

Written in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Feb. 27, 2007.

Snow-Flakes

a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

for SATB Choir and Piano

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To the Choir of the First Parish in Portland, Unitarian-Universalist, Portland, Maine.

The musical score is arranged in a standard SATB format. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are written in treble clefs, while the piano accompaniment is in bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The score begins with a piano introduction marked *f* and a tempo of ca. 60. The vocal entries are marked *mf*. The lyrics are: "Out of the bos om of the Air, Out of the cloud-folds of her gar-ments shak-en,". The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some chords and melodic lines. The score includes dynamic markings such as *f* and *mf*, and a rehearsal mark '5' at the beginning of the vocal and piano parts.

9

S O - ver the wood-lands brown and bare, O - ver the har - vest fields for -

A O - ver the wood-lands brown and bare, O - ver the har - vest fields for -

T O - ver the wood-lands brown and bare, O - ver the har - vest fields for -

B O - ver the wood-lands brown and bare, O - ver the har - vest fields for -

Pno.

12

S sak - en, Si-lent, and soft, and slow De - scends the

A sak - en, Si-lent, and soft, and slow De - scends the

T sak - en, Si-lent, and soft and slow De - scends the

B sak - en, Si-lent, and soft, and slow De - scends the

Pno.

16

S
snow. Ah

A
snow. Ah

T
snow.

B
snow.

Pno.
snow. *f* *mp*

20

S
mp Sud-den-ly shape in some di-vine ex -

A
cloud-y fan-cies take shape in some di-vine ex -

T
mp E - ven as our cloud-y fan-cies take Sud-den-ly shape in some di-vine ex -

B
mp E - ven as our cloud-y fan-cies take Sud-den-ly shape in some di-vine ex -

Pno.
p

23

S pres - sion, Ah In the

A pres - sion, Ah In the

T pres - sion, E - ven as the trou - bled heart doth make In the

B pres - sion, E - ven as the trou - bled heart doth make In the

Pno.

23

3 3 3 3

26

S white coun te nance con - fes sion, The trou bled sky re - veals The grief it

A white coun te nance con - fes sion, The trou bled sky re - veals The grief it

T white coun te nance con - fes - sion, The trou bled sky re - veals The grief it

B white coun te nance con - fes - sion, The trou bled sky re - veals The grief it

Pno.

26

3 3

p

p

p

p