



JOANNA HARRIES
FUNERAL SINGER

Funeral Singer

Looking for **beautiful classical music** to celebrate the life of a loved one?

In times of loss, music can uplift and comfort us. As a dedicated, professional funeral singer, my job is to provide a special moment of reflection, to honour and remember your loved one.

You might be looking for someone to sing their favourite piece, to lead the hymn singing, or to create an atmosphere of solace and peace whilst friends and family gather.

With a repertoire of traditional classical songs, hymns, opera arias and folksongs, I am here to help you celebrate your loved one's life in song.

Joanna



"We have had a terrific response from the people who attended. They all said how good it was and what a huge source of comfort. Thank you again."



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About me

I am a professional, classically-trained singer, performing with many of the UK's leading choirs, orchestras and opera companies. Recent highlights include singing as a soloist with the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican and with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at Cadogan Hall, performing around the country with Opera North, Opera Holland Park and Buxton International Festival, and giving a lunchtime recital at the Royal Opera House.

More importantly, I'm also an experienced funeral singer. For over ten years, I've been singing at funerals and memorial services of all kinds - at crematoriums and gravesides, from the tiniest of churches to Salford Cathedral. I consider it a privilege to work with families at times like these, and use my voice to help celebrate someone's life.

"A huge thank you for your incredible singing at the memorial service. We received lots of lovely feedback from the congregation and they were absolutely blown away. It really was fantastic."

Types of service

- church funeral
- memorial service
- cremation
- internment of ashes
- service of thanksgiving
- both religious & secular celebrations





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Music

I have a wide range of repertoire, but I am also always happy to learn new songs.

You might already have an idea of the music you'd like. If you have no idea where to start or are feeling overwhelmed, I'm always happy to help with suggestions.

Some favourite requests:

Classical

- Ave Maria (Schubert)
- Ave verum corpus (Mozart)
- Bist du bei mir (Bach)
- Going Home (Dvorak)
- Lascia ch'io pianga (Handel)
- Ombra mai fu (Handel)
- Panis Angelicus (Franck)
- Pie Jesu (Fauré)
- Pie Jesu (Lloyd Webber)
- The Lord Bless You and Keep You (Rutter)
- When I am Laid in Earth (Purcell)

Hymns

- Abide with me
- Amazing Grace
- Do not be afraid
- Here I am, Lord
- How Great Thou Art
- I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
- I watch the sunrise
- Jerusalem
- Make me a channel of your peace
- The Lord's My Shepherd
- The Old Rugged Cross

Songs & Folksongs

- O Danny Boy
- My love is like a red, red rose
- My Lagan Love
- Somewhere over the rainbow
- Suo gân
- Time to Say Goodbye
- You'll never walk alone





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Frequently asked questions...

Can you learn a special song?

Yes. I'm very happy to learn new songs. I already have a wide repertoire, so if it's a classical piece, I might already know it! But if not, I am a quick learner. There may be a small extra charge if I need to get hold of special piano part or arrangement. I'm always happy to discuss, so do get in touch and ask.

I'd like a duet or a choir...

As well as singing as a soloist, I can also arrange other singers, from a duet to a full choir. My colleagues are all highly accomplished, classically-trained singers - graduates of top music colleges, who sing with orchestras, choirs and opera companies around the UK.

Do you perform with backing track?

No. I always sing live (no backing tracks or microphone). I usually sing with an organist or pianist, but I also have a selection of unaccompanied songs.

Can you arrange a pianist or organist?

Yes - I can organise for a talented pianist or organist to come with me to play (this will involve an extra cost). Alternatively, I am happy to work with the resident organist of a church. I will arrange a short rehearsal with them before the service on the day.

Can you sing outdoors?

Yes. I have a selection of beautiful unaccompanied songs that work outdoors - a solo voice can provide a beautifully atmospheric moment.

What will you wear?

I usually wear smart, black clothes - but am happy to wear something different.