

A BALLAD OF TREES AND THE MASTER

for Chorus and Piano

Poem by
SIDNEY LANIER

Music by
BRUCE TRINKLEY

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*Into the woods my Master went,
Clean forspent, forspent,
Into the woods my Master came,
Forspent with love and shame.
But the olives they were not blind to Him,
The little gray leaves were kind to Him:
The thorn-tree had a mind to Him
When into the woods He came.*

*Out of the woods my Master went,
And He was well content.
Out of the woods my Master came,
Content with death and shame.
When Death and Shame would woo Him last.
From under the trees they drew Him last:
'Twas on a tree they slew Him - last
When out of the woods He came.*

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For SATB Chorus and Keyboard

Sidney Lanier (1842-1881)

Bruce Trinkley

Keyboard

Larghetto $\text{♩} = 56$

mf

dim. poco a poco

poco rit.

optional solo or all sopranos

5 *mp*

In - to the woods my Mas - ter went, Clean for - spent, for - spent, _____

9 *tutti*

mp

In - to the woods my Mas - ter went, Clean for - spent, for - spent, _____

mp

In - to the woods my Mas - ter went, _____ Clean for - spent, for - spent, for - spent, _____

mp

8 *mp*

In - to the woods my Mas - ter went, Clean for - spent, for - spent, for - spent, _____

mp

In - to the woods my Mas - ter went, Clean for - spent, for - spent, for - spent, _____

13 *mf*

In - to the woods my Mas - ter came, For - spent with love and shame. _____ But the

mf

In - to the woods my Mas - ter came, For - spent with love and shame. _____ But the

mf

8 In - to the woods my Mas - ter came, For - spent with love and shame. _____ But the

mf

13 In - to the woods my Mas - ter came, For - spent with love and shame. _____ But the

17 *cresc. poco a poco*

ol - ives they were not blind to Him, The lit - tle gray leaves were kind to Him: The thorn - tree had a

cresc. poco a poco

ol - ives they were not blind to Him, The lit - tle gray leaves were kind to Him: The thorn - tree had a

cresc. poco a poco

8 ol - ives they were not blind to Him, The lit - tle gray leaves were kind to Him: The thorn - tree had a

cresc. poco a poco

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17 *cresc. poco a poco*

22 *f* *dim. poco a poco* *mp* *rit.*

mind to Him When in - to the woods He came. When in - to the woods He came.

8 *f* *dim. poco a poco* *mp*

mind to Him When in - to the woods He came. When in - to the woods He came.

8 *f* *dim. poco a poco* *mp*

mind to Him When in - to the woods He came. When in - to the woods He came.

f *dim. poco a poco* *mp* *div.*

mind to Him When in - to the woods He came. When in - to the woods He came.

22 *f* *dim. poco a poco* *mp* *rit.*

mind to Him When in - to the woods He came. When in - to the woods He came.

27 *a tempo* *mp* optional solo or all sopranos

Out of the woods my Mas - ter went, And He was well con - tent.

27 *a tempo* *mp*

Out of the woods my Mas - ter went, And He was well con - tent.

31 *tutti* *mp*

Out of the woods my Mas - ter went, And He was well con - tent.

mp

Out of the woods my Mas - ter went, And He was well con - tent, con - tent.

8 *mp*

Out of the woods my Mas - ter went, And He was well con - tent, con - tent.

mp

Out of the woods my Mas - ter went, And He was well con - tent, con - tent.

35 *mf*

Out of the woods my Mas - ter came, Con - tent with death and shame. When

35 *mf*

Out of the woods my Mas - ter came, Con - tent with death and shame. When

35 *mf*

Out of the woods my Mas - ter came, Con - tent with death and shame. When

35 *mf*

Out of the woods my Mas - ter came, Con - tent with death and shame. When

35 *mf*

Out of the woods my Mas - ter came, Con - tent with death and shame. When

39 *cresc. poco a poco*

Death and Shame would woo Him last. From un - der the trees they drew Him last: 'Twas

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Death and Shame would woo Him last. From un - der the trees they drew Him last: 'Twas

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39 *cresc. poco a poco*

Death and Shame would woo Him last. From un - der the trees they drew Him last: 'Twas

43 *f* *dim. poco a poco*

on a tree they slew Him last When out of the woods He

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43 *f* *dim. poco a poco*

on a tree they slew Him last When out of the woods He

43 *f* *dim. poco a poco*

on a tree they slew Him last When out of the woods He

43 *f* *dim. poco a poco*

on a tree they slew Him last When out of the woods He

46 *mp* *allarg.*

came. When out of the woods He came.

came. When out of the woods He came.

came. When out of the woods He came.

came. When out of the woods He came.

46 *mp* *allarg.*

came. When out of the woods He came.

46 *mp* *allarg.*

came. When out of the woods He came.

46 *mp* *allarg.*

came. When out of the woods He came.