

Although the fig tree blossom not

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Text by John Piper

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Duration: ca. 4 minutes

soprano and piano

The text for *Although the fig tree blossom not* is an excerpt from John Piper's poem, "For Noel on Our 20th Wedding Anniversary." The excerpt itself quotes Habakkuk 3:17-19: "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights." Piper's poetic adaptation of this text begins a poem celebrating his 20th anniversary, and I turned used this text on the eve of my own wedding, in anticipation of marriage and the rollercoaster than life can be. This song is dedicated to my husband, Kevin.

Although the fig tree blossom not was premiered by Erin Aurednik Ridge in Turner Recital Hall in Nashville, TN on April 8, 2015.