

Composed for the State University of New York at Fredonia Women's Chorus
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Let Evening Come

for Soprano Soli, SSAA Chorus and Piano

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Peacefully ♩ = 108

Soli

Soprano

Alto

pp barely audible

Mmm.

Peacefully ♩ = 108

g^{va}

p

Red.

5

p peacefully

A

Let eve - ning come, let

(*g^{va}*)

Red. | *Red.* | *Red.*

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8

eve - ning come.

(8va)

(Ped.) Ped. Ped.

11

several soli, alternating ad lib. A *mf* quasi recitative, not rushed

Soli

Let the light of late afternoon

A

(8va)

(p) ⁵ *sim.*

(Ped.)

14

Soli

shine through chinks in the barn, mov - ing

(8va)

(Ped.)

17

Soli *mf*
up the bales as the sun moves down.

A
Let eve - ning

(p)

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

20

A
come, let eve - ning come.

(p)

(Ped.) Ped. Ped. Ped.

23 **B** *mf*

Soli
Let the cricket take up chafing, as a

A

loco

(p)

(Ped.)

26

Soli *(mf)*
 woman takes up her needles and her yarn. Let — eve - ning

mf (l.h. only)

(Ped.) Ped.

29

Soli *p*
 come.

S *mf* *p*
 Let — eve - ning come.

A *mf*
 Let — eve - ning come.

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

32

Soli *mf* **C**
 Let dew col - lect on the hoe a -

A *p*

Ped. Ped. *3 sim.*

35

Soli *p* ban - doned in long grass. Let the stars ap - pear

S 1 *p* Ah,

S 2 *p* Ah,

p

ped. *ped.* 3 *sim.* *ped.* 5 *sim.*

38

mf and the moon dis - close her sil - ver horn. *p* *mf*

mf ah. *p* *mf*

mf ah. *p* *mf*

mf *p* *mf*

ped. *ped.* 5 *sim.* *ped.*

41 *accel.*

p Let eve - ning come, *mp* let eve - ning

Let eve - ning come,

accel. *p cresc. poco a poco* *5 sim.*

ped. *ped.* *ped.*

8

(*accel.*) ----- **D** **Faster** ♩ = 120

S 1
come, let eve - ning come.

S 2
let eve - ning come.

(*accel.*) ----- **Faster** ♩ = 120

(*cresc.*) ----- *f*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

48

E (♩ = 120) *p* **animated, lively**

A
Let the fox go - back to its

(♩ = 120)
p subito

no Ped.

52

p **animated, lively** *rit.* ----- **Slowly** *f*

S
Let the fox go - back to its sand - y den. Let the wind die down. Let the

A
sand - y den, let the fox go - back to its sand - y den. Let the wind die down. Let the

mf *p* *f*

mf ----- *p* ----- *f*

rit. ----- **Slowly**

Ped. Ped.

57

poco accel. -----

Soli

S

A

shed go black in- side. Let eve- ning come, let eve- ning come, let eve- ning come, let eve- ning come, let eve- ning

shed go black in- side. Let eve- ning come, let eve- ning come, let eve- ning

To the

p

p

poco accel. -----

Ped. Ped.

60 **F** Tempo primo ♩ = 108

bot - tle in the ditch, _____ to the scoop in the oats, _____

pp almost murmuring

come, let eve- ning come, let eve- ning

pp almost murmuring

come, let eve- ning come, let eve- ning

Tempo primo ♩ = 108

pp barely audible

(Ped.)

rit. -----

cresc. -----

add more sopranos

63

mf

_____ to the air in the lung let eve- ning come, let eve- ning come, let eve- ning

come, let eve- ning come, let eve- ning come, let eve- ning come, let eve- ning come, let eve- ning come, let eve- ning

come, let eve- ning come, let eve- ning come, let eve- ning come, let eve- ning come, let eve- ning come, let eve- ning

rit. -----

cresc. -----

(Ped.)

10 (rit.) ----- **G** Slowly

66 (cresc.) ----- *add more sopranos* **f** *soli join sopranos through the end of the piece*

come, let eve ning come. Let it come, as it will, and don't be a - fraid.

come, let eve-ning come. Let it come, as it will, and don't be a - fraid. God does not leave us

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(rit.) ----- **Slowly**

(cresc.) ----- **f** **p**

Ped. Ped. Ped.

70 **H** ♩ = 120

S com - fort - less, - (p)

A com - fort - less, - so let eve - ning come.

(low D optional)

(Ped.) Ped. cresc.

75 rit. ----- **I** Slowly

Let it come, as it will, and

Let it come, as it will, and

(mf) f p f

(f) 6

(cresc.) ----- **f**

(Ped.) Ped.

78 *p* (*p*) *p* (*p*)

don't be a - fraid. _____ God does not leave us com - fort - less, _ so let

don't be a - fraid. _____ God does not leave us com - fort - less, _ so let

f *6*

Ped. Ped.

82 **J** **a tempo** ♩ = 120 *f* in celebration

eve - ning come. _____

eve - ning... *f* in celebration Let ___ eve - ning come, _____

a tempo ♩ = 120 *f* in celebration

Ped.

87 *accel.*

Let eve - ning come, let eve - ning come, let eve - ning come,

let ___ eve - ning come, ___ let ___ eve - ning come, ___

accel. *8va*

(Ped.)

12

(*accel.*)

K Quickly

90

as church bells ringing

let eve - ning come, let eve - ning come,

as church bells ringing

let eve - ning come, let eve - ning come,

(*accel.*)

Quickly

(8^{va})

as church bells ringing

(Ped.)

92

rit. and dim gradually to the end

let eve - ning come, let eve - ning come.

let eve - ning come, let eve - ning come.

rit. and dim gradually to the end

(8^{va})

(Ped.)

95

(*rit and dim.*)

(*rit and dim.*)

(8^{va})

(Ped.)

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