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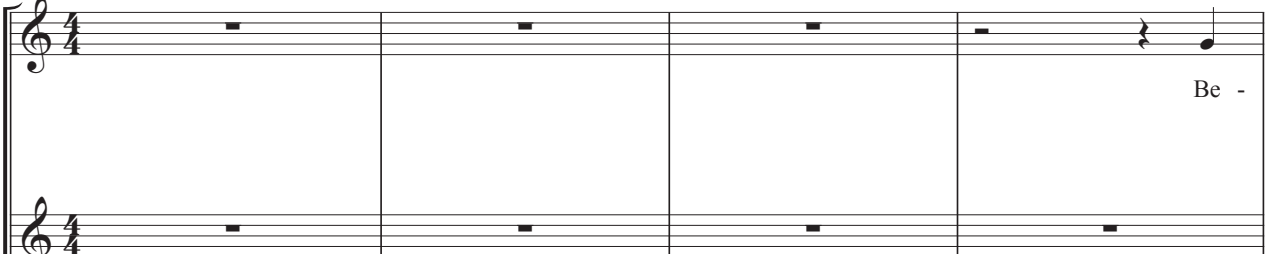
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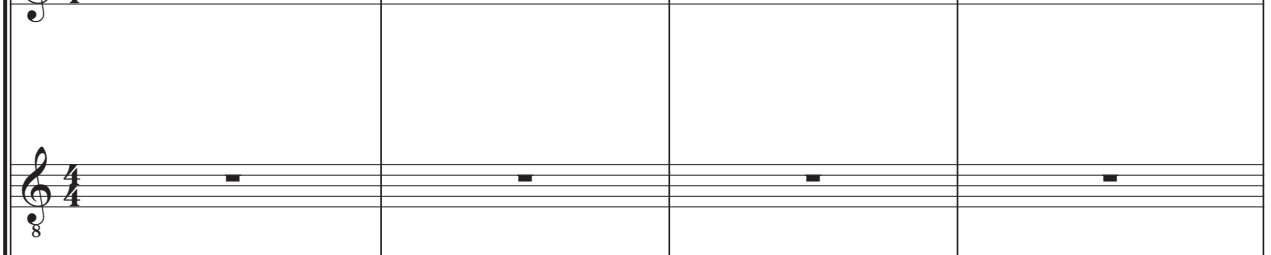
For SATB choir with chamber ensemble
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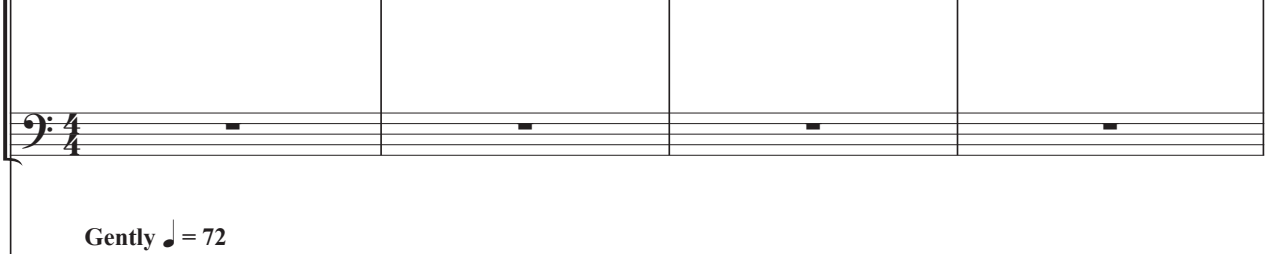
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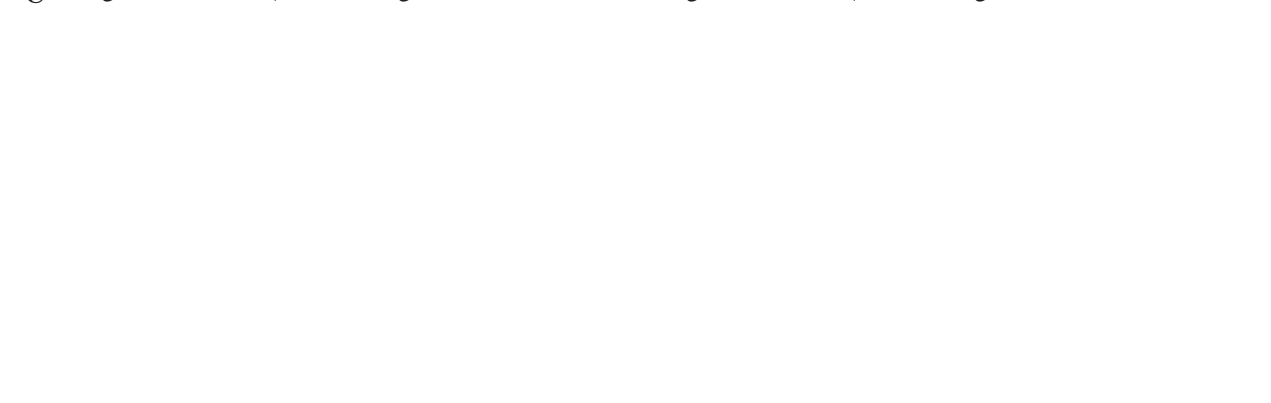
Gently ♩ = 72 *pp*

