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Louis MacNeice

# The Sunlight on the Garden

Alan Stringer  
ASCAP

Soprano  
& Alto  
Tenor &  
Baritone

*mp* The sun - light on the gar - den -  
Our free - dom as free lan - ces Ad -  
The sky is good for fly - ing De -  
And not ex - pect - ing par - don

S  
/A  
T/  
Brtn.

Har dens and grows cold. We can - not cage the - min - ute With -  
van ces towards its end; The earth com - pels, up - on it Son - nets  
fy - ing the - church - bells - And - ev - ery ev - il - i - ron Sir - en -  
Har dened in - heart - a - - new, - But - glad to have sat - un - - der Thun - der

S  
/A  
T/  
Brtn.

in its nets of gold, When all is told, When  
and birds des - cend; And soon, my friend, And  
and what it tells: The earth com - pels, The  
and rain with you, And grate - ful too, And

7 *p* Coda *pp*

S /A

T/ Brtn.

all is told We can - not beg for par - don.  
soon, my friend, We shall have no time for dan - ces.  
earth com - pels, We are dy - ing, E - gypt, dy - ing.  
grate - ful too For sun - light on the gar - den, gar - den, gar - den,

10 *ppp*

S /A

T/ Brtn.

gar - - - den.

John Berryman

# A Thanksgiving

Alan Stringer  
ASCAP

$\text{♩} = 60$

Soprano  
and Alto

*f*

For that free Grace bring - ing us past great risks &

Tenor and  
Baritone

3

S

thro' great griefs sur - viv - ing to this feast so - ber and still, with child - ren un - born and

3

Brtn.

3

3

S

born, a - mong brave friends, Lord, we stand a - gain in

Brtn.

8

S

debt and find our - selves in the glad po - si - tion: Grat - i - tude, Grat - i - tude,

Brtn.

10

S

Grat - i - tude, Grat - i - tude. We praise our an - ces - tors who de -

Brtn.

*p*

12

S

li - vered us here with - in warm walls all safe, a - ware of mus - ic, like - ly toward am - ple

Brtn.

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

15

S

& - at - trac - tive meat with what - ev - er ac - com - pan - i - ment Kate in her kind

Brtn.

*f*

*f*

18

S in - gen - u - i - ty has seen fit to de -

Brtn.

20

S vise, and we hope, a - cross the most strange year to come, con -

Brtn.

22

S tin - ual - ly to do them and You not suf - fi - cient hon - our but such as we be - come ab -

Brtn.

3

25

S le to de - vise out of de - cent or joy - ful con - science & thanks -

Brtn.

3

28 Shouted:

S

giv - ing. Yeppee! Bless then, as Thou wilt, this wil - der - ness board.

Brtn.