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A GARDEN OF VERSES

A Cantata based on poems of Robert Lewis Stevenson

By

Alan Stringer

1. Envoy
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5. Where Go the Boats
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8. Requiem

Envoy

Robert Lewis Stevenson

Alan Stringer

$\text{♩} = 116$ ALLEGRO

The musical score consists of five staves. The top four staves represent vocal parts: Soprano (G clef), Alto (C clef), Tenor (C clef), and Bass (F clef). The Bass staff includes a '8' below the staff, indicating an octave lower pitch. The bottom staff represents the Piano, indicated by a brace and a clef change. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). Dynamics are marked with 'f' (fortissimo). The vocal parts sing a repetitive phrase: "Go, lit - tle book, and wish to all". The piano part features sustained notes and eighth-note chords.

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Trumpet in C

Piano

Go, lit - tle book, and wish to all

Go, lit - tle book, and wish to all

Go, lit - tle book, and wish to all

Go, lit - tle book, and wish to all

4

S flowers in the gar - den, food in the hall, a bin of wine, a spice of wit, a

A flowers in the gar - den, food in the hall, a bin of wine, a spice of wit, a

T flowers in the gar - den, food in the hall, a bin of wine, a spice of wit, a

B flowers in the gar - den, food in the hall, a bin of wine, a spice of wit, a

C Tpt.

Pno.

S 

 house with lawns en - clos - ing it, a liv - ing ri - ver by the door, a

A 

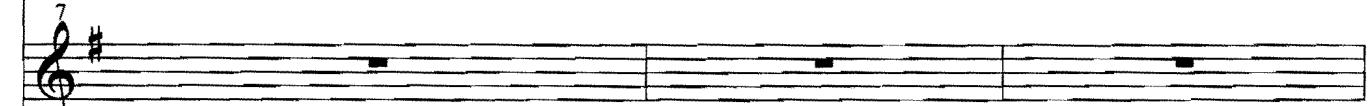
 house with lawns en - clos - ing it, a liv - ing ri - ver by the door, a

T 

 house with lawns en - clos - ing it, a liv - ing ri - ver by the door, a

B 

 house with lawns en - clos - ing it, a liv - ing ri - ver by the door, a

C Tpt. 

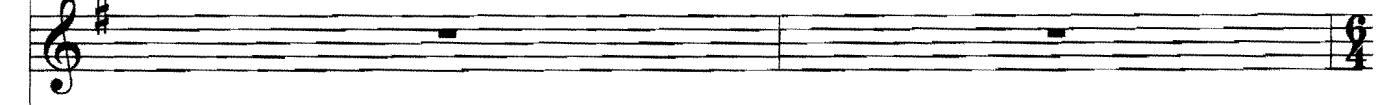
Pno. 

S 

 A 

 T 

 B 

 C Tpt. 

 Pno. 

night - in - gale in the sy - ca - more. **6**
 night - in - gale in the sy - ca - more. **6**
 night - in - gale in the sy - ca - more. **6**
 night - in - gale in the sy - ca - more. **6**
 night - in - gale in the sy - ca - more. **6**
 - - - - - **6**
 - - - - - **6**
 - - - - - **6**

12

S

A

T

B

C Tpt.

Pno.

Go, lit-tle song, and wish to all

Go, lit-tle song and wish to all

12

C

C

C

C

C

C

14

S

A

T

B

C Tpt.

Pno.

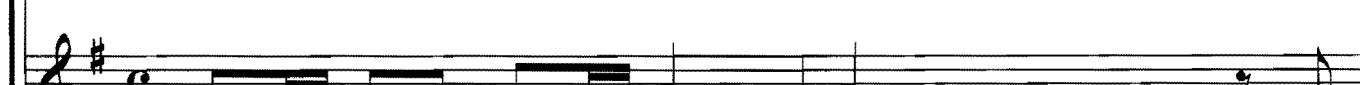
The musical score consists of six staves. The top four staves are for vocal parts: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The vocal parts play sustained notes followed by rests. The fifth staff is for the C Tpt. (C trumpet), which plays eighth-note patterns. The bottom staff is for the Pno. (piano), which plays sixteenth-note patterns. The score is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp. Measure 14 starts with a measure of sustained notes followed by a measure of rests. The vocal parts then continue with sustained notes followed by rests. The C Tpt. and Pno. parts follow with their respective patterns.

