## (I'm Afraid) THE MASQUERADE IS OVER

as sung by ACOUSTIX
1990 INTERNATIONAL QUARTET CHAMPIONS

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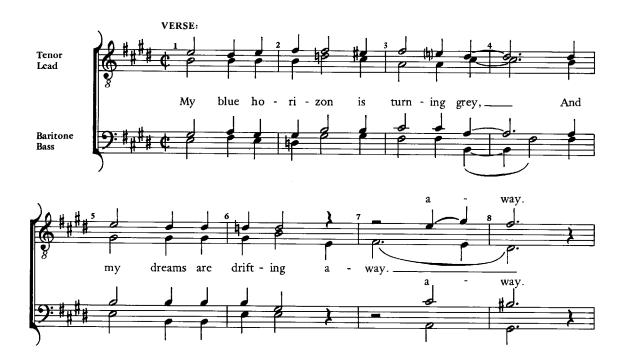
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In 1990, Rick Middaugh joined Todd Wilson, Jason January and Jeff Oxley to form Acoustix. The quartet went on to be crowned international quartet champion the same year. Although young in years, the men are veteran quartet singers; in fact, Jeff Oxley had previously earned a gold medal as bass of The Rapscallions, 1984 international champion.

Since becoming champion, the quartet has been one of the Society's outstanding performers and ambassadors of barbershop harmony. Its travels have included hundreds of SPEBSQSA and Sweet Adelines shows, cruises, and performances in Europe and Saudi Arabia. The quartet has made national appearances on NBC's Today Show; on Keep America Singing, a PBS barbershop concert hosted by Mitch Miller; and on the nationally-syndicated Jim Zippo radio program.

The quartet's album releases include *The New Science of Sound* and *Stars & Stripes*. The performances of "When It Comes To Loving The Girls/They're All Sweeties" and "The Masquerade Is Over" may be heard on the 1990 international convention recording *Top Twenty Quartets*—1990. They are also recorded on the 1991, 1992 and 1993 albums *Association of International Champions*.

Acoustix maintains an active role in the Association of International Champions, appearing on AIC shows at SPEBSQSA international conventions. In 1992, the quartet staged a special video/musical tribute to The Buffalo Bills, 1950 international champion.



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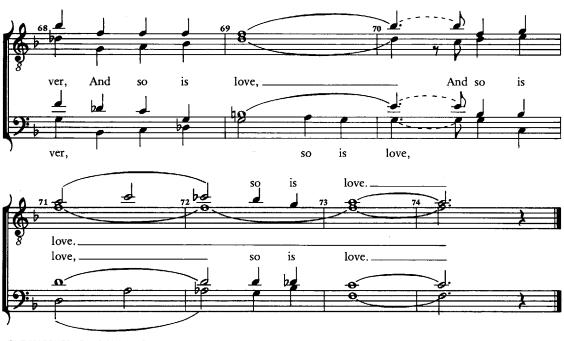
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