

## 'TIL WE MEET AGAIN – individual video instructions

We hope EVERYONE will participate in this exciting project. If you need help, let us know.

Please read the following carefully and let us know if you need assistance.

### EXAMPLES

Here are some examples of what we hope to achieve (although perhaps on the more basic end in terms of video production):

- Down to the River: <https://youtu.be/BumCkswUUDA>
- Eric Whitacre: <https://youtu.be/2NENIXsW4pM>
- Truly Brave: <https://youtu.be/ZZLAaCZVV2g>

### OBJECTIVE

In this unprecedented time of isolation, produce a high-quality music video in order to:

- engage choir members in a valuable music activity (while keeping vocally active);
- help us keep connected with each other and support each other as needed;
- recruit new singers and potentially build audience.

### THE NEXT STEPS INVOLVE YOU...

**Equipment** you will need:

- **Print music:** "'Til We Meet Again" (PDF is provided)
- **Device for playing an audio file** (mp3)
- **Headphones/Earbuds** so you can hear the track in one ear while you sing along (*preferred but not essential*)
- **Video recording device** - ideally a smartphone (or a computer, laptop or tablet with a webcam) for filming yourself singing the song

### METHOD FOR PRODUCING & SHARING YOUR INDIVIDUAL VIDEO

1) **Practise singing along** with the audio/video track until you feel confident.

2) **Set up your "recording studio."**

Ideally, play the audio or video track through **headphones in one ear** so that the microphone on your recording device will record only your voice.

Consider the lighting and camera angle. Make sure you are **well lit** so your face can be seen. Soft side-lighting is ideal.

If possible, **stand up** to sing so that you can sing well, but you should be within 2 metres of your recording device.

**Holding your music** is okay or using a music stand, provided your face can be seen. If you use paper, be sure to turn pages silently.

You do not need to wear performance attire, but please **dress appropriately** (eg day clothes rather than your PJs!)

**Show emotion on your face** as if you were performing to an audience. Smile – it's an inspirational song :D

Additional tips can be found in this document from the MSO: <https://melbournesymphonyorchestra-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/assets/File/5761.pdf>

4) To record, hold your device **HORIZONTALLY** (ie "landscape", not "portrait"). Use a low-resolution setting, eg 25 or 30, to reduce the file size. Your head should be at the TOP of the frame (not in the middle).

5) **Record a few video "takes"** (singing along) and make sure to save them. If possible, ask a friend/family member to help you by holding the phone and pressing start and stop. They can also be your "audience."

6) **By the 18<sup>th</sup> of September, select your best video and upload it to the DropBox** folder:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/R7BK8p5cjwVI97O7MTcg>

Include your NAME and VOICE PART in the file name, eg JOE BLOGS, tenor.

Thanks everyone! This should be a fun activity for us all.