S 

 flowers in the gar - den, food in the hall a

A 

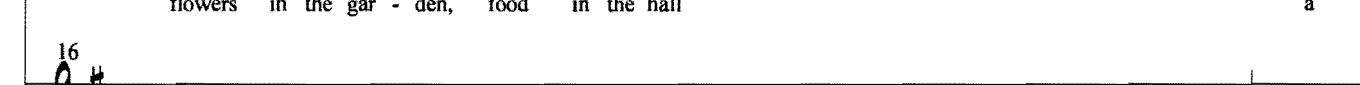
 flowers in the gar - den, food in the hall a

T 

 8 flowers in the gar - den, food in the hall a

B 

 flowers in the gar - den, food in the hall a

C Tpt. 

Pno. 

18

S bin of wine, a spice of wit, a house with lawns en - clos - ing it, a

A bin of wine, a spice of wit, a house with lawns en - clos - ing it, a

T bin of wine, a spice of wit, a house with lawns en - clos - ing it, a

B bin of wine, a spice of wit, a house with lawns en - clos - ing it, a

C Tpt. 18

Pno.

Soprano (S) part: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Measures 20-21. Lyrics: living river by the door, a

Alto (A) part: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Measures 20-21. Lyrics: living river by the door, a

Tenor (T) part: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Measure 8. Lyrics: living river by the door, a

Bass (B) part: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Measures 20-21. Lyrics: living river by the door, a

Clarinet in C (C Tpt.) part: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). Measures 20-21. Notes are eighth notes.

Piano (Pno.) part: Treble and Bass staves. Measures 20-21. Treble staff: eighth-note chords. Bass staff: bass notes and rests.

22

S night - in - gale in the sy - ca - more,

A night - in - gale in the sy - ca - more,

T night - in - gale in the sy - ca - more,

B night - in - gale in the sy - ca - more,

C Tpt.

Pno.

♩ = 72

SLOWER

Attacka

S

pp in the sy - ca - more.

A

pp in the sy - ca - more.

T

pp in the sy - ca - more.

B

pp in the sy - ca - more.

SLOWER

C Tpt.

Pno.

p

Attacka

Bright Is the Ring of Words

Alan Stringer

Robert Lewis Stevenson

Lyrically $\text{♩} = 96$

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

Soprano: Bright is the ring of words when the right man rings them,

Alto: Bright is the ring of words when the right man rings them,

Tenor: Bright is the ring of words when the right man rings them,

Bass: Bright is the ring of words when the right man rings them,

Piano: (For rehearsal only)

Tempo: $\text{♩} = 96$

4

S rings them. Fair the fall of songs when the sing - er sings

A rings them. Fair the fall of songs when the sing - er sings

T rings them. Fair the fall of songs when the sing - er sings

B

Pno.

7

S them, sings them. Still they are car - ollled and said - - - on

A them, sings them. Still they are car - ollled and said - - - on

T them, sings them. Still they are car - ollled and said - - - on

B

Pno.

10

S wings they are car - - - ried af - ter the sing - er is

A wings they are car - - - ried af - ter the sing - er is

T wings they are car - - - ried, are car - ried af - ter the sing - er is

B wings they are car - - - ried af - ter the sing - er is

Pno.

13

S dead and the mak - er bur - ied. **2** **c**

A dead and the mak - er bur - ied. **2** **c**

T dead and the mak - er bur - ied, and the mak - er bur - ied. **2** **c**

B dead and the mak - er bur - ied. **2** **c**

Pno.

17

S Low as the sing - er lies in the field of heath - - - er,

A Low as the sing - er lies in the field of heath - - - er,

T 8 Low as the sing - er lies in the field of heath - - - er, the field of

B 17 Low as the sing - er lies in the field of heath - - - er.

Pno.

20

S heath - er. Songs of his fash - ion bring the swains to - geth -

A heath - er. Songs of his fash - ion bring the swains to - geth -

T 8 heath - er. Songs of his fash - ion bring the swains to - geth -

B 20 Songs of his fash - ion bring the swains to - geth -

Pno.

23

S er, to - geth - er, and when the west is red with the

A er, to - geth - er, and when the west is red with the

T 8 er, the swains to - geth - er, and when the west is red and the

B

Pno.

26

S sun - set em - - - bers, the lov - er lin - gers and

A sun - set em - - - bers, the lov - er lin - gers and

T 8 sun - set, - with the sun - set em - - bers, the lov - er lin - gers and

B

Pno.

