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*I see skies of blue and clouds of white, the bright blessed day, the dark sacred night, And I think to myself what a wonderful world.*

Truly, that's what I think. This is the strangest of times, and yet, as I sit at my desk to compose this letter to you, our devoted supporters, I see the blue sky above my neighbor's roof. I see clouds of white. I hear music being made throughout my house as my children move to on-line college class and my spouse leads music therapy sessions from another room. I am starting to feel the pain of separation now, though, I must admit. So, I will "talk" to you all today.

It's so sad to think that we cannot share our music with you this spring! It has been several weeks now since Bella Voce has met to rehearse, and I know all of us are missing that community time together. As you can probably imagine, we have decided to cancel our spring concert. The Board was thoughtful about this decision, but knew we couldn't rehearse, and just didn't know how long this isolationism would last.

Unfortunately, our costs continue. We had already purchased music for the spring, which ran about \$500. We also commissioned a new piece of music, the cost was \$1,300. As you know, non-profits, such as Bella Voce, continue to need your financial support. We know this is a hard time for many, with jobs in flux, but if you are able to make a spring contribution to Bella Voce, we would be very grateful. We will jump in to the fray again in August, as we usually do, to prepare a Holiday Concert for all!

The Board asked me if I was willing to give an update on my health: I have had some ongoing health struggles after a surgery in December to release adhesions on my chest area from radiation. Unfortunately, it left a wound that would not heal. I had another surgery March 9<sup>th</sup> to close that wound, and it seems to be healing well. I continue to take it easy (which, for those of you who know me, is difficult!) and am grateful for your continued well wishes and prayers as I heal.

We all send our best wishes to you during this challenging time. Take some time to listen to music and walk outside, and we'll see you on the other side of this!

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Tibben, Artistic Director  
and  
The Singers of Bella Voce*

*Joy Betz, Dawn Brisbane, Karen Bryson, Ruth Buffa, Jody Call, Argent Castiblanco, Josette Dornoff,  
Karen Everett, Carol Flores, Natalie Fuller, Sue Goodenow, Irene Heinemeier, Chardette Jameson,  
Melissa Johnson, Andrea Lenz, Kimberly Li, Katherine McCall, Darcy McMillin, Evelyn Mejia,  
Patricia Miller, Judy Monson, Julye Neel, Aurora Pierce, Nancy Petersen, Natalie Presta, Chris Reinitz,  
Sue Roberts, Diane Schaub, Kasey Smith, Sandy Tackett, Lorin Taylor, Grace Tibben-Lembke,  
Sue Vaughn, Clark Watkins, Sarah Wheeler, and Amy Willoughby*