

# 4. The Summons

For Chorus and Piano or Orchestra

Theodore Roethke (1908-1963)

Phi Beta Kappa poem (1938)\*

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

Piano

pp cresc. poco a poco      sempre legato       $p$        $mp$        $mp$        $mp$        $mp$        $mp$        $mp$

Now all who love the best,  
Now all who love the best,

molto cresc.       $mp$        $mp$        $mp$        $mp$

5       $p$        $p$        $p$        $p$        $p$        $p$        $p$

Now all who love the best,  
Now all who love the best,

9       $p$        $p$        $p$        $p$        $p$        $p$        $p$

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

13       $p$        $p$        $p$        $p$        $p$        $p$        $p$

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

13

coun - te - nanc - ing wrong:

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*div.*

13

*cresc.*

***ff with conviction***

17

Now all who

***ff with conviction***

Now all who

***ff with conviction***

Now all who

***ff with conviction***

Now all who

17

***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

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:

dim.

**29** **Poco piu mosso**  $\text{♩} = 84$   
*mp poco agitato*  
 The hu - man mired,  
*mp poco agitato*  
 The hu - man  
 wrong.  
**29** **poco agitato**  
*p*  $\xrightarrow{\text{mp}}$  *p*  $\xrightarrow{\text{mp}}$   

**32**  
 — 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,  
 The hu - man

35

*mf*

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

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

38

*mp*

39

dim.

*mp*

42                      *mp*

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

*cresc.*

46                      *f*

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

50                      *f*

*dim.*                      *mp*

*dim.*                      *mp*

*dim.*

Calmato

51 rit.

56

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

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

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60 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

60

*f* dim.

## Poco agitato

64

*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

*allargando*

## Expansively

68

*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. \_\_\_\_\_

*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

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

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  
*subito mp*

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

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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, \_\_\_\_\_

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*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.*      *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 -  
**85**

**90**      *allargando*      *a tempo*  
  
**91**      *allargando*      *a tempo*  
  
**95**  
**96**      *molto dim. e rit.*  
**99**

**Quietly with resignation**  $\text{d} = 63$

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

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

101

*pp*      *pp*      *pp*      *calando*

waste of coun - te - nanc - ing wrong.

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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.

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molto allargando