

9. Silent Spring

For SATB Chorus and Piano

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Andante con moto ♩ = 112

p sempre legato

Women

Men

Piano

p

con pedale

March came this year

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6 *pp*

with no but - ter - flies. The skies that should have car - ried

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6 *pp*

p sempre

p sempre

p

10

clouds of gnats and grace - ful nymphs is emp - ty. No cric - ket sings. No

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14

grass - hop - per wings from grass to leaf. And all of spring is

grass - hop - per wings from grass to leaf. *pppp*

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grass - hop - per wings from grass to leaf. *pppp*

grass - hop - per wings from grass to leaf. *pppp*

pppp as quietly as possible

14

pppp

19 *poco rit.* *mp* *a tempo*

si - lent. _____ A - pril came this year _____

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19 *cantando* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

mp

24 *p* *dim.* *cresc.*

but the spar - row did not fol - low. No rob - ins roun - de - lay, no

p *dim.* *cresc.*

but the spar - row did not fol - low. No rob - ins roun - de - lay, no

p *dim.* *cresc.*

year but the spar - row did not fol - low. No rob - ins roun - de - lay, no

cresc.

No rob - ins roun - de -

24 *p* *cresc.*

28 *f* *dim.* *p*

ov - en - bird, no jay. No buzz of bee _____ and the ap - ple tree does

ov - en - bird, no jay. No buzz of bee, no buzz, and the ap - ple tree does

ov - en - bird, no jay. No buzz of bee, no buzz, _____ and the ap - ple tree does

lay. No buzz of bee _____ and the ap - ple tree does

28 *f* *dim.* *p*

not bear fruit. and all the sky _____ is

not bear fruit. and all the sky _____ is

not bear fruit. and all the sky _____ is

not bear fruit. And all the fields and all the sky is

32 *p* *ff*

not bear fruit. And all the fields and all the sky is

37 *dim.* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

si - lent. _____

dim. *p*

si - lent. _____ May came this

dim. *p*

8 si - lent. _____ May came this year _____

dim. *p*

si - lent. _____ May came this year _____

37 *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

p

42 *mp cresc.*

year _____ but no hawk flew a - bout. Si - lent riv - ers

mp cresc.

8 but no hawk flew a - bout. _____ Si - lent riv - ers

mp cresc.

but no hawk flew a - bout. _____ Si - lent riv - ers

42 *mp cresc.*

46 *f* And no tree frogs sang. *mp* darkly The for - est nev - er rang with the

f with - out trout. And no tree frogs sang. *mp* darkly The for - est nev - er

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46 *f* *mp*

51 *molto cresc.* sym - pho - ny of life. And all the wa - ters, all the

molto cresc. rang with life. And all the wa - ters, all the

molto cresc. rang with life. And all the wa - ters, all the

molto cresc. rang And all the air, and all the

51 *cresc. poco a poco*

meno mosso

solo voice intensely mf

55

A cloud of

ff

earth is si - lent.

dim.

ff

earth is si - lent.

dim.

ff

earth is si - lent.

dim.

ff

earth is si - lent.

dim.

55

meno mosso

ff

dim.

59

f

poi - son came and gave a si - lent

mp

59

mf

mp

62

spring.
intensely *mp* *mf* *mp*

A cloud of poi - son came and gave a

intensely *mp* *mf* *mp*

A cloud of poi - son came and gave a

intensely *mp* *mf* *mp*

A cloud of poi - son came and gave a

intensely *mp* *mf* *mp*

A cloud of poi - son came and gave a

62

mf *mp*

65

rit. e dim. *pp* *lunga*

si - lent spring.

rit. e dim. *pp* *lunga*

si - lent spring.

rit. e dim. *pp* *lunga*

si - lent spring.

rit. e dim. *pp* *lunga*

si - lent spring.

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rit. e dim. *pp* *lunga*