

5. Vernal Sentiment

Theodore Roethke
from *Open House* (1941)*

For SATB Chorus and Piano

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Andante grazioso $\text{♩} = 72$

Soprano Alto Tenor Bass Piano

mp sempre legato

Though the
mp sempre legato

Though the

poco rit. *a tempo*

mf *mp*

con pedale

4

cro - cus - es poke up their heads in the u - su - al pla - ces,

cro - cus - es poke up their heads in the u - su - al pla - ces,

p sempre legato *mp*

u - su - al pla - ces, The

p sempre legato *mp*

u - su - al pla - ces, The

4

4

6

p *mf*

froth of green, _____ And
froth of green, _____ And

8 frog scum ap - pear on the pond with the same froth of green,
frog scum ap - pear on the pond with the same froth of green,

6

8 boys moon at girls _____ with last year's fat-u-ous fa - ces, _____ I
boys moon at girls _____ with last year's fat-u-ous fa - ces, _____ I
boys moon at girls _____ with last year's fat-u-ous fa - ces, _____ I
boys moon at girls _____ with last year's fat-u-ous fa - ces, _____ I

mf *pp hushed*

pp hushed

8 *mf* *pp*

11

nev - er am bored, _____ how - ev - er fa - mil - iar the scene.

nev - er am bored, _____ how - ev - er fa - mil - iar the scene.

nev - er am bored, _____ how - ev - er fa - mil - iar the scene.

nev - er am bored, _____ how - ev - er fa - mil - iar the scene.

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nev - er am bored, _____ how - ev - er fa - mil - iar the scene.

nev - er am bored, _____ how - ev - er fa - mil - iar the scene.

13

mf gently

When from un - der the barn the cat brings a sim - i - lar

mf gently

When from un - der the barn the cat brings a sim - i - lar

mf gently

When from un - der the barn the cat brings a sim - i - lar

mf gently

When from un - der the barn the cat brings a sim - i - lar

13

mf

mf

15

lit - ter, _____ Two yel - low and black, and one that looks in be -

lit - ter, _____ Two yel - low and black, and one that looks in be -

lit - ter, _____ Two yel - low and black, and one that looks

15

tween, _____ Though it all hap - pened be - fore, _____ I

tween, _____ Though it all hap - pened be - fore, _____ I

in be - tween, _____ Though it all hap - pened be -

17

8va - mp cresc.

Though it all hap - pened be -

19

marcato, joyfully

can - not grow bit - ter: _____ I re -
can - not grow bit - ter: _____ I re -
fore, _____ I can - not grow bit - ter: _____ I re -
fore, _____ I can - not grow bit - ter: _____ I re -

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marcato, joyfully

21

dim.

joice in the spring, _____ as though no spring ev - er had been.
joice in the spring, _____ as though no spring ev - er had been.
I re - joice in the spring, _____ as though no spring ev - er had
dim.
joice in the spring, _____ as though no spring ev - er had been.
dim.

24

mp

I re - joice in the spring, _____ as though no spring
I re - joice in the spring, _____ as though no spring
been. I re - joice in the spring, _____ as though no

24

mp

I re - joice in the spring, _____ as though no spring

27

p

ever had been.
ever had been.
spring had been.
ever had been.

27

poco rit.

pp