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To the South Bend Chamber Singers, Nancy Menk, Music Director

The Seasons

for SATB Chorus and String Orchestra

Frank Ferko

I. Summer

William Cullen Bryant
(1794–1878)

Rather slow, serene ♩ = 52

Piano (for rehearsal only)

A

It is ___ a sul - try_ day;

Pno.

S

the sun, ___ the sun, ___ sun, ___

A

the sun, ___ sun, ___ sun, ___

T

the sun ___ has drank The dew that lay ___ up-on the morn - ing grass,

Pno.

18

S

A

Pno.

There is no rust-ling in the loft - -

There is no rust-ling in the loft - -

pp

23

S

A

Pno.

- y elm That can-o-pies my dwel-ling, and its shade Scarce

- y elm That can-o-pies my dwel-ling, and its shade Scarce

p

28

S

A

Pno.

cools me. _____

cools me. _____

mp

34

S *p* Ah, *mf* But far in the fierce

A *p* Ah, *mf* But far in the fierce

T *p* Ah, *mf* But far in the fierce

B *p* Ah, *mf* But far in the fierce

Pno. *p* *mf*

40

S sun - shine tow'r the hills, With all their growth of woods, si - lent and *p*

A sun - shine tow'r the hills, With all woods, si - lent and *p*

T sun - shine tow'r the hills, With all woods, si - lent and *p*

B sun - shine tow'r the hills, With all their growth of woods, si - lent and *p*

Pno. *ppp*

II. Autumn

Robert Frost (1874–1963)

86 *Very peacefully* ♩ = 52

Piano

90 *p*

S
O hushed Oc-to-ber morn-ing mild, Thy leaves have rip-ened to the

A
p
O hushed Oc-to-ber morn-ing mild, Thy leaves have rip-ened to the

T
p
O hushed Oc-to-ber morn-ing mild, Thy leaves have rip-ened to the

B
p
O hushed Oc-to-ber morn-ing mild, Thy leaves have rip-ened to the

Pno. *pp*

lightly detached

poco rit.

95

S
fall; To-mor-row's wind, ___ if it be wild, ___ Should waste them all.

A
fall; To-mor-row's wind, ___ if it be wild, ___ Should waste them all.

T
fall; To-mor-row's wind, ___ if it be wild, ___ Should waste them all.

B
fall; To-mor-row's wind, ___ if it be wild, ___ Should waste them all.

Pno.

poco rit.

100 **A tempo**

S
p
The

A
p
The

Pno.

p **A tempo**

105

S
crows a-bove the for-est call; To-mor-row they may form and go.

A
crows a-bove the for-est call; To-mor-row they may form and go.

Pno.
pp
lightly detached

cresc.

cresc.

110

S
O hushed Oc-to - ber morn-ing mild, — Be-gin the hours — of this day — slow. —

A
O hushed Oc-to - ber morn-ing mild, — Be-gin the hours — of this day — slow. —

Pno.

mf

mf

dim.

p

dim.

p

115

Pno.

III. Winter

William Shakespeare (1564–1616)

179 **Intensely** ♩ = 80

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano
(for rehearsal only)

183

S

A

T

B

Pno.

ff Blow, thou win-ter wind. Blow, thou

ff Blow, thou win-ter wind. Blow, thou win-ter

ff Blow, blow, thou win-ter wind. Blow, thou win-ter

ff Blow, blow, thou win-ter wind. Blow, thou win-ter

ff gliss.

187

S wind. Thou art

A wind. Thou art

T wind. Thou art

B wind. Thou art

Pno.

189

S not so un-kind As man's in - grat - i - tude; _

A not so un-kind As man's in - grat - i - tude; _

T not so un-kind As man's in - grat - i - tude; _

B not so un-kind As man's in - grat - i - tude; _

Pno. *marcato*

192

Pno.

197

S

unis. mf

Thy tooth is not so keen, Be-cause thou art not seen,

A

unis. mf

Thy tooth is not so keen, Be-cause thou art not

Pno.

p

200

S

Al-though thy breath be rude.

A

seen, Al-though thy breath be rude.

Pno.

p

204

With vigor ♩ = ca. 60

T

unis. f

Heigh - ho! sing, heigh - ho!

B

unis. f

Heigh - ho! sing, heigh - ho!

Pno.

f

IV. Spring

Robert Frost (1874–1963)

Maestoso ♩ = 60

269 **ff**

Soprano
Come ___ with rain, O loud South-wes-ter! ___ Bring the sing -

Alto
Come ___ with rain, O loud South-wes-ter! ___ Bring the sing -

Tenor
Come ___ with rain, O loud South-wes-ter! ___ Bring the sing -

Bass
Come ___ with rain, O loud South-wes-ter! ___ Bring the sing -

Piano
(for rehearsal only)

ff

272 **Più mosso** ♩ = 144

S
er, ___ bring the nest-er; ___

A
er, ___ bring the nest-er; ___

T
er, ___ bring the nest-er; ___

B
er, ___ bring the nest-er; ___

Pno.

ff **mp**

276

Pno. *ff* *mp*

Tempo primo ♩ = 60

280 *mp* 3 3

S Give ___ the bur-ied flow-er a dream; Make the set - tled snow - - bank _

A Give the bur-ied flow-er a dream; Make the set - tled snow - - bank _

Tempo primo ♩ = 60

Pno. *p*

283

S steam;

A steam;

T *mp* Find the brown be-neath the white; But what-e'er you do to - night, Bathe my win-dow, make it

B *mp* Find the brown be-neath the white; But what-e'er you do to - night, Bathe my win-dow, make it

288 **Più mosso** ♩ = 144

T flow,

B flow,

Pno. **Più mosso** ♩ = 144

ff *mp* *ff*

Pno. *mp* *ff* *mf*

298 *f unis.*

S Melt it as the i - - ces go;

T Melt it as the i - - ces go;

Pno.