

poem by
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Valediction

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for SATB choir a cappella

$\bullet = 60$ Sadly resolved

p stagger breathe

mp

Nur -

p Nur-sing, -

p nur - sing, -

p nur - sing, -

Nur - sing, - nur -

9 *p* *mp* *p* *rit. to* $\bullet = 48$ **A** $\bullet = 60$ Gently rocking *p*

sing, nur sing, - nur - sing, - nur - sing, nur -

Nur - sing, nur - sing, - nur -

nur - sing, nur - sing, nur - sing,

sing, nur - sing, -

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sing the an - cient, an - cient - ache, -

sing the an - cient, an - cient - ache, -

nur - sing, nur - sing, nur - sing, -

- nur - sing, - nur - sing, - nur - sing, -

21 **B**

S the ache of hu - man, of hu - man, -

A the ache of hu - man, of hu - man, - hu -

T the an - cient ache, the ache of

B the an - cient, an - cient ache, _____

rit. to ----- $\bullet = 48$ **27** **C** $\bullet = 60$ *Moving forward*

S hu - man sor - row I en - ter, I en - ter, I en - ter the gar -

A man sor - row I en - ter, I en - ter the gar -

T hu - man sor - row I en - ter, I en - ter the gar - den

B ache of hu - man sor - row I en - ter the gar - den

33 **D** $\bullet = 60$ *Reflecting in regret*

S den at twi - light.

A den at twi - light.

T at twi - light. But tu - lips, but tu - lips are

B at twi - light. But tu - lips, tu - lips are

40 *mp*

S Red, red, red ro - ses have dis-ap-peared, have

A *mp* Red, red ro - ses have dis-ap-peared, have dis-ap-peared,

T *mp* *pp* stagger breathe *mp* *mp* closed a - gainst me have dis-ap-peared,

B *mp* *pp* stagger breathe *mp* *mp* closed a - gainst me have dis-ap-peared,

46 **E** *mf*

S dis-ap-peared in - to the sha-dows, in - to the sha-dows, the sha-dows, the

A have dis-ap-peared in - to the sha-dows, in - to the

T have dis-ap-peared

B have dis-ap-peared

52 **F** *p* *stagger breathe*

S sha - dows, sha - dows of

A *p* *stagger breathe* sha - dows, sha - dows of

T *p* sha - dows of

B *p* in - to the sha - dows of

61 **G**

pp *p* *mp* *p*

S *doubt.* I en - ter the gar - den (n)

A *doubt.* But tu - lips are

T *doubt.* *p* *p* Twi - light.

B *doubt.* *p* *p* Twi - light.

66 **H**

p *mp* *pp* *p*

S Red ro - ses have dis - ap - peared, On

A *mp* *p* *p* *mp* *pp* closed. Red ro - ses have dis - ap - peared,

T *pp* Sor - row.

B *pp* Sor - row.

rit. to $\bullet = 48$ $\bullet = 60$ Caressing

72 **J**

S ly the arms of the birch tree, on - ly the arms

A *div.* *p* reach out,

T *p* reach out,

B *p* On ly the arms of the birch tree,

On ly the arms of the