S. 

A. 

T. 

B. 

Piano 

5

S. fore you e - ven knew you were rain *mp* You were a-fraid of

A. *pp* Be - fore you e - ven knew you were rain *mp* You were a-fraid of

T. *pp* Be - fore you e - ven knew you were rain *mp* You were a-fraid of

B. *pp* Be - fore you e - ven knew you were rain *mp* You were a-fraid of

Pno.

10

S. fall - ing. *p* fall - ing, *p* fall - ing, *p* fall - ing,

A. fall - ing, *p* fall - ing, fall - ing, *p* fall - ing,

T. fall - ing, of fall - ing, fall - ing, fall - ing,

B. fall - ing, *p* fall - ing, fall - ing, *p* fall - ing,

Pno.

8^{va}

14 *mp* *rit.*

S. fall - ing, A - vant mê-me de sa - voir vous é-tiez plu - ie. You were

A. — fall - ing, A - vant mê-me de sa - voir vous é-tiez plu - ie You were

T. 8 fall - ing, A - vant mê-me de sa - voir vous é-tiez plu - ie You were

B. — fall - ing, A - vant mê-me de sa - voir. vous é-tiez plu - ie You were

Pno. 14 *8va* *mp* *rit.*

A Più mosso ♩ = 80

18 *mf*

S. rain. Sans le sa-voir le ciel pleu-raît

A. rain. Sans le sa - voir le

T. 8 rain. Sans le sa - voir le

B. rain. Sans le sa - voir le

Pno. 18 *mf*

22

S. l'ors-qu'on di-sait les nu - a - ges, — les nu - a - ges ca-chent les ra-yons du so -

A. ciel, le ciel pleu - rait, — les nu - a - ges ca-chent les ra-yons — du so -

T. 8 ciel, le ciel pleu - rait, — les nu - a - ges ca-chent les ra-yons — du so -

B. ciel, le ciel pleu - rait, — les nu - a - ges ca-chent les ra-yons du so -

Pno. 22

rit. *p* *mf* A tempo ♩ = 140

26

S. leil, You did not know.

A. leil, You did not know, — Be -

T. 8 leil, ra-yons du so-leil. —

B. leil, ra-yons du so-leil. —

Pno. 26

rit. A tempo ♩ = 140

B

6

30

mf

S. Be - fore you knew, be - fore the call for

A. fore you e - ven knew, You did not know the call for

T. *mf* Be-fore you e-ven knew you were rain You did not know the earth's soft call for the

B. *mf* Be-fore you e-ven knew you were rain You did not know the earth's soft call for the

Pno. *mf*

34

S. bless - ing of your touch on her dry bo - dy,

A. bless - ing of your touch on her dry bo - dy A -

T. *mf* bless - ing of your touch on her dry bo - dy.

B. *mf* bless - ing of your touch on her dry bo - dy.

Pno. *mf*

34

p

37

S. *p* a - vant de sa-voir.

A. *p* vant de sa-voir.

T. *p* be - fore you knew,

B. *p* be - fore you knew.

Pno. *p*

C **Maestoso** ♩ = 70

40

S. *mf* Vous n'a-viez pas, n'a - viez pas — les mots Pour por-ter la voix, la voix du si-lence,

A. *mf* Vous n'a-viez pas, n'a - viez pas — les mots Pour por-ter la voix, la voix du si-lence,

T. *mf* Vous n'a-viez pas, n'a - viez pas les mots Pour por-ter la voix, la voix du si-lence,

B. *mf* Vous n'a-viez pas, n'a - viez pas — les mots Pour por-ter la voix, la voix du si-lence,

Pno. *mf*

D A tempo ♩ = 70

rit.

