

A Timbered Choir

*Poem by
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Largo e sostenuto $\text{♩} = 48$ *p*

S
C
H
O
I
R
I
T
B

Slow - ly, slow - ly they re -
Slow - ly, slow - ly they re - turn
Slow - ly, slow - ly they re - turn
Slow - ly, slow - ly they re - turn

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S
C
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Slow - ly, slow - ly they re - turn,
Slow - ly, slow - ly they re - turn
Slow - ly, slow - ly they re - turn
Slow - ly, slow - ly they re - turn

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S
turn, they re - turn To the small wood - land let a - lone: *ff*

A
To the small, the small wood - land let a - lone: *ff*

T
To the small, the small wood - land let a - lone: *ff*

B
To the small, the small wood - land let a - lone: *ff*

8

S
slow - ly, To the small wood - land let a - lone: *ff*

A
slow - ly, To the small wood - land let a - lone: *ff*

T
slow - ly, To the small wood - land let a - lone: *ff*

B
slow - ly, To the small wood - land let a - lone: *ff*

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Piano accompaniment

19 *div. f* **Largo**

S
T
U
A
T
T
I
B

Great trees, — out-spread-ing and up - right, Ap - os - tles of the liv - ing

Great trees, — out-spread-ing and up - right, Ap - os - tles of the liv - ing

Great trees, — out-spread-ing and up - right, Ap - os - tles of the liv - ing

Great trees, out-spread-ing and up - right, Ap - os - tles of the liv - ing

un. f *meno f* *espress.*

f *meno f* *f*

div. f *un. f* *meno f* *div. un. f*

19 **Largo**

25

S
A
T
B

light. Tier af - ter tier a tim-bered choir, —

light. Tier af - ter tier a tim-bered choir, —

light. Pa - tient as stars, they build in air a tim-bered choir,

light. Pa - tient as stars, they build in air a tim - bered choir,

p *div. div. a 3*

p *div.*

p *3* *div.*

p *3* *div.*

25

allarg. molto

Largo*rall.*

31 *f* *unis.* *mp*

S Stout beams_ up-hold-ing weight - less grace Of song, a bles - sing on this place. They

A *unis. f* *mp*

A Stout beams_ up-hold-ing weight - less grace Of song, a bles-sing on this place. —

T *unis. f* *mp*

T Stout beams_ up-hold-ing weight - less grace Of song, a bles-sing on this place. —

B *f* *unis.* *p* *div.* *unis.*

B Stout beams, — weight - less grace_ Of song, a bles-sing on this place. They

Largo*rall.*

31 *f*

Poco più mosso

38 *p* *mp*

S stand in wait-ing, Up - ris - ings of their

A *mp*

A They stand in wait - ing all a - round, Up - ris - ings of their na - tiveground,

T *mp*

T They stand in wait-ing, in wait - ing all a - round,

B stand,

Poco più mosso

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54 *ritard.* *a tempo*

S life's a ben - e - fac - tion made, O - ver the

A life's a ben - e - fac - tion made, *p* And is a ben - e - dic - tion said O - ver the

T — a ben - e - fac - tion made, *p* And is a ben - e - dic - tion said O - ver the

B life's a ben - e - fac - tion made, *div.* *p* And is a ben - e - dic - tion said O - ver the

54 *ritard.* *a tempo*

59 *ritard.* *div.* *pp* **Largamente** *unis.*

S liv - ing and the dead. O light come down to earth,

A liv - ing and the dead. *div.* *pp* *unis.* O light come down to earth, be

T liv - ing and the dead. *port.* *pp* *unis.* O light come down to earth,

B *unis.* *div.* *pp* *unis.* liv - ing and the dead. O light come down to earth, O

59 *ritard.* **Largamente**

Adagio sostenuto $\text{♩} = 52$

64 *p*

S In fall their bright-ened leaves, re - leased, Fly down the wind, and we are pleased To

A praised! In fall their bright-ened leaves, re - leased,

T *p*
8 O light come

B light come down to earth, be praised, be praised!

Adagio sostenuto $\text{♩} = 52$

64

68 *cresc. poco a poco*

S walk on ra - diance, a - mazed, O light, O light,

A *cresc. poco a poco*
and we are pleased to walk a - mazed, O light, come down to earth be praised,

T *cresc. poco a poco*
8 down to earth, be praised! O light, come down to

B *cresc. poco a poco*
O light, O

68

72

S O light be praised! O

A O light, come down to earth be praised, be praised! O

T earth be praised, come down to earth be praised, O

B light, O light be praised! O

ff div. *f* *ff* *f* *ff* *f*

76 *unis.* *dimin.* *p*

S light come down to earth, be praised, be praised!

A light come down to earth, be praised! *dimin.* *unis.* *p*

T light come down to earth, be praised! *dimin.* *p*

B light come down to earth, be praised! *dimin.* *div.* *p unis.*

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