# U DX310 The North Ship 1996-2006

#### **Historical Background:**

The poem "The North Ship" was written by Philip Larkin and first published in 1945. The poem was set to music in 1996 by composer William Beckmann (1968-2002) and was first performed by Cantemus on 7th December 1996 at St Paul's Church in Canterbury.

## **Custodial history:**

The items were deposited by the composer's mother in December 2008.

### **Description:**

Vocal Score for 'The North Ship' composed by William Beckmann and a recording on CD performed by The Helios Choir 24th April 2006.

Extent: 2 items

#### Related material:

U DPL - Paper of Philip Larkin including a draft version of the poem (Ref U DPL/1/15)

#### **Access conditions:**

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

U DX310/1 "The North Ship" Vocal Score, Oct 1996

Vocal Score for this composition includes the full text of

Philip Larkin's original poem.

1 item

U DX310/2 "The North Ship" CD recording 24 Apr 2006

CD recording of "The North Ship" with music composed by William Beckmann and set to Philip Larkin's poem. This performance by The Helios Choir was recorded at the Church of St Giles, Cripplegate and features Peter Cook (Soprano Saxophone) and Ruth Beckmann (Soprano) [the composer's sister] under the Musical

Direction of Mark Sproson.

Length of track is 12 minutes 19 seconds.

1 item