

I my Best-Beloved's am

I my Best-Beloved's am (1999), was written for the BBC Singers and first performed by them at a concert in Canterbury Cathedral on the theme of the seven sacraments. Rutter was assigned the theme of marriage, and found the text by combining the Latin nuptial responses (sung by the tenors and basses) with a lovely and little-known poem by the Jacobean Francis Quarles (sung by sopranos and altos)