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Songs for Women's Voices

5. In Autumn

for Soprano and Alto soli, SSA Chorus and Piano

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Slowly, freely

Piano *p*

And. (hold until m. 25)

2 (Slowly) $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 60$
(Solo) *p*

S I will lie down in au-tumn let birds be fly - ing —

(Slowly) $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 60$

6 (Solo)

S Swept in a hol - low by the wind I'll wait for

(Solo)

A Swept in a hol - low by the wind I'll wait for

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices, with piano accompaniment. It begins with a piano introduction in 3/4 time, marked 'Slowly, freely' and 'Piano' (p). The piano part features a waltz-like melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The vocal parts enter at measure 2 with the lyrics 'I will lie down in au-tumn let birds be fly - ing —'. The tempo is marked '(Slowly) ♩ = ca. 60'. The score continues with two stanzas of lyrics, each featuring a solo line for Soprano and Alto. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support throughout. The score concludes with a final cadence in the piano part.

* Changes in the 2005 edition are in brackets [] throughout.

Note: This song may be performed with *Tutti* or *Soli* in alternation—at the discretion of the conductor.

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10 *(Solo)* *poco accel.*

dy - ing I will lie in - ert un - seen my

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poco accel.

14 *(Solo)* *mp* [Slightly faster, $\text{♩} = 66$]

hair same - col - ored with grass and leaves I will lie down I will lie

hair same - col - ored with grass and leaves I will lie

[Slightly faster, $\text{♩} = 66$]

mp

17 *(Solo)*

down I will lie down in au - tumn let birds be

down I will lie down I will lie down in au - tumn let birds be

21 *gradual accel.*
(Solo)
fly
(Solo)
fly
gradual accel.
p

24 (Solo) *mf* Quickly, with excitement $\text{♩} = 76$
ing
(Solo) *mf*
ing
Quickly, with excitement $\text{♩} = 76$
mf *mf*
* *Red.* *
* *Red.* *

27 *Tutti mf*
Gath - er me
p
* *Red.* * *Red.* * *Red. (hold until m. 33)*

43 Slightly slower [♩ = 66]

let birds be fly

let birds be fly

Slightly slower [♩ = 66]

mf

*

46

ing

mf

8va

*

49 [♩ = ♩] [♩. = 44] *mp*

Trail o - ver me

[♩ = ♩] [♩. = 44]

p

*

52

cloud and shadow let

p

o-ver me cloud and

* *fz.* *

55

snow hide the whiteness of my bones

mp

shadow my bones

* *fz.* *

58

gradual accel.

gradual accel.

* *fz.* * *fz.* *

73

ing
ing
ing

ad lib. * *ad lib.* *

76

Slowly [♩ = 60]

p

I will lie down I will lie

p

I will lie

Slowly [♩ = 60]

(p)

ad lib.

84 *p* *p* *p* ing

87 *molto rit.* *pp*

87 *molto rit.* *8va* *pp* *l.v.*