

# 1. Poets

For Two-part Men's Chorus and Piano

James Laughlin (1914-1997)

Bruce Trinkley

from *The Bird of Endless Time*

**Con moto**

$\text{♩} = 84$

Piano

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It is the na - ture of po - ets\_\_\_\_ to be - lieve that they are great\_\_\_\_\_ (or

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9

will be - come great)\_\_\_\_\_ that their lines will ech - o\_\_\_\_

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9

**mp**

**mf**

12

*divisi*

*unison*

— down the ag - es\_\_\_\_ and be stud - ied\_\_\_\_ by school - chil - dren but

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12

*mf*

16

*unison*

this is sta-tis - ti-c'lly un - like - ly the lat - est fig - ures from the

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16

*f*

*mf*

20

*sub. p* *molto cresc.*

N E A es - ti - mate that there are a - bout

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*sub. p* *molto cresc.*

23

*f*

one hun - dred thou - sand more or less lit - er - ate po - ets in the

*sub. p*

*mf*

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23

*f*

*p*

*mf*

27

*mp*

U S A (of whom ten per cent are grad - u - ates of cre -

U S A

*f*

*mp*

31

*mf*

a - tive writ - ing cours - es) *poco rit.* I

*mf*

*mp*

31

*mf*

cre - a - tive writ - ing cours - es) I

*poco rit.*

**Serioso** ♩ = 116

34

think my fav - rite of all these po - ets is a young man I met in San - ta

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think my fav - rite of all these po - ets is a young man I met in San - ta

37

*mf*

Fe he played the role of a po - et be - cause he

*mf*

Fe he played the role of a po - et be - cause he

37

molto allarg.

*f*

felt like a po - et but he

*f*

felt like a po - et but he

40

molto allarg.

*f*

decrescendo

*p*

44 **Andante** ♩ = 104

nev - er took the risk of writ - ing a sin - gle poem

nev - er took the risk of writ - ing a sin - gle poem

44

his life was his po - et - ry and he was

his life was his po - et - ry and he was

48

dolce

52

hap - py.

hap - py.

poco rit.