

to William Liberatore and the Henry M. Gunn High School Choir

This Winter Light

poem by Sue Susman

music by William Susman

Serene ♩ = 66

Soprano *p* So cold, this win - ter light

Alto *p* So cold, this win - ter light

Tenor *p* So cold, this win - ter light

Bass *p* So cold, this win - ter light

Piano *p*

5 S e - ven the sky is white

A e - ven

T e - ven the sky is white

B e - ven

Pno. 5

A

8

S like breath ex - haled, the

A the sky is white _____ like breath ex - haled,

T like breath ex - haled,

B the sky is white _____ like breath ex - haled

A

8

Pno.

3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3

Lea. * Lea. *

13

S sleep-ing breath of a whole ci - ty turn-ing in - to

A whole _____ turn-ing in - to steam

T whole _____ turn-ing in - to steam in the fro-zen

B whole _____ turn-ing in - to steam in the fro-zen air _____

13

Pno.

Lea. * Lea. * Lea. * Lea. *

17 *div.*

S steam in the fro - zen air

A in the fro - zen air

T air

B

Pno.

* Led. * Led. * Led. * Led.

20 *unis. p*

S be - com - ing

A this white blank - et

T that co - vers

B the ground.

Pno.

* Led. * Led. * Led. *

B

24

S Earth will rest _____ sleep-ing child.

A un-der - neath _____

T Earth will rest _____

B cov-ered like a sleep-ing child.

B

Pno.

24

Leo. * Leo. * Leo. * Leo. *

28

S And in the spring, _____ when the ice flows _____

A And in the spring, _____ when the ice flows, _____

T And in the spring, _____ when the ice flows, _____

B And in the spring, _____ when the ice flows, _____

Pno.

28

Leo. * Leo. 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

38

S some-thing bet - ter, ___ in - to some-thing new. _____

A turn - ing in - to some-thing bet - ter in - to some-thing new. _____

T _____ in - to some-thing new. _____

B _____ in - to some-thing new. _____

Pno.

* *Leg.*

41

S _____ *cresc.* Let my prayer for peace

A _____ *cresc.* Let my prayer for peace

T _____ *cresc.* Let my prayer for _____ peace _____

B _____ *cresc.* Let my prayer for _____ peace _____

Pno.

41 *cresc.*

* *Leg.* * *Leg.*

46 *p*
 S be a lul - la - by _____
 A _____ *p*
 that com - forts more than me.
 T _____ *p*
 Make my song as hope - ful
 B _____ *p*
 as

Pno. *let ringing fade*

* *Lead*

49
 S _____ as birds that sing, e - ven now, _____ when there is so
 A _____ as birds that sing, _____ e - ven now, _____ when there is so
 T _____ as birds that sing, _____ e - ven now, _____ when there is so
 B _____ birds that sing, _____ e - ven now, _____ when there is so

Pno. * *Lead* * *Lead* *

54 *rit.*

S lit - tle light.

A lit - tle light.

T lit - tle light.

B lit - tle light.

54 *rit.*

Pno.

8

Ad.

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So cold, this winter light
 even the sky is white
 like breath exhaled, the sleeping breath of a whole city
 turning into steam in the frozen air
 becoming this white blanket that covers the ground.

Earth will rest underneath covered like a sleeping child.
 And in the spring, when the ice flows,
 She will awaken turning,
 always turning into something better, into something new

Let my prayer for peace be a lullaby that comforts more than me.
 Make my song as hopeful as birds that sing, even now,

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