30

S sings and the maid re - mem - bers.

A sings and the maid re - mem - bers.

T 8 sings and the maid re - mem - bers, re - mem - bers.

B 30 sings and the maid re - mem - bers, re - mem - bers.

Pno. {

When aince Aprile has fairly come

Alan Stringer

J = 144 Vigorous Non legato, detached

Soprano *f* 1. When
Baritone *f* 2. The
Snare Drum 3. An'
4. An'

3

since A - priele has fair - ly come,
heart plays dunt wi' main an' micht;
An' birds may bigg in win - ter's lum,
The las - es' een are a' sae bricht,
aye as love frae land to land
I, wha sand o' rain an' snaw,
Tirls the drum wi ei - dent hand,
An' wea - ry win - ter weel a - wa',
3

S.Dr.

dunt= ablow; hurdies= hips; denty= dainty; ram-stam= head-strong; braw= fine

6

S An' plei - sure's spreid for a' and some
Their dres - ses are sae braw an' ticht,

Brtn. A' men col - lect at her com - mand,
Noo busk me in a jac - ket braw,

S.Dr.

9

S O' what - na state, Love, wi' her - auld re - crui - tin' drum,
The bon - ny bird - ies! - Puir win - ter vir - tue at the sicht

Brtn. Toun - bred or land' art, An' fol - low in a den - ty band
An' tak my place l' the ram-stam, har - um - scar - um raw,

S.Dr.

12

S Than takts the gate.
Gangsheels ower hur-dies.

Brtn. Her gau - cy stan-dart.
Wi' smil - li' face.

S.Dr.

The Dumb Soldier

Robert Lewis Stevenson

Alan Stringer

Trumpet in C MUTED TRUMPET

Baritone

C Tpt.

Brtn.

C Tpt.

Brtn.

C Tpt.

Brtn.

2nd Trumpet:

C Tpt.

Brtn.

C Tpt.

Brtn.

When the
grass was close - ly mown,
Walk-ing on the lawn a - lone,
In the
turf a hole I found
And hid a sol - dier
un - der - ground.
Spring and dai - sies - - - came a - pace;

63

p

3

3

4

3

3

4

3

3

6

3

3

6

3

3

8

2nd Trumpet:

3

3

10

3

10

3

C Tpt. 11

 Brtn. 11
 Gras - ses hid my hid - ing place; Gras - ses run like a

C Tpt. 13

 Brtn. 13 1st trumpet
 green sea O'er the lawn up to my knee. 2nd trumpet:
 Slightly faster

C Tpt. 16

 Brtn. 16 Un - der grass a - lone he lies, Look - ing

C Tpt. 19

 Brtn. 19 up with lead - en eyes, scar - let coat and point - ed gun To the

C Tpt. 23

 Brtn. 23 stars and to the sun. When the grass is ripe like grain

C Tpt. 26

 Brtn. 26

 When the scythe is stoned a - gain, When the

C Tpt. 29 One trumpet

 Brtn. 29

 lawn is shav - en clear, Then my hole shall re - ap - pear.

Both trumpets:
 C Tpt. 32

 Brtn. 32

 I shall find him, nev - er fear, I shall find my gren - a -

C Tpt. 35

 Brtn. 35

 dier; But, for all that's gone and come, I shall find my

C Tpt. 39

 Brtn. 39

 sold - ier dumb. He has

42 *Softer*

C Tpt.

Brtn.

lived, a lit - tle thing, In the grass - sy woods of

3

C Tpt.

45

Brtn.

spring; Done, if he could tell me true,

48

C Tpt.

48

Brtn.

Just as I should like to do.

Flexibly
Slower $\text{♩} = 58$

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

For rehearsal only

4

S A T B Pno.

spring - ing of the flow - ers And the fair - y things that

spring - ing of the flow - ers And the fair - y things that

spring - ing of the flow - ers And the fair - y things that

spring - ing of the flow - ers And the fair - y things that

spring - ing of the flow - ers And the fair - y things that

spring - ing of the flow - ers And the fair - y things that

7

S A T B Pno.

pass in the for - ests of the grass. *pp* In the si - lence he has heard

pass in the for - ests of the grass. *pp* In the si - lence he has heard

pass in the for - ests of the grass. *pp* In the si - lence he has heard

pass in the for - ests of the grass. *pp* In the si - lence he has heard

pass in the for - ests of the grass. *pp* In the si - lence he has heard

pass in the for - ests of the grass. *pp*

11

S talk - ing bee and la - dy bird, And the but - ter - fly has flown

A talk - ing bee and la - dy bird, And the but - ter - fly has flown

T talk - ing bee and la - dy bird, And the but - ter - fly has flown

B talk - ing bee and la - dy bird, And the but - ter - fly has flown

Pno.

