Allen Brings

To an Unborn Pauper Child

for two-part men's chorus &
wind quintet or piano, four-hands

Thomas Hardy

Piano - Vocal Score

The following scale of dynamic levels should be observed in the performance of this composition: *pp, più p, p, poco p, mp, mf, poco f, f, più f, ff.*

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Sempre ben cantando ♩ = 50

molto rit. 5

Tenors

Basses

p <

Breathe

p <

Breathe

Piano

mp < *mf* > *p* *mp* > < *poco f* > *p* *più p* > *pp* <

Con ped.

a tempo *poco p* *poch. rit.* *dim.*

not, hid Heart: cease si - lent ly, - And though thy birth - hour __

poco p *dim.*

not, hid heart: _____ cease si - lent - ly, And though thy birth -

più p *p* *dim.*

poco più agitato ♩ = 56

10

più p *mf* > < > <

beck - ons _____ thee, Sleep the long sleep: The

più p *mf*

_____ hour beck - ons _____ thee, Sleep the long sleep: _____ The Doom - sters

più p *mp* <

mf > < >

mp

poco f   *poco a poco dim.*   **15**   *rit.*   *ancora agitato* ♩ = 56

Doom - sters heap Trav - ails and teens a - round us here, _____ And

heap Trav - ails and teens a - round us here, And Time - wraiths

mf   *poco a poco dim.*   *molto rit.*   **20**   *molto più agitato* ♩ = 63

Time - wraiths turn our song sing - ings ____ to fear. _____

turn our song - sing - ings ____ to fear.

25

Hark, how the peo - ples surge and sigh, And laugh - ters fail and greet -

Hark, how the peo - ples surge and sigh, _____ And laugh - ters fail, and

poco a poco dim.

mf *f*

- ings die: Hopes dwin - dle; ___ yea, Faiths ___ waste a -

mf *f*
poco a poco dim.

greet - ings die: Hopes dwin - dle; yea, ___ Faiths waste ___

mf *mf* *mp poco a poco dim.*
poco f

molto rit. **30** *calmo* ♩ = 40
molto espress.
p

way, Af - fec - tions ___ and en - thu - si - a - sms numb; Thou canst not

p molto espress.

___ a - way, Af - fec - tions and en - thu - si - a - sms numb; Thou

più p *molto espress.*

35

mend these things, Thou canst not mend these things if thou ___

canst not mend ___ these things, Thou canst not mend ___ these things if

40 *rit.*

dost come. Thou canst not mend these things if thou ___

thou dost come. Thou canst not mend ___ these things if thou dost

più p

più p *più adagio* ♪ = 69 **45**

___ dost come.

più p

come.

pp

dolcissimo
più p

< p >

50 *mp* *< >*
espress.

Vain vow! ___

mp *< >*
espress.

Vain vow! ___

dim.

più p
p <

55

No hint of mine may hence _____ To thee - ward fly: to

No hint of mine may hence To thee - ward fly: to thy locked

poco p

poco a poco cresc.

thy locked sense Ex - plain none can Life's pend - ing plan: Thou

poco a poco cresc.

sense Ex - plain _____ none can Life's pend - ing plan: _____ Thou wilt thy

poco a poco cresc.

60

wilt thy ig - no - rant en - try make Though skies spout fire _____

ig - no - rant en - try make Though skies _____ spout fire and

and blood and na - - tions quake. Fain ___ would I,

blood and na - - tions quake. Fain ___ would I find

___ dear, find some shut plot Of earth's wide wold for

some shut plot Of earth's wide wold for

thee, where not One tear,

thee,

should break the calm.

one qualm, Should break ___ the calm. But

No man can change the
I am weak _____ as thou _____ and bare; _____ No man can change the com-mon _____

com-mon lot _____ to rare. _____
_____ lot to rare.

Must come and
Must come and bide. ____

rit.

bide. And such are we— Un - reas' - ning, san - guine, ____

____ And such are we— Un - reas' - ning, san - - guine, ____

a tempo

95

più p

mp

vi - sion-a - ry—____ That I can hope _____ Health, love, friends,

più p

mp

vi - sion-a - ry—____ That I can hope Health, friends, scope In full for

più p

p

100

mf

pressando

mf

molto cresc.

scope for thee can dream thou wilt find Joys

mf *molto cresc.*

thee can dream thou wilt find Joys sel - dom

mp

cresc.

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molto rubato

molto calmo

sel - dom yet at - tained by hu - man - kind!

yet at - tained ___ by hu - man - kind!

dolce *più p*

105 110

115

poco a poco rit.

calando