

The Peace of Wild Things

Dedicated to the welfare of all beings

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♩ = 58

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S

A

T

B

Piano

pp *p* *mp* *pp*

When de-spair, _____ when de-

When de-spair, _____ when de-

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When de - spair for the world

When de - spair for the world

spair for the world grows, _____ When de - spair for the world

spair for the world grows, _____ When de - spair for the world

spair for the world grows, _____ When de - spair for the world

p *mp* *mf*

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grows in me

grows in me

grows in me and I

grows in me

f

(opt. Tenor or Soprano solo)
quasi recitativo mf

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12 *Più mosso* ♩ = 66 *gently at first, then with growing angst poco cresc. e accel.*

Tutti p

I wake in the night at the least

gently at first, then with growing angst poco cresc. e accel.

Tutti p

wake in the night, I wake in the night at the least

Più mosso ♩ = 66

legato pp

p

*Optional solo on high B^b
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sound in fear of what my life and chil-dren's lives may be,

mf *rit.*

mf *rit.*

mf *rit.*

mf *rit.*

mp

mf *rit.*

18 *a tempo*

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pp *tenderly*

a tempo *p* holding back slightly *pp* *tenderly*

a tempo I go lie down (n), I go lie

a tempo *pp*

a tempo *p* holding back slightly

I go lie down (n),

a tempo *pp*

p

And * *And* * *And* * *And sim.*

I come in - to the peace of wild things,
 wild things, I come in - to the peace of wild things,

mp

mf

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come in - to the peace of wild things,
 come in - to the peace of wild things,
 come in - to the peace of wild things,
 come in - to the peace of wild things,

p

mp

pp

34 *mp* *poco accel.* *mp*
 wild things who
mp *poco accel.* *mp*
 wild things who
mp *poco accel.* *mp*
 wild things who
mp *poco accel.*
 wild things

mp *poco accel.* *p* *poco accel.*
 wild things

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36 *mf* *mf* *mf*
 do not tax their lives with fore-thought of grief, who
 do not tax their lives with fore-thought of grief, who
 do not tax their lives with fore-thought of grief, who
p *mp* *mf*
 I go lie down, I go lie down,

mf *mf* *mf*
 I go lie down, I go lie down,
sim. *mp* *mf*
 I go lie down, I go lie down,

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do not tax their lives with fore-thought of grief. *f* *rit.*

do not tax their lives with fore-thought of grief. *f* *rit.*

do not tax their lives with fore-thought of grief. *f* *rit.*

I go lie down, I go lie down. *f* *rit.* *mf*

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ah *mp* *a tempo*

ah *mp* *a tempo* *p*

ah *mp* *a tempo* *p*

ah *mp* *a tempo*

ah *mp* *a tempo*

a tempo *p* *mp*

See as before

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And I

p

come in - to the pres-ence of still wa - ter. And I

p

come in - to the pres-ence of still wa - ter. And I

And I

p

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mp *mf*

feel, I feel a - bove me the day blind

mp *mf*

feel, I feel a - bove me the day blind

mp *mf*

feel, I feel a - bove me the day blind

mp *mf*

feel, I feel a - bove me the day blind

mp *mf*

3 3 3

stars wait-ing with their light.

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stars wait-ing with their light.

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mp *espr.* *mf*

f *mp* *mf* *rit. mp*

tenderly

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Meno mosso ♩ = 58

p *pp* *p*

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molto rit. a tempo *p* *pp*

world, and am free.

molto rit. a tempo *p* *pp*

world, and am free.

pp *molto rit. a tempo* *pp* *ppp*

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