

Pieces Written in a Time of War

for SATB Chorus (*divisi*) unaccompanied

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2. There Will Come Soft Rain

Slowly, with deep feeling ♩ = 50

Soprano
pp There will come soft rain, *p* soft rain *solo* rain,

Alto
pp There will come soft rain, *p* soft rain

Tenor
p There will come soft rain

Bass
p There will come soft rain

Keyboard (for rehearsal only)
 Slowly, with deep feeling ♩ = 50

6 *pp* *pp* *p*

and the smell of the ground, And swal - lows cir - cling, swal - lows cir - cling,

pp *mf*

and the smell of the ground, - And

pp

and the smell of the ground,

pp

and the smell of the ground,

10 *pp* *mf* *mf*

swal - lows cir - cling, - swal - lows cir - cling;

swal - lows cir - cling with their shim - mer - ing sound;

And frogs in the pool

And frogs in the pool —

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unis. *p*

And wild plum-trees in trem-u-lous white;

p

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p

8 sing-ing at night, And wild plum-trees in trem-u-lous white;

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p

Slightly faster ♩ = 60

16 *f*

Rob-ins will wear their feath-er-y fire, Whis-tling their whims on a

f

Rob-ins will wear their feath-er-y fire, Whis-tling their whims on a

f

8 Rob-ins will wear their feath-er-y fire, Whis-tling their whims on a

f

Rob-ins will wear their feath-er-y fire, Whis-tling their whims on a

Slightly faster ♩ = 60

19 *ff*

low fence-wire. And not one will know of the war,

low fence-wire. And not one will know of the war,

low fence-wire. And not one will know of the

low fence-wire. And not one will know of the

22 (Sop. *ossia 8va*)

not one Will care at last when it is done.

not one Will care at last when it is done.

war, not one will care at last when it is done. *close to "n"*

war, not one will care at last when it is done.

27 *mf* *ff*

Not one would mind, not one would mind, nei - ther bird nor tree, If

mf *ff*

Not one would mind, nei - ther bird nor tree, If

mf *ff*

Not one would mind, nei - ther bird nor tree, If

mf *ff*

Not one would mind, nei - ther bird nor tree, If

31 *mp*

man - kind per - ished ut - ter - ly. And Spring her - self when she

mp

man - kind per - ished ut - ter - ly. And Spring her - self when she

mp

man - kind per - ished ut - ter - ly. And Spring her - self when she

mp

man - kind per - ished ut - ter - ly. And Spring her - self when she

Tempo I ♩ = 50

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woke at dawn, Would scarce-ly know that we were gone. There will come soft

woke at dawn, Would scarce-ly know that we were gone. There will come soft

woke at dawn, Would scarce-ly know that we were gone. —

woke at dawn, Would scarce-ly know that we were gone.

Tempo I ♩ = 50

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rain, soft rain, — soft rain.

rain, soft rain, — soft rain.

There will come soft rain, — soft rain.

There — will come soft — rain, — soft rain.

rain, ^{solo} unis. — *pp*

rain, ^{unis.} *pp*

pp

pp