

SNOW

Music: Stephanie Martin

Text: Archibald Lampman

For SATB/SATB double choir, acappella

Commissioned by the Exultate Chamber Singers

in celebration of

Janice Kerckamp

and her 38 years with the choir

SNOW (Selected verses)

White are the far-off plains, and white
The fading forests grow;
The wind dies out along the height,
And denser still the snow,
A gathering weight on roof and tree,
Falls down scarce audibly.

The road before me smooths and fills
Apace, and all about
The fences dwindle, and the hills
Are blotted slowly out;
The naked trees loom spectrally
Into the dim white sky.

The meadows and far-sheeted streams
Lie still without a sound;
Like some soft minister of dreams
The snow-fall hoods me round;
In wood and water, earth and air,
A silence everywhere.

The evening deepens, and the gray
Folds closer earth and sky;
The world seems shrouded far away;
Its noises sleep, and I,
As secret as yon buried stream,
Plod dumbly on, and dream.

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Select verses from *Snow*

Stephanie Martin, 2022

Secretly $\text{♩} = 52$

Choir I
White, ___
White, ___
White, ___
White, ___
White, ___

Choir II
White, ___
White, ___
White, ___
White, ___
White, ___

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White are the far-off plains,
plains,
are the far-off plains,
plains,
White are the far-off plains, far-off plains, and white The fading forests

White are the far-off plains and white The fading forests

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mp The wind dies out a-long the height, *mp* A

mp The wind dies out a-long the height, *mp*

grow; *mp* *mp* And den-ser still, and den-ser still the snow,

grow; *mp* And den-ser still the snow,

15

mf *p* gath' ring weight on roof and tree, Falls down,

p down, down, falls_

mp *mf* *p* A gath' ring weight on roof and tree, Falls down,

mp *p*

19

down, falls down scarce aud - ib - ly. The road be - fore me smooths and

pp *mf*

down, down, falls down scarce aud - ib - ly.

pp *pp*

down, down, falls down, down, scarce aud - ib - ly.

24

fills A-pace, and the hills Are blot-ted slowly out;

mp *mp*

and all a - bout The fenc-es dwin - dle,

mf *mf*

The nak - ed trees, the na-ked trees loom spec - tral-ly

The na-ked trees loom spec - tral-ly

The na - ked trees loom spec - tral-ly

The na-ked

In - to the dim white sky. White sky White sky

In - to the dim white sky. sky.

spec - tral - ly In - to the dim white sky. White sky White sky

sky.

41

mp
Like

mp
Like some soft

mp
The meadows and far-sheet-ed streams Lie still with-out a sound;

mp
The meadows and far-sheet-ed streams Lie still with-out a sound;

46

some soft min - i - ster of dreams In wood and wa -

min - i - ster of dreams

The snow - fall hoods me round;

The snow-fall hoods me round, hoods me round; In wood and

The snow - fall hoods me round;

50

- ter, earth and air, A si - lence, a si - lence

si - lence, si - lence, a si - lence

wa - - ter, earth and air, A si - lence, si - lence, a si - lence

55

ev' - ry - where. The

ev' - ry-where. The

ev' - ry-where. The eve' ning deep - ens, and the gray Folds clos - erearth and sky;

61

poco rit.

world seems shroud-ed far a-way; Its nois - es sleep, and I, As

sleep and I, As

67

p

molto rit.

sec - ret as yon bur-ied stream, Plod dumb-ly on, and dream.

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