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In a Winter Garden

Advent Meditations and Carols
 for Soprano, Mezzo-Soprano and Tenor Soli, SATB Chorus
 and Chamber Orchestra

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I. The Evergreens: Meditation

A Freely ♩ = c. 80

♩ = 100

Sister

pensively

Snow-ing. Snow-ing a-gain to-day. Al-ways snow-ing.

Freely ♩ = c. 80

Piano (for rehearsal only)

p

Pedal *ad libitum* throughout unless otherwise indicated.

5

The gar-den is lost, gone, hid-den.

p

dolce

mf

9

dramatically

slightly peevish

I miss the flow'rs, I sup - pose, e - ven those tat-tered chry-san - the-mums by the

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11 **accel.**

foun-tain Thom-as fi-nal-ly roo-ted out. They would-n't give

p *f* **accel.** **ped.**

13

up. What co-lors! Burn-ing gold, plum and yel-low, sim-ple as a squash. They would-n't give

f *mp* *f*

16 **push ahead** *f*

up. Heart-y flow'rs try-ing to bluff frost-y No-vem-ber. All that fight. Their gor-geous, loud

push ahead *f l.h.* *(l.h.)* **ped.**

19 *p* *f*
 col-ors — si-lenced, seized — by ter-ror, — by — the — end of the world, the

rit. — — — — — ♩ = 100
 22 ♩ = ♩ *entranced*
 end of their pret-ty fac-es. But the

rit. — — — — — ♩ = 100

26
 truth is I've been wait-ing for this blank-ness. The stunned si-lence of

29 B

Sis. *mf* snow. What do I see? What do I see? What do I

S *quietly mf* Not flow - ers. _ No blos - som.

A *quietly mf* Not flow - ers. _ No blos - som.

T *quietly mf* Not flow - ers. _ No blos - som.

p *l.h.* *ped.*

33

see? _

Snow and the me - mo - ry, mem - o - ry of ros - es. _

Snow me - mo - ry, mem - o - ry of ros - es. _

Snow and the mem - o - ry of ros - es. _

p

37 *distantly* *entranced*

Sis. I for-get to pray. I stare and drift, look-ing

mp *pp* *mp*

41

out the chap-el win-dow at this sad — sea-son, I drift like snow my-self.

dolce, legato

p *mf* *p*

44 *lightly, as if floating, entranced*

I en-ter the gar-den lost in thought,

pp

46

lost in snow.

p *pp*

The Evergreens: Carol

50 **C** ♩ = 116

S *mf*
Green green, green,

A *mf*
Green, green, green,

T *mf*
Green, green, green, green,

B *mf*
Green, green, green,

mf ♩ = 116

54 *f* *mp*
green, green is what we see. Not grass, not grass, green,

f *mp*
green is what we see. Not grass, not grass, green,

f *mp*
green, green is what we see. Not grass, not grass, green,

f *mp*
green, green is what we see. Not grass, not grass, green,

mf *f* *mp*

mf

mf

67 *mf* green be-yond grass. *f robustly* *legato*
mf green be-yond grass. Trees made of needles, *unis.* dark heart of win-ter-green,
mf green, grass. *f legato* dark heart of
 grass. *mf*
mp

71 *f* *lightly*
 Nor-way pines shiv-er-ing, shiv-er, shiv-er-ing, shiv-er-ing, shiv-er-ing
mf *mp lightly*
 green, green. shiv-er, shiv-er-ing, shiv-er-ing
mf
 green, green.
 win-ter-green, green, green, green.

74 **f** *unis.* **Meno mosso** ♩ = 96

blue in the ic - y green, green, green.

blue in the ic - y green, green, green.

blue ic - y green, green, green.

green, green, green. Here's the ho - ly tree, wear - ing

Meno mosso ♩ = 96

78 **mp**

like bells,

like bells,

like bells, not just red, red that's bright, —

ber - ries like bells, like bells, not just red, red that's bright — be - yond

f *legato div.*

f *legato*

Più mosso ♩ = 116

81 *mf* *p* ♩ = ♩

Fans — of sweet ce-dar spread their cool grasp. The fra-grance is green, green,

mf *p*

Fans — of ce-dar spread cool grasp. The fra-grance is green, green,

unis. *p*

ber-ries. green, green,

ber-ries. green,

mf *p*

mp *Ped.*

green, sweet ce - dar green. Ju - ni-per shag-gy as

f

green, sweet ce - dar green. Ju - ni-per shag-gy as

f

green, sweet ce - dar green. Ju - ni-per shag-gy as

f

— green, sweet ce - dar green. Ju - ni-per shag-gy as

f

mf

88

mp *f* *mp*

snow just drift-ed. A wreath of ju - ni - per and snow, a wreath of

mp *f* *mp*

snow just drift-ed. A wreath of ju - ni - per and snow, a wreath of

mp *f* *mp*

snow just drift-ed. A wreath _____ of ju - ni - per and snow, a wreath _____ of

snow just drift-ed. A wreath, a wreath,

mp *f* *mp*

mp *f* *mp*

Ped. _____ Ped. _____

92

f *mp non cresc.*

green for the door, a wreath of green, green, green,

f *mp non cresc.*

green for the door, a wreath of green, green, green,

f *mp non cresc.*

green for the door, a wreath _____ of green, green, green,

mp

a wreath, green, green, _____ green, _____

f *p* *mp* *p*

Ped. _____ Ped. _____

96

mp 3

green. win - ter - green, green, green.

mp 3

green, — win - ter - green, green, green.

ff broadly *unis. mp* 3

green. This green sur - vives: win - ter - green.

— green. *mp* 3

green, — win - ter - green, green.

mp 3 3

Ped.

100

f *robustly* *f unis.*

Trees made of nee - dles. Ju - ni - per shag - gy as

f like bells. shag - gy as

f *robustly* Hol - ly wear - ing ber - ries likebells, like bells. shag - gy as

f

103

a tempo

ff broadly *f*
 snow. This is our green. Not grass.
ff broadly *f*
 snow, fans of sweet ce-dar. This is our green. Not grass.
ff broadly *f*
 snow, fans of ce-dar. This is our green. Not grass.
ff broadly *f*
 snow. This is our green. Not grass.

ff broadly *f*
 Ped.

a tempo

107

sub. p *fp* Solo dark-ened by our bit-ter cold, our bit-ter life,
 Not grass. Green,
sub. p *fp*
 Not grass. Green,
sub. p *fp*
 Not grass. Green,
sub. p *fp*
 Not grass. Green,

119

freely - - - - -

mf still distant, troubled

Sis.

But what sur-vives this bit-ter cold?

freely - - - - -

122

a tempo
wistfully

Sis.

What sur-vives? —

Solo
the de-sire to see. —

S

The de- sire — to sur - vive,

A

The de- sire, — sur - vive,

T

The de- sire, — sur - vive,

B

The de- sire, — sur - vive,

a tempo

p *f* *ped.*

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S