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When I Am Dead, My Dearest

for SATB chorus



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When I am dead, my dearest,
Sing no sad songs for me;
Plant thou no roses at my head,
Nor shady cypress tree:
Be the green grass above me
With showers and dewdrops wet;
And if thou wilt, remember,
And if thou wilt, forget.

I shall not see the shadows,
I shall not feel the rain;
I shall not hear the nightingale
Sing on, as if in pain:
And dreaming through the twilight
That doth not rise nor set,
Haply I may remember,
And haply may forget.

—Christina Rossetti

PROGRAM NOTE

When I Am Dead, My Dearest was conceived as a partner piece to *Dido's Lament* from Henry Purcell's opera, *Dido and Aeneas*. Purcell's aria begins, "When I am laid in earth"; Rossetti's poem begins, "When I am dead." Purcell ends with "Remember me, but ah, forget my fate"; Rossetti's poem ends, "Haply I may remember and haply may forget." To highlight the textual similarities, there are melodic and rhythmic connections between the two pieces of music. *When I Am Dead* was premiered by the Buffalo Chamber Players in April 2018, following a performance of the Purcell aria. The choral version was premiered by Vocális Chamber Choir in June 2019. The piece is dedicated to the memory of Michael Friedman.

DURATION

approx. 4 minutes

When I Am Dead

Flowing (♩ = 44)

(Lament for Michael)

p

Soprano
When I am dead, my dear - est, Sing no sad

Alto
When I am dead, dear - est, Sing no

Tenor
p
When I am dead, my dear est,

Bass
p
When I am dead, my dear - est, Sing

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S
songs for me; Plant thou no ros-es at my head, Nor shad-y cy-press tree:

A
sad songs for me, At my head, nor cy - press tree:

T
p
For me, nor cy - press, shad-y cy-press tree.

B
no songs for me, nor cy - press tree,

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mp

S

Be the green grass a bove me with show-ers and dew-drops wet;

mp

A

Be the green grass a - bove me with dew-drops wet;

mp

T

A - bove me with dew-drops wet;

mp

B

Be the green a - bove me,

20

p

pp

S

And if thou wilt, re - mem - ber, And if thou wilt, for - get.

A

Ah,

p

T

And if thou wilt, re - mem - ber,

pp

B

If thou wilt for - get.

26 *p* *mp*

S I shall not see the shad - ows, I shall not feel the rain; _____

A I shall not see, _____ I shall _____ not feel the _____

T I shall not see _____ the shad - ows, shall not

B _____ See _____ the shad - ows, shall not _____

33 *p* *mp*

S _____ I shall not hear the night-in-gale sing _____ on, _____

A rain, _____ Shall not, _____ Sing on as

T feel _____ the rain, _____ hear the night-in-gale sing _____

B feel the rain; _____ Sing on _____ as

mp

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S as if in pain: And dream - ing through the twi -

A if in pain, Through the twi -

T on in pain, Through the twi -

B if in pain, Through the twi -

44

f

mf

S light that doth not rise nor set, Hap - ly I may re mem -

A light, that doth not rise nor set, Hap - ly I may re -

T light, rise nor set, Hap - ly I may re -

B light, rise nor set, Hap - ly I may

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mp *ritard.* *p*

S ber, And hap - ly I may for - get. Ooh,

A mem - ber, And hap - ly I may for - get. Ooh,

T mem - ber, And hap - ly I may for - get. Ooh.

B re-mem - ber, And hap - ly I may for - get.

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pp *ritard.*

S Ooh.

A Ooh.

T Ooh.

B Ooh.

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