

Written for the Bridge Ensemble/The Spoleto Festival Choir
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Carl Sandburg

Gently (♩ = 85)

STARSONG

In remembrance of Glenn Parker

John Musto

1996

Musical score for Star Song, measures 1-4. The score includes parts for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, Horn 1,2, and Harp. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 3/4. The Harp part features triplet patterns. The vocal parts have lyrics: "low a - gain, night of sum - mer stars." The score includes dynamic markings such as *mp* and performance instructions like "Bend".

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Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Horn 1,2

Harp

So near you are, sky

So near you are, sky

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Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Horn 1,2

Harp

of summer stars, So

of summer stars, So

13 A

Soprano
near, _____ so _____ near, _____

Alto
near, _____ so _____ near, _____

Tenor
So near, _____ a long - arm man _____

Bass

Horn 1,2

Harp
mf

16 *mp*

Soprano
Pick off _____

Alto
p
So near, a long - arm man can pick off _____

Tenor
_____ can pick off stars, _____ Pick off what he

Bass
p
...a man can pick off _____

Horn 1,2

Harp
8va *loco*

B

19

Soprano
— what he wants ... summer stars

Alto
stars,

Tenor
wants in the sky bowl,

Bass
stars So *mp*

Horn 1,2

Harp
mp

22

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass
near you are,

Horn 1,2
mp

Harp

25 *mp*

Soprano
sum-mer stars, So near...

Alto
sum-mer stars, So near...

Tenor
So—

Bass

Horn 1,2

Harp

28

Soprano

Alto

Tenor
near...

Bass

Horn 1,2
mp

Harp

Horn 1,2

31

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Horn 1,2

D

mp

Gath - er the stars if you wish it so. —

p

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Horn 1,2

Gath - er the songs and keep them. Gath - er the fa - ces of

40

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Horn 1,2

mp

Gath - er the stars if you

wo - men. Gath - er for keep - ing years and years.

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Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Horn 1,2

wish it so. — Gath - er the songs and keep them.

Gath - er the stars if you wish it so. — Gath - er the songs and

46

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Gath - er the fa - ces of wo - men. Gath - er for keep - ing

keep them. Gath - er the fa - ces of wo - men. Gath - er for

49 *mp*

Soprano
Gath - er the stars if you wish it so. Gath - er the

Alto
years and years. Gath - er the stars if you wish it so.

Tenor
Gath - er the stars if you

Bass
keep - ing years and years.

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Soprano
songs and keep them. Gath - er the fa - ces of wo - men.

Alto
Gath - er the songs and keep them. Gath - er the

Tenor
wish it so. Gath - er the songs and keep them.

Bass
Gath - er the stars if you wish it so. Gath - er the songs and

55

Soprano
Gath - er for keep - ing years and years.

Alto
fa - ces of wo - men. Gath - er for keep - ing years and years.

Tenor
Gath - er the fa - - - ces of wo - men. Gath - er for keep - ing years and

Bass
keep them. Gath - er the fa - - - ces of wo - men. Gath - er for

Horn 1,2
1.

58 *p*

Soprano
Gath - er, gath - er the stars. Gath - er, gath - er the stars. Gath - er the stars.

Alto
p Gath - er, gath - er the - stars. Gath - er, Gath - er the stars.

Tenor
p years. Gath - er, gath - er the stars. Gath - er, gath - er the stars.

Bass
p keep - ing years and years.

Horn 1,2
2. *p*

61 **E** *pp hushed*

Soprano
Gath - er the stars if you wish it so. — Gath - er the songs and

Alto
pp hushed Gath - er the stars if you wish it so. — Gath - er the songs and

Tenor
pp hushed Gath - er the stars if you wish it so. — Gath - er the songs and

Bass
pp hushed Gath - er the stars if you wish it so. — Gath - er the songs and

64 *poco f*

Soprano
keep them. Gath - er the fa - ces of wo - men.

Alto
keep them. Gath - er the fa - ces of wo - men.

Tenor
keep them. Gath - er the fa - ces of wo - men.

Bass
keep them. Gath - er the fa - ces of wo - men.

67 *pp*

Soprano
Gath - er for keep - ing years and years.

Alto
Gath - er for keep - - - ing years and years.

Tenor
Gath - er for keep - ing years and years.

Bass
Gath - er for keep - ing years and years. Gath - er the stars,

Harp

70 *poco*

Soprano
And then...

Alto
And then...

Tenor
And then...

Bass
gath - er the stars... *mf* Loos - en, loos - en your hands,

Horn 1,2

Harp
(C#)

72 F

Soprano *p* Bend

Alto *p* Bend

Tenor *mp* Loos-en your hands, let go and say good -

Bass

Harp *mp*

75

Soprano low a - gain, night of sum-mer stars.

Alto low a - gain, night of sum-mer stars.

Tenor *mp* by. Loos - en, loos-en your hands, loos-

Bass Loos - en your hands, let go and say good - - - by.

Horn 1,2 *p*

Harp

78

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

So near you are, sky —
So near you are, sky —
en, and say good - - - by.
Loos - en your hands, let go and say good -

Horn 1,2
Harp

81

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

of sum-mer stars, So
of sum-mer stars, So
mf Let the stars and songs go. *più f* Let the fa - ces and
by. Loos - en your hands, let go and say good -

Horn 1,2
Harp

90

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Horn 1,2

Harp

hum - strum - ming, hum - strum - ming.

strum - - - - - ming,

So la - zy and hum - strum - ming,

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Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Horn 1,2

Harp

ming, strum - - - - - ming...

So la-zy and hum - strum - ming, hum - strum - ming. *mp* Sum - mer

strum - - - - - ming...

hum - strum - ming. So la - zy...

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Soprano: Sum - mer stars...
Alto: stars...
Tenor: So near you are...
Bass:
Horn 1,2:
Harp: *mp*

99

Soprano: Sum - mer
Alto:
Tenor: So near
Bass: Loos - en your hands, let
Horn 1,2: *mp*
Harp: *mp*

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Soprano
stars...

Alto
Loos - en your hands, let go and say good - - by.

Tenor
you are... So

Bass
go and say good - - - by.

Horn 1,2

Harp

105

Soprano
Sum - mer stars...

Alto
Loos - en your hands, let go and say good -

Tenor
near you are...

Bass
Loos - en your hands, let go and say good - - by.

Horn 1,2

Harp

108 *p* *mf*

Soprano
Loos-en your hands, — let go and say good - by.

Alto
by. Loos - en your hands, — let go and

Tenor
Loos - en your hands, let go and say good - - by.

Bass
Loos - en your hands, let go and say good -

Horn 1,2

Harp *mf*

111 *pp* *p*

Soprano
Loos - en your hands... Loos - en your hands and

Alto
say good - by. — Loos - en your hands and

Tenor
Loos - en your hands... let go... Loos - en your hands and say good -

Bass
by. — Loos - en your hands and say good -

Horn 1,2 *p*

Harp

113

Soprano
say good - by... good - by... good - by...

Alto
say good - by... good - by... good - by...

Tenor
— by... good - by... good - by... good -

Bass
— by... good - by... good - by... good -

Horn 1,2
pp

Harp
mp

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Soprano
good - by... good - by.

Alto
good - by... good - by.

Tenor
— by.

Bass
— by.

Horn 1,2

Harp
pp