

# The Snow

Three-part Chorus for Women's Voices  
with Accompaniments for Two Violins and Piano

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♩ = 60

Soprano

Soprano

Alto

Violin 1

Violin 2

Piano

*ten.*

*p*

*dim.*

♩ = 60

5

S.

S.

A.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Pno.

*p*

O snow, which sinks so light, Brown earth is hid from sight,

*p*

O snow, which sinks so light, Brown earth is hid, is hid from sight,

*p*

O snow, which sinks so light, Brown earth is hid, is hid from sight,

*pp*

*pizz.*

*espress.*

*arco*

9

S. *f*

S. *espress.* *cresc.* *f* Be

A. *espress.* *cresc.* *f*

O soul, be thou as white, as white, be  
 O soul, be thou as white, O soul, be thou as white, be

Vln. 1 *cresc.* *sf* *f*

Vln. 2 *sf*

Pno. *cresc.*

13

S. *espress.* *dim.* *rit.*

S. *rit.*

A. *allargando* *rit.* *p*

thou As white as snow, as snow, *rit.*  
 thou As white as snow, as snow, *allargando* *rit.* *p*  
 thou As white as show, as snow, O soul, be thou as white as snow, *dim. e rit.*

Vln. 1 *rit.* *dim.*

Vln. 2 *rit.* *dim.*

Pno. *allargando* *dim. e rit.* *p*

17 **Più lento**  
*p dolce.*

S. O snow, which falls so slow, Dear earth quite warm be - low

S. *pp*  
O snow, which falls so slow, O

A. *pp*  
O snow, which falls so slow, O

Vln. 1 *pp*

Vln. 2

Pno. **Più lento**  
*pp dolce.*

21 *dim. e poco rit.* *pp*

S. O heart, O heart, so keep thy glow, Be - neath the snow, the

S. *fp* heart, so keep thy glow, Be - neath the *dim. e poco rit.* *pp* the

A. *fp* heart, so keep thy glow, Be - neath the *dim. e poco rit.* *pp* the

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Pno. *poco cresc.* *dim. e poco rit.*

25 **Tempo I**

S. snow. O snow, in thy soft

S. snow. O snow, in thy soft

A. snow. O snow, in thy soft

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

**Tempo I**

Pno.

28

S. grave. Sad flow'rs, sad flow'rs the win-ter brave; *espress.*

S. grave Sad flow'rs, sad flow'rs the win - ter brave; O heart,

A. grave Sad flow'rs, sad flow'rs the win-ter brave;

Vln. 1 *cresc.*

Vln. 2 *pizz.* *arco*

Pno.

32 *stringendo*

S. *f* The

S. *stringendo* *cresc.* so soothe and save, so soothe, as does the snow.

A. *stringendo* *cresc.* *f* O heart, so soothe and save, as does the snow. The

Vln. 1 *stringendo*

Vln. 2

Pno. *stringendo cresc.*

35 **Più mosso**

S. snow must melt, must melt, must go, Fast,

S. *f* The snow must melt, must go, Fast,

A. snow must melt, must melt, must go, Fast,

Vln. 1 *f*

Vln. 2 *f*

Pno. **Più mosso** *f*

39

S. *accel.*  
fast, fast, fast as wa - - ter\_ flow.

S. *accel. mf*  
fast, fast, fast as wa - - ter flow. Not

A. *accel.*  
fast, fast, fast as wa - - ter flow.

Vln. 1 *accel.* 3

Vln. 2 *accel.* 3

Pno. *accel.*

43

S. *mf*  
Not

S. *cresc.*  
thus, my soul, not thus, my soul, O

A. *mf*  
Not thus, my soul,

Vln. 1 *p* *cresc.*

Vln. 2 *p* *cresc.*

Pno. *p* *cresc.*

46 *cresc.* *f*

S. thus, my soul, O sow Thy *f*

S. sow Thy gifts to fade, thy *f*

A. Thy gifts to fade like snow, thy *f*

Vln. 1 *cresc.*

Vln. 2 *cresc.*

Pno.

49 *allargando* *ff* **Maestoso** *a tempo*

S. gifts to fade like snow, Not thus, not thus, O

S. gifts to fade like snow, Not thus, not thus, O

A. gifts to fade like snow, Not thus, not thus, O

Vln. 1 *allargando* *a tempo*

Vln. 2 *allargando* *a tempo*

Pno. *f* *ff* **Maestoso** *a tempo*

53

S. *p* *dim. e rit.*  
sow not thus thy gifts to

S. *p* *dim. e rit.*  
sow not thus thy gifts to

A. *p* *dim. e rit.*  
sow not thus thy gifts to

Vln. 1 *dim. e rit.*

Vln. 2 *dim. e rit.*

Pno. *p* *dim. e rit.*  
*sonore*

56

S. fade, to fade, like snow.

S. fade, to fade, like snow.

A. fade, to fade, like snow.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Pno.



59 **Tempo I**

S. O snow, thou'rt white no more, Thy spark - ling too, is

S. O snow, thou'rt white no more, Thy spark - ling, spark-ling

A. O snow, thou'rt white no more, Thy spark - ling, spark-ling

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Pno.

**Tempo I**

62

S. o'er;

S. too is o'er; *espress.* O

A. too is o'er; *espress.* O soul, be as be-fore,

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Pno.

65

S. *f* *espress.*  
Be as be-fore, Was

S. *cresc.* *f*  
soul, be as be - fore, Was bright, Be as be- fore, Was

A. *f*  
O soul, be as be - fore, be as be-fore, Was

Vln. 1 *cresc.* *sf* *f*

Vln. 2

Pno. *cresc.* *f*

68

S. *dim.* *rit.*  
bright the snow...

S. *dim.* *rit.*  
bright the snow...

A. *allargando* *rit.*  
bright the snow, O soul, be as be - fore, was bright the snow.

Vln. 1 *dim.* *dim.*

Vln. 2

Pno. *p* *allargando* *dim. e rit.*

71 **Più lento** *pp dolce.*

S. Then as the snow all pure, O heart be,

S. *pp* Then as the snow all

A. *pp* Then as the snow all

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Pno. **Più lento** *pp dolce.*

74 *poco cresc.*

S. but en - dure; Through all the years full sure, Not

S. *fp* pure, O heart be, but en - dure;

A. *fp* pure, O heart be, but en - dure;

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Pno.

77 *dim. e rit.* **Tempo, più lento** *pp*

S. as the snow, not as the snow,

S. *dim. e rit.* *pp*  
Not as the snow,

A. *dim. e rit.* *pp*  
Not as the snow, as the snow,

Vln. 1 *pp*

Vln. 2 *pp*

Pno. *dim. e rit.* **Tempo, più lento** *pp*

81 *molto rit.* *pp*

S. not as the snow.

S. *molto rit.* *pp*  
not as the snow.

A. *molto rit.* *pp*  
not as the snow.

Vln. 1 *molto rit.*

Vln. 2 *molto rit.*

Pno. *molto rit.*