Keep Us Free

Music by OSKAR MORAWETZ

Words by E. J. PRATT

OSKAR MORAWETZ

Oskar Morawetz was born in Czechoslovakia in 1917. When the Nazis occupied his native country he managed to escape and after a number of trying experiences, arrived in Canada in 1940.

Since his arrival in his new homeland, Mr. Morawetz has rapidly become one of the best known Canadian composers. In 1944 he received the award of the Composers, Authors and Publishers Association of Canada for his String Quartette in F minor. The following year he won the same prize with his "Sonata Tragica" for piano. His works have received numerous performances in Canada, the United States and Europe by some of the world's finest artists and symphony orchestras.

E. J. PRATT

Edwin John Pratt, the distinguished Canadian poet and educator, was born in Newfoundland. He received his university education at Victoria College, Toronto University, where he is at present professor of English.

His academic honours run the gamut of the alphabet — CMG., M.A., Ph.D., D. Lit., D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.S.C. Among his poetic writings are "Newfoundland Verse," "The Iron Door," "The Roosevelt and the Antinoe," "The Titanic," "Brebeuf and His Brethren," "Behind The Log" and many others. Edwin John Pratt is generally acknowledged to be the unofficial poet laureate of Canada. "Keep Us Free" was written under the inspiration of the brilliant musical composition of Oskar Morawetz.





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