

# 10. The Summons

For Chorus and Piano or Orchestra

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Phi Beta Kappa poem (1938)\*

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**Andante maestoso**  $\text{♩} = 76-80$

Piano

*pp cresc. poco a poco*      *sempre legato*

*p*

*mp sempre legato*

*Now all who love the best,*

*sempre legato*      *mp*

*Now all who love the best,*

*molto cresc.*

*p sempre legato*

*Must con - tem - plate the waste of*

*p sempre legato*

*Must con - tem - plate the waste of*

Old and re - bel - lious young,      Must con - tem - plate the waste of

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13

coun - te - nanc - ing wrong:

coun - te - nanc - ing wrong:

coun - te - nanc - ing wrong: *div.*

**13**

**17**

*cresc.*

**f**

***ff with conviction***

Now all who

***mf***

21

love the best, Old and re - bel - lious young, Must con - tem - plate the  
 love the best, Old and re - bel - lious young, Must con - tem - plate the  
 love the best, Old and re - bel - lious young, Must con - tem - plate the  
 love the best, Old and re - bel - lious young, Must con - tem - plate the

21

25

waste of coun - te - nanc - ing wrong:  
 waste of coun - te - nanc - ing wrong:  
 waste of coun - te - nanc - ing wrong:  
 waste of coun - te - nanc - ing wrong:

25

waste of coun - te - nanc - ing wrong:  
 dim.

29 **Poco piu mosso**  $\text{♩} = 84$

*mp poco agitato*

The hu - man mired, \_\_\_\_\_  
*mp poco agitato*  
The hu - man

29  $\text{♩} \cdot$  *poco agitato*

*p*  $\overbrace{\text{♩} \text{♩} \text{♩}}$  *mp*  $\overbrace{\text{♩} \text{♩} \text{♩}}$  *p*  $\overbrace{\text{♩} \text{♩} \text{♩}}$  *mp*  $\overbrace{\text{♩} \text{♩} \text{♩}}$

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the brute Raised up to em - i - nence, \_\_\_\_\_  
mired, \_\_\_\_\_ the brute Raised up to em - i - nence, \_\_\_\_\_  
the brute Raised up to em - i - nence, \_\_\_\_\_

*mp poco agitato*

The hu - man

32

35

*mf*

The mim - ic fol - low - ing suit \_\_\_\_\_ Un - til de - void of sense \_\_\_\_\_

*mf*

The mim - ic fol - low - ing suit \_\_\_\_\_ Un - til de - void of sense \_\_\_\_\_

*mf*

The mim - ic fol - low - ing suit \_\_\_\_\_ fol - low - ing suit \_\_\_\_\_ Un - til de -

mired, \_\_\_\_\_ The mim - ic fol - low - ing suit \_\_\_\_\_ Un - til de -

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38

*mp*

Un - til de - void of sense \_\_\_\_\_ The

*mp*

void of sense \_\_\_\_\_ Un - til de - void of sense \_\_\_\_\_

*mp*

void of sense \_\_\_\_\_ The

38

*mp*

*dim.*

*mp*

42

The good be - com - ing gross, \_\_\_\_\_  
good be - com - ing gross, \_\_\_\_\_ All this we may dis - cern;  
All this we may dis - cern; By  
good be - com - ing gross, \_\_\_\_\_ we may dis - cern; By

42

46

f dim. mp  
we learn The full ex - tent \_\_\_\_\_ of loss.  
f dim. mp  
we learn The full ex - tent \_\_\_\_\_ of loss.  
dim. mp  
slow de-grees we learn The full ex - tent of loss.

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f dim. mp  
dim. mp  
dim.

**Calmato**

**51** rit.

**soprano p**

Though the small wit we have May nul - li - fy be - lief,

**alto p**

Though the small wit we have May nul - li - fy be - lief,

**56**

**mf**

**60** **f** dim.

The sim - ple act can save The her - i - tage of life.

**f** dim.

The sim - ple act can save The her - i - tage of life.

**f** dim.

The sim - ple act can save The her - i - tage of life. With

**f** dim.

The sim - ple act can save The her - i - tage of life. With

**f** dim.

The sim - ple act can save The her - i - tage of life. **p**

**f** dim.

The sim - ple act can save The her - i - tage of life. **p**

64 **Poco agitato**

*mp cresc.*

With se - cre - cy put by, The heart grows less ob - tuse, And

*mp cresc.*

With se - cre - cy put by, The heart grows less ob - tuse, And

*cresc.*

se - cre - cy put by, The heart grows less ob - tuse, And

*cresc.*

se - cre - cy put by, The heart grows less ob - tuse, And

**64**

*cresc.*

*allargando*

68 **Expansively**

*ff*

fer - ven - cy of eye is put to bet - ter use. The

*ff*

fer - ven - cy of eye is put to bet - ter use. The

*ff*

fer - ven - cy of eye is put to bet - ter use. The

*ff*

fer - ven - cy of eye is put to bet - ter use.

**68**

*ff*

72

*subito mp*

im - pulse long de - nied, \_\_\_\_\_ The lips that nev - er move, \_\_\_\_\_ The

*mf**subito mp*

The im - pulse long de - nied, The lips that nev - er move, The

*subito mp*

im - pulse long de - nied, \_\_\_\_\_ The lips that nev - er move, \_\_\_\_\_ The

*mf**subito mp*

The im - pulse long de - nied, The lips that nev - er move, The

72

*subito**poco rit. quasi a tempo*

ha - tred and the pride, \_\_\_\_\_

*div. pp cresc.**sweet and luminous**p*

ha - tred and the pride, \_\_\_\_\_

These can be These can be

*pp cresc.**sweet and luminous*

ha - tred and the pride, \_\_\_\_\_

These can be turned to

ha - tred and the pride, \_\_\_\_\_

*poco rit.**quasi a tempo**pp sweet and luminous*

80      *mp cresc.* *sweet and luminous*      *molto cresc.*      *allargando*      *ff* **Proudly**

These can be turned to love. \_\_\_\_\_ Now we must  
*unis.*      *molto cresc.*      *ff*  
 turned to love, to love. \_\_\_\_\_ Now we must  
*molto cresc.*      *ff*  
 love, to love, to love. \_\_\_\_\_ Now we must  
*mf cresc.*      *molto cresc.*      *ff*  
 These can be turned to love. Now we must

80      *cresc.*      *molto cresc.*      *allargando*      *ff*

sum - mon all Our force, from breadth to length, And walk, more ver - ti - cal, Se -  
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 sum - mon all Our force, from breadth to length, And walk, more ver - ti - cal, Se -  
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 85



## **Quietly with resignation** $\sigma = 63$

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**101** Quietly with resignation  $\text{♩} = 63$

*p*      *pp*      *p*      *pp*      *calando*

Now all who love the best, Old and re - bel - lious young, Must con - tem - plate the  
*calando*

*pp*

Now all who love the best, Old and re - bel - lious young, Must con - tem - plate the  
*calando*

*p*

Now all who love the best, Old and re - bel - lious young, Must con - tem -  
*calando*

Now all who love the best, Old and re - bel - lious young, Must con - tem - plate the  
**101**

*pp*

waste of coun - te - nanc - ing wrong.

**106**

waste of coun - te - nanc - ing wrong.

*molto allargando*

plate the waste of coun - te - nanc - ing wrong.

*molto allargando*

waste the waste of coun - te - nanc - ing wrong.

*molto allargando*