

# I Vow To Thee, My Country

We would like to encourage all those lighting Beacons and Lamp Lights of Peace at 9.30pm, and indeed the whole country, to come together at this time, and sing the wonderful and uplifting British patriotic hymn - 'I Vow To Thee My Country'.

This has never been undertaken before, so it will bring the peoples, families and communities of our great Nation together at one moment in time, providing a wonderful 'tribute' to the many millions that paid the ultimate sacrifice during the dark days of WWII.



Vera Lynn entertaining the troops during WWII

**I VOW TO THEE,  
MY COUNTRY**

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above  
Enrapture and whole and perfect, the service of my love  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test  
That lays upon the altar, the dearest and the best  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice

And there's another country, I've heard long ago  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her king  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering  
And soul by soul, and silently her shining bounds increase  
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace

Sir Cecil Spring Rice, 1918

## I Vow to Thee, My Country (Thaxted)

Gustav Holst, 1921

The musical score is presented on a page with a dark background. It features two systems of music. The first system, numbered 4, shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'I And you, there's to thee, my coun-try, all earth-ly things a-bove; and there's no-ther coun-try, The heart of her of long a-'. The second system, numbered 8, continues the lyrics: 'The We love my that asks no ques-tion, the we love my that stands the test, King, that makes her or-mis, the we love my not see her'. The score includes treble and bass clefs, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in italics. The page number '20' is visible at the bottom left of the score area.