44 *f* *ff*

S. *f* nant place aux vents de l'o-rage. *ff* You had no name for the moist breath of your hopes

A. *f* don-nant place aux vents de l'o-rage. *ff* You had no name for the moist breath of your hopes

T. *f* don-nant place aux vents de l'o-rage. *ff* You had no name for the moist breath of your hopes

B. *f* don-nant place aux vents de l'o-rage. *ff* You had no name for the moist breath of your hopes

rit. -----

44 *f* *ff* *f*

Pno.

48 *ff*

S. un - til the thun-der roared and jus-tice rained and we be-came a storm,

A. un - til the thun-der roared and jus-tice rained and we be-came a storm,

T. un - til the thun-der roared and jus-tice rained and we be-came a storm,

B. un - til the thun-der roared and jus-tice rained and we be-came a storm,

48 *ff*

Pno.

52 *f* *ff*

S. and we became a storm,

A. and we became a storm,

T. and we became a storm,

B. and we became a storm,

Pno. *f* *ff*

E Più mosso ♩ = 80

55 *mf* *mp*

S. Be-fore you e-ven knew you were rain — you had no words for the way that you hold, the

A. Be-fore you e-ven knew you were rain — you had no words for the way that you hold, the

T. Be-fore you e-ven knew you were rain — you had no words for the way you

B. Be-fore you e-ven knew you were rain — you had no words for the way you

Pno. *mf* *mp*

59

S. light _____ like a globe of won - der, a

A. light _____ like a globe of won - der, a lus - cious globe, _____

T. 8 hold the light _____ like a globe, a globe of won - der, a lus - cious globe

B. hold the light _____ like a globe, a globe of won - der, a lus - cious globe

Pno. 59

63

S. lus - cious globe, _____ a globe, _____ U - ne

A. _____ a globe, _____ U - ne

T. 8 _____ a globe, _____ U - ne

B. _____ a globe, _____ U - ne

Pno. 63

rit.

p

p

p

p

rit.

67

S. *mp* *mf*
bul - le ma-gique, u-ne bul-le de mer-veilles, Est sus - pen-due au coeurs de nos dé-sirs, D'un é-clat de

A. *mp* *mf*
bul - le ma-gique, u-ne bul-le de mer-veilles, Est sus - pen-due au coeurs de nos dé-sirs, D'un é-clat de

T. *mp* *mf*
bul - le ma-gique, u-ne bul-le de mer-veilles, Est sus - pen-due au coeurs de nos dé-sirs, D'un é-clat de

B. *mp* *mf*
bul - le ma-gique, u-ne bul-le de mer-veilles, Est sus - pen-due au coeurs de nos dé-sirs, D'un é-clat de

Pno. *mf*

G Maestoso ♩ = 70

72

S. *f*
joie. A globe sus-pend-ed on the branch of your de-sire till sun-shine comes

A. *f*
joie. A globe sus-pend-ed on the branch of your de-sire till sun-shine comes

T. *f*
joie. A globe sus-pend-ed on the branch of your de-sire till sun-shine comes

B. *f*
joie. A globe sus-pend-ed on the branch of your de-sire till sun-shine comes

Pno. *f*

12

76

S. and co-lours break and we all _____ shine, and we all _____

A. and co-lours break and we all shine, and we all

T. and co-lours break and we all _____ shine, and we all _____

B. and co-lours break and we all _____ shine, and we all _____

Pno.

80

S. shine, and we all _____ shine. _____

A. shine, and we all shine. _____

T. shine, and we all shine. _____

B. shine, and we all _____ shine. _____

Pno.

rit. ***ff*** **A tempo** ♩ = 70

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