14

S o'er him as he lay a - lone.

A o'er him as he lay a - lone.

T 8 o'er him as he lay a - lone.

B o'er him as he lay a - lone.

Pno.

Tempo I

Muted Trumpet

Trumpet in C

Baritone

C Tpt.

Brtn.

Not a word will he dis - close, Not a

word of all he knows. I must lay him on the

C Tpt.

Brtn.

shelf, and make up the tale my - self.

Where Go the Boats?

Robert Lewis Stevenson

Alan Stringer

$\text{♩} = 80$

Flowing smoothly

The musical score consists of five staves. The top four staves represent vocal parts: Soprano (G clef), Alto (G clef), Tenor (G clef), and Bass (F clef). The bottom staff represents the Piano (G clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The tempo is indicated as $\text{♩} = 80$. The instruction "Flowing smoothly" is placed above the vocal staves. The piano part features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes grouped by vertical bar lines, with each group containing three notes. The bass staff has a "8" written below it. The piano staff has a brace grouping the two staves. The piano part ends with a dynamic marking "P" and a repeat sign with a dashed line. The vocal parts also end with a repeat sign with a dashed line.

Soprano (S): Dark brown is the river,
Alto (A): Green leaves a float ing,

Tenor (T):

Bass (B):

Piano (Pno.): The piano part features a steady eighth-note bass line and sixteenth-note chords in the treble clef staff.

S

A

T

B

Gold - en - is the sand,
Cast - les of the foam,

It

Musical score for piano, page 10, measures 5-6. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the treble clef (G-clef) and the bottom staff is for the bass clef (F-clef). Measure 5 starts with a half note on the G-clef staff. Measure 6 begins with a whole note on the F-clef staff. Both staves feature eighth-note patterns with a '3' above them, indicating a triplet. Measure 6 concludes with a repeat sign.

Soprano (S) vocal line.

Alto (A) vocal line.

Tenor (T) vocal line.

Bass (B) vocal line.

Piano (Pno.) accompaniment.

The lyrics are:

flows a - long for ev - er,
Boats of mine a - boat - ing - - - - -
With

Accompaniment markings: Measures 1-2 show eighth-note chords. Measures 3-4 show sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 5 shows a bass note followed by eighth-note chords. Measure 6 shows a bass note followed by sixteenth-note patterns.

11 Tutti

S On goes the ri - ver Out past the

A On goes the ri - ver Out past the

T 8 Out past the

B

Pno.

S mill,

A mill,

T 8 A - way down the val - ley,

B

S

A

T 8 mill,

B

T 8 A - way down the val - ley,

B

Pno.

S

A

T 8

B

Pno.

19

S A - way down the ri - ver,

A A - way down the ri - ver,

T A - way down the ri - ver,

B A - way down the ri - ver,

Pno.

19

A - way 3 down the ri - ver, 3 3 3

21

S A T B

A hun - dred miles or more,

21

Pno.

3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3

23

S A

T B

p

Oth - er lit - tle child - ren

B

p

Oth - er lit - tle child - ren

Pno.

p

3 3 3

3 3 3

3 3 3

3 3 3

26 Slower

S Shall bring my boat to shore.

A Shall bring my boat to shore.

T 8 Shall bring my boat to shore.

B Shall bring my boat to shore.

Pno. 26 Slower Shall bring my boat to shore.

Pno. 28 rit. 3 3 pp

The Land of Nod

Alan Stringer

Slowly and flexibly

Mezzo-Soprano

Piano

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the Mezzo-Soprano, starting in common time with a treble clef. It begins with a rest followed by a dynamic **p**. The lyrics "From break - fast on through all the day at" are written below the staff. The bottom staff is for the Piano, also in common time. It starts with a dynamic **p**, followed by a series of eighth-note chords. The key signature changes from C major to G major (two sharps) and then to E major (one sharp). The lyrics "home a - mong my friends I stay; but ev - ery night I go a - broad a -" are written below the piano staff. Measure numbers 3 and 4 are indicated above the staves.

