

## The Lydian Singers at Thirty

It's 30 year syne Maggie Thatcher held sway and Neighbours began on TV  
Bob Geldof did Live Aid, Wayne Rooney was born and hair was as big as could be.

But here in Dundee some just wanted to sing, naething fancy or holy or hard,  
Jist a mixture o' sangs fae the shows and the world, Scots or Irish or sangs fae the  
bard.

So a woman with vision and musical taste, her name Mrs Alison Fraser,  
Decided to start up the Lydian Choir with 24 ladies she favoured.

Thus the Lydian Singers began to perform and be kent for precision and clarity  
And a' roon about they gave concerts and sang and they raised lots o' money for  
charity.

Noo the choir has grown, nearly doubled in size, there's been changes in music  
direction,

But the present director is only the sixth, so we must treat them a' wi affection.

Oor accompanist, Helen, was there at the start, tho' she has had a break in atween  
She looks efter us a' and she nurses us through, a' the difficult notes there have been.

So are we the same as we were at the start? Maybe aye or maybe it's no.

But we'll carry on singing the way we do best, slow and soft, clear and true, sweet and  
low.

A pearl anniversary marks 30 years, that's why we are lustrous and fine.

And in 30 years' time we'll be sparkling and bright, the Lydian diamonds will shine.