

Four Wilbur Songs

1. BOY AT THE WINDOW

Mixed choir

Text: Richard Wilbur (1921 - 2017)

Huub de Lange (*1955)

The musical score consists of four staves: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The tempo is marked as $\bullet = 125$. The music is in common time (indicated by '4'). The vocal parts are arranged as follows:

- Soprano (S):** This staff contains mostly rests, indicating a sparse harmonic or rhythmic role.
- Alto (A):** This staff begins with a dynamic of mf . The lyrics "See - ing the snow - man stan - ding all a - lone In" are written below the notes. The vocal line continues with a melodic line starting at measure 5, indicated by a measure repeat sign and a dynamic of mf .
- Tenor (T):** This staff begins with a dynamic of mp . The lyrics "(mm...)" are written below the notes. It also features a melodic line starting at measure 5, indicated by a measure repeat sign and a dynamic of mp .
- Bass (B):** This staff contains mostly rests, similar to the Soprano staff.

Measure 5 begins with a dynamic of mf . The lyrics "The small boy weeps to dusk and cold is more than he can bear." are written below the notes. The Tenor and Bass staves continue with melodic lines, each ending with a dynamic of mp and a melodic line starting at measure 7, indicated by a measure repeat sign and a dynamic of mp .

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9

hear the wind pre - pare
A night of gnash - ings and e - nor - mous
(mm...)

mf

A night of gnash - ings and e - nor - mous
mf

night of gnash - ings and e - nor - mous

13

moan.

f

moan.

f

moan.

mf

His tear - ful sight can hard - ly reach to

17

where The pale - faced fi - gure with bi - tu - men eyes Re -

f

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3

21

As out - cast A - dam

turns him such a god - for - sa - ken stare (mm... _____)

25

The man _____ of snow _____

The man of snow is,

gave to Pa - ra - dise.

29

Ha - ving no wish to go in - side and die.

none - the - less, con - tent,

8

4

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mf

33

Though

Still, he is moved to see the young-ster cry.

(mm...)

(mm...)

37

fro - zen wa - ter is his e - le - ment, He melts ____

(mm...) He melts en -

(mm...)

(mm...)

41

en - ough to drop from one soft eye A trick - le of the

ough

(mm...)

(mm...)

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5

45

pu - rest rain, a tear For the child at the bright pane sur -

(mm...)

(mm...)

50

roun - ded by Such warmth, such light, such love, and so much fear. Such

warmth light (mm...)

Such

55

poco rit.

warmth, such light, such love and so much fear.

warmth, light, (mm...)

warmth, such light, such love and so much fear.