Mez.

Pno.

Mez. 5

far in - to the Land of Nod. All by my-self I have to go, with none to tell me what to do.

Pno.

The piano part consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and has a key signature of three sharps. The bottom staff uses a bass clef. Measure 5 starts with a forte dynamic. Measure 6 begins with a change in key signature to one sharp, indicated by a sharp sign over the staff.

Mez. 8

All a - lone be - side the streams and up the moun - tain - sides of dreams. The

Pno.

The piano part consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and has a key signature of one sharp. The bottom staff uses a bass clef. Measure 8 starts with a forte dynamic. Measure 9 begins with a change in key signature to one flat, indicated by a flat sign over the staff.

Mez. 10

strang - est things are there for me, both - things to eat and things to see, and

Pno.

The piano part consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and has a key signature of one flat. The bottom staff uses a bass clef. Measure 10 starts with a forte dynamic. Measure 11 begins with a change in key signature to one flat, indicated by a flat sign over the staff.

Mez.

man - y frighten - ing sights a - broad till morn - ing in the Land of Nod. Try

Pno.

Mez.

as I like to find the way, I nev - er can get back by day, Nor can re - mem - ber plain and clear the

Pno.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the Mezzo-Soprano (Mez.), starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The lyrics "as I like to find the way, I nev - er can get back by day, Nor can re - mem - ber plain and clear the" are written below the notes. The bottom staff is for the Piano (Pno.), indicated by a bass clef and a common time signature. The piano part features sustained notes and occasional eighth-note chords. A brace groups the two staves together.

Mez.

17

cur - ious mus - ic that I hear.

Pno.

17

From a Railway Carriage

Robert Lewis Stevenson

Alan Stringer

Note: Divide the chorus randomly into 2, 3 and 4 groups; and use these groups in the 2, 3 and 4-part canons.

Trumpet interludes should overlap voices in verses 2 and 3, but allow voices to finish before the last interlude.

Allegro molto The piano should play an octave tremolo on the D's below middle C throughout, except for final rest.

Dotted quarter = 126

Trumpet in C

detached
f

2 Voices:

C Tpt.

f

Fast - er than fair - ies,
fast - er than wit - ches,

3 C Tpt.

Brid - ges and hous - es, hed - ges and dit - ches; And char - ging a - long like troops in a bat - tle,

5 C Tpt.

Trumpets:

All through the mea - dows the hors - es and cat - tle:

7 C Tpt.

Voices:
A B

All of the sights of the hills and the plain

9 C Tpt.

Fly as thick as driv - ing rain; And ev - er a - gain, in the wink of an eye,

11 C Tpt.

Repeat as a two-part canon.

Trumpets:

Paint - ed stat - ions whist - le by.

13

C Tpt.

15 Voices:

C Tpt.

A B C

Here is a child who clamb - ers and scram - bles,

16

C Tpt.

All by him - self and gath - er - ing bram - bles; Here is a tramp who stands and ga - zes; and

18 Repeat as a three-part canon. Trumpets:

C Tpt.

here is the green for string - ing the dai - ses!

20

C Tpt.

22 Voices:

C Tpt.

A B C D

Here is a car run a - way in the road Lump - ing a - long with a man and a load; And

24 Repeat as a four-part canon.

C Tpt.

here is a mill and there is a ri - ver: Each a glimpse and gone for - ev - er!

26 Trumpets:

C Tpt.

Requiem

Robert Lewis Stevenson

Alan Stringer

$\text{♩} = 84$

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Trumpet in C

Trumpet with mute

mp

Piano

The musical score is composed of six staves. The top four staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) each begin with a single note (C) on the first line of their respective staves. The fifth staff (Trumpet in C) begins with a note on the first line, followed by a sixteenth-note pattern consisting of six notes. The sixth staff (Piano) is empty. A brace groups the Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass staves. A tempo marking of $\text{♩} = 84$ is positioned above the first staff. A dynamic marking *mp* is placed below the trumpet's sixteenth-note pattern.

4

S

A

T

B

C Tpt.

Pno.

For rehearsal only

mf

mf

mf

mf

7

S

Un - der the wide
This be the verse

A

Un - der the wide
This be the verse

T

8 Un - der the wide
This be the verse

B

Un - der the wide
This be the verse

C Tpt.

