

Said a Blade of Grass

for SATB Chorus

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A

Slowly, flexibly (♩ = ca. 72) **Briskly, in strict time** (♩ = ca. 104)

mp legato, *poco vib.* *mp* *poco* *mf* very well articulated

Soprano
Said a blade of grass to an au - tumn leaf, "You_ make such a noise_

Alto
Said a blade of grass to an au - tumn leaf, "You_ make such a noise_

Tenor
Said a blade of grass to an au - tumn leaf, "You_ make_

Bass
Said a blade of grass to an au - tumn leaf, "You_ make_

Piano (for rehearsal only)

Slowly, flexibly (♩ = ca. 72) **Briskly, in strict time** (♩ = ca. 104)

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(mf) *f* *mf* *mp*

fall - ing!_ You scat - ter all my win - ter dreams. You scat - ter my_ win - ter dreams,

(mf) *f* *mf* *mp*

fall - ing! You scat - ter all my win - ter dreams. You scat - ter my_ win -

(mf) *f* *mf* *mp*

8 such a noise_ fall - ing!_ You scat - ter all my win - ter dreams._ You scat - ter my_

(mf) *f* *mf* *mp*

such a noise_ fall - ing! You scat - ter all my win - ter dreams._ You scat - ter my_

B**Tempo I** (♩ = ca. 72)*p authoritative*

13 *p* my win - ter dreams." Said the leaf in - dig - nant, *mf*

ter dreams, my win - ter dreams." Said the leaf in - dig - nant, *mf*

8 win - ter dreams, my win - ter dreams." leaf in - dig - nant, *mf*

win - ter dreams, my win - ter dreams." leaf in - dig - nant, *mf*

Tempo I (♩ = ca. 72)

C**Briskly** (♩ = ca. 104)*(f) marcato, strident (not nasal yet)*

19 *mp* said the leaf in - dig - nant, "Low - born and low - dwell-ing! Song - less, *f sfz*

mp said the leaf in - dig - nant, "Low - born and low - dwell-ing! Song - *f sfz (f) marcato, strident, nasal*

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mp said the leaf in - dig - nant, "Low - born and low - dwell-ing! Song - less, *f sfz (f) marcato, strident (not nasal yet)*

Briskly (♩ = ca. 104)

25 *nasal* (*f*) *mf* *f* smear gliss.

pee - vish thing!_ You live not in the up-per air_ and you can-not tell_ the sound

- less pee - vish thing!_ You live not in the up - per air and you can - not tell

8 - less pee - vish thing!_ You live not in the up-per air_ and you can - not tell

pee - vish thing!_ You live not in the up - per air and you can-not tell_ the sound

pee - vish thing!_ You live not in the up - per air and you can-not tell_ the sound

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Tempo I (♩ = ca. 72)

30 *mp* *f sub.*

of sing - ing, you can-not tell_ the sound of sing - ing." Then_ the

the sound of sing-ing." you can-not tell_ the sound of sing- ing." Then the

8 the sound of sing - ing." you can-not tell_ the sound of sing- ing." Then the

of sing-ing, you can-not tell_ the sound of sing - ing." Then_ the

mp *f sub.*

of sing-ing, you can-not tell_ the sound of sing - ing." Then_ the

Tempo I (♩ = ca. 72)

36 *p dolce* rit. . . . *pp* A tempo (♩ = ca. 72) (*pp*)

au - tumn leaf lay down, lay down up - on the earth and slept. mm

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rit. . . . A tempo (♩ = ca. 72)

44 **E** *pp* with joy

mm and

mm

p *mp* *mf* *f* *pp sub. with joy*

mm And when spring came she waked a - gain, and

p *mp* *mf* *f* *pp sub. with joy*

mm And when spring came she waked a - gain, and

rit. molto

A tempo (♩ = ca. 72)

mp legato, *poco vib.*

51 *mp* *mf* *f* *mp* *legato, poco vib.* *poco* *(mp)*

she was a blade of grass. And when it was au - tumn_ and her

mp with joy *mf* *f* *mp* *legato, poco vib.* *poco* *(mp)*

and_ she was a blade of grass. And when it was au - tumn_ and her

mp *mf* *f* *mp* *legato, poco vib.* *poco* *(mp)*

8 she_ was a blade_ of grass. And when it was au - tumn_ and her

mp *mf* *f* *mp* *legato, poco vib.* *poco* *(mp)*

she_ was a blade of grass. And when it was au - tumn_ and her

rit. molto

A tempo (♩ = ca. 72)

57 *poco* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

win-ter sleep was up - on her, and a - bove her through all_ the air the leaves were fall - ing,

poco *p* *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

win-ter sleep was up - on her, and a - bove her through all_ the air the leaves were fall - ing,

poco *p* *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

8 win-ter sleep was up - on her, and a - bove her through all_ the air the leaves were fall - ing,

poco *p* *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

win-ter sleep was up - on her, and a - bove her through all_ the air the leaves were fall - ing,

Very slow and sustained (♩ = ca. 44; ♪ = ca. 132)

63 *pp* *mp* *legatissimo, floating, Brahmsian*

she mut-tered to her-self, "O these au-tumnleaves! They make such noise!

mp *legatissimo, floating, Brahmsian*

"O these au-tumnleaves! They make such noise!

pp *mp* *legatissimo, floating, Brahmsian*

she mut-tered to her-self, "O these au-tumnleaves!

mp *legatissimo, floating, Brahmsian*

"O these au-tumnleaves!

Very slow and sustained (♩ = ca. 44; ♪ = ca. 132)

69 *poco* *(mp)* *poco*

— They scat-ter all — my win-ter dreams. They scat-ter my

— They scat-ter all — my win-ter dreams. They scat-ter my

They make such noise! They scat-ter all — my win-ter dreams.

They make such noise! They scat-ter all — my win-ter dreams.

H

p dolce

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win - ter dreams, scat - ter my win - ter dreams, mm

win - ter dreams, scat - ter my win - ter dreams, scat - ter my win - ter dreams, mm

(mp) They scat - ter my win - ter dreams, scat - ter my win - ter dreams, mm *poco* *p dolce*

(mp) They scat - ter my win - ter dreams, scat - ter my win - ter dreams, mm *p dolce*

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mf win - ter dreams, mm *p* my win - ter *rit.* *mp*

mf mm my dreams, mm *p* *mp*

mf mm They scat - ter my dreams, my *p* *mp*

mf my dreams, mm *p* *mp*

rit.

(rit.) Tempo I (♩ = ca. 72) rit.

83 *pp* *p legato, poco vib.* *pp* *ppp*

dreams, _____ my win-ter dreams. _____ mm _____

pp *p legato, poco vib.* *pp* *ppp*

_____ my dreams, _____ my win-ter dreams. _____ mm _____

pp *p legato, poco vib.* *pp* *ppp*

dreams, _____ my win-ter dreams. _____ mm _____

pp *p legato, poco vib.* *pp* *ppp*

my dreams, _____ my win-ter dreams. _____ mm _____

(rit.) Tempo I (♩ = ca. 72) rit.