fast the words of your ancestors.</i>	— <i>Wise men make proverbs and fools repeat them.</i>

About the Composer



Mr. Christopher Alexander is an award-winning composer and arranger from St. Joseph, Missouri. He received his Bachelor of Science in Vocal Music Education degree from Missouri Western State University in 2009. A self-taught pianist, his compositions and arrangements ranging from instrumental works to vocal solo and choral literature. Mr. Alexander has been commissioned numerous times by singing groups and church choirs within the northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas regions. He is also active in musical theatre productions as a music director and pianist. His works have been published with GIA Music Publications, Hal Leonard, and Excelcia Music Publishing.

In 2016, he was awarded the St. Joseph Allied Arts Council Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year. In 2023, he was inducted into the New Generation Singers Hall of Fame.

Mr. Alexander currently serves as the pianist and primary arranger for The New Generation Singers, a Christian singing youth group based in St. Joseph, Missouri. He is a member of NAfME, ACDA, MCDA, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity.

He is available for commissions and conducting events on request.

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Allegro cantabile (♩ = c. 112-116)

PIANO *mp legato*

Pedal harmonically throughout

5 TENOR *mp*

two heads are bet - ter than It's

BASS *mp*

Pad - dle your own ca - noe.

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8 bet - ter to be safe than sor - ry.

No - thing ven - tured, no - thing gained.

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Great minds think a - like. The

Fools sel - dom dif - fer.

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ear - ly bird — gets the worm. Fa -

haste makes waste.

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mil - i - ar - i - ty breeds con-tempt.

Home is where — the heart is.

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8 Time and tide wait for none.

All good things come to those who

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8 wait.

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33 *mf*

8 Oo The pen is might - i - er than the sword.

mf

33 *mf*

8 Ac tions speak loud-er than words. Oo

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8 Birds of a fea - ther flock to - ge - ther. Op - po - sites at - tract! *f*

Birds of a fea - ther flock to - ge - ther. Op - po - sites at - tract! *f* *mf* A

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f

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mf Ah Mon - ey is the root of all e - vil.

pen - ny saved a pen - ny earned. Ah

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mf

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8 Ah Look be - fore you leap.

Strike while the i - ron is hot. Ah

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f