

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor: 'I want to be nothing in the world except what I am – a musician.'

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor quoted in Norwood News (7 Sept. 1912). Samuel Coleridge-Taylor © Alamy Interview with Dr Catherine Carr, conducted by Fiona Stubbings Samuel Coleridge-Taylor was one of the most eminent composers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He was born in 1875, with mixed Sierra Leonean and English...

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