

the old eternal rocks  
for SATB choir and organ

5 minutes

Brooke Joyce (2003)

Commissioned and premiered by the choir of the Lutheran Church of the Messiah, Princeton,  
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Program Note:

This anthem was written for the choir and congregation of the Lutheran Church of the Messiah in  
Princeton, NJ, and their pastor, Rev. John Mark Goerss.

I bind unto myself today  
The virtues of the star lit heaven,  
The glorious sun's life giving ray,  
The whiteness of the moon at even,  
The flashing of the lightning free,  
The whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,  
The stable earth, the deep salt sea  
Around the old eternal rocks.  
-- attr. St. Patrick, para. Cecil F. Alexander