7

Pno.

10

S

A

T

B

C Tpt.

Pno.

Dig the grave
Here he lies
and where he
Dig the grave
Here he lies
and where he
Dig the grave
Here he lies
and where he
Dig the grave
Here he lies
and where he
10

Dig the grave
Here he lies
and where he

13

S let me lie. Glad did I live
longed to be; Home is the sail - or,
3

A let me lie. Glad did I live
longed to be; Home is the sail - or,

T 8 let me lie. Glad did I live
longed to be; Home is the sail - or,
3

B let me lie. Glad did I live
longed to be; Home is the sail - or,

C Tpt. 13

Pno.

let me lie. Glad did I live
longed to be; Home is the sail - or,
3

let me lie. Glad did I live
longed to be; Home is the sail - or,
3

Soprano (S) part:

16
 and glad - ly die,
 home from the sea,
 And I
 And the

Alto (A) part:

and glad - ly die,
 home from the sea,
 And I
 And the

Tenor (T) part:

8 and glad - ly die,
 home from the sea,
 And I
 And the

Bass (B) part:

and glad - ly die,
 home from the sea,
 And I
 And the

C. Tpt. (C Trumpet) part:

16 (Measures 1-2)
 (Measures 3-4)

Pno. (Piano) part:

16 (Measures 1-2)
 8 (Measure 3)
 (Measure 4)

S 1st
 A 1st
 T 1st
 B 1st
 C Tpt. 1st
 Pno.

19 1

laid me down with a will.
 laid me down with a will.
 8 laid me down with a will.
 laid me down with a will.
 19 1st 1st

22

Soprano (S) part:

Above the staff, the vocal line starts with a grace note followed by a sustained note. After a fermata, it continues with eighth-note patterns: "hunt - er home" (two eighth notes), "from" (one eighth note), and a sustained note.

Alto (A) part:

Above the staff, the vocal line starts with a grace note followed by a sustained note. After a fermata, it continues with eighth-note patterns: "hunt - er home" (two eighth notes), "from" (one eighth note), and a sustained note.

Tenor (T) part:

Above the staff, the vocal line starts with a grace note followed by a sustained note. After a fermata, it continues with eighth-note patterns: "hunt - er home" (two eighth notes), "from" (one eighth note), and a sustained note.

Bass (B) part:

Above the staff, the vocal line starts with a grace note followed by a sustained note. After a fermata, it continues with eighth-note patterns: "hunt - er home" (two eighth notes), "from" (one eighth note), and a sustained note.

C. Tpt. (C Trumpet) part:

Above the staff, the vocal line starts with a grace note followed by a sustained note. After a fermata, it continues with eighth-note patterns: "hunt - er home" (two eighth notes), "from" (one eighth note), and a sustained note.

Piano (Pno.) part:

The piano part consists of two staves. The upper staff shows a harmonic progression: a sustained note, followed by a chord (two notes), a sustained note, and a sustained note. The lower staff shows a harmonic progression: a sustained note, followed by a chord (two notes), a sustained note, and a sustained note.

Text lyrics:

hunt - er home from

2nd

2nd

2nd

2nd

22

2nd

2nd

2nd

22

2nd

2nd

25

S the hill.

A the hill.

T the hill.

B the hill.

C Tpt. the hill.

Pno. {

When the entire cantata is performed, this Coda should replace the last measure of "Requiem."

If "Requiem" is performed by itself, then the Coda should be omitted.

Coda (optional) replaces the last measure of the previous page

Musical score for the Coda section, featuring six staves: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, Trumpet in C 1, and Trumpet in C 2, followed by a piano reduction. The score is in common time, key signature of one flat (B-flat). The vocal parts sing a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The trumpets play eighth-note patterns. The piano part shows bass and treble clef staves with various chords and rests.

Soprano: Ah - - - - - - - -

Alto: Bright is the ring of words. Ah - Bright is the ring of

Tenor: Ah, Bright is the ring of words.

Bass: Ah,

Trumpet in C 1:

Trumpet in C 2:

Piano:

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S Bright is the ring of words. rit. Ah!

A words. Bright is the ring of words. rit. Ah!

T Ah, Bright is the ring of words. rit. Ah!

B Bright is the ring of words. rit. Ah!

C Tpt. 1 rit.

C Tpt. 2 rit.

Pno. rit.