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# Ah! Woe is Me!

*for SATB Chorus*

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### Ah! Woe Is Me!

Ah! woe is me! poor silver-wing!  
That I must chant thy lady's dirge,  
And death to this fair haunt of spring,  
Of melody, and streams of flowery verge,  
Poor silver-wing! ah! woe is me!  
That I must see  
These blossoms snow upon thy lady's pall!  
Go, pretty page! and in her ear  
Whisper that the hour is near!  
Softly tell her not to fear  
Such calm favonian\* burial!  
Go, pretty page! and soothly tell,  
The blossoms hang by a melting spell,  
And fall they must, ere a star wink thrice  
Upon her closed eyes,  
That now in vain are weeping their last tears,  
At sweet life leaving, and these arbours green,  
Rich dowry from the Spirit of the Spheres,  
Alas! poor Queen!

—John Keats (1795–1821)

\* Of or related to the west wind.

# Ah! Woe is Me!

*for SATB Chorus unaccompanied*

John Keats (1795–1821)

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**Mesto** ♩ = 55

**Soprano**  
*p* Ah! woe is me! poor sil-ver-wing! That I must chant thy  
*mf sub.*

**Alto**  
*p* Ah! woe is me! poor sil-ver-wing! That I must chant thy  
*mf sub.*

**Tenor**  
*p* Ah! woe is me! poor sil-ver-wing! That I must chant thy  
*mf sub.*

**Bass**  
*p* Ah! woe is me! poor sil-ver-wing! That I must chant thy  
*mf sub.*

**Keyboard**  
 (for rehearsal only)  
*Mesto* ♩ = 55

**Not For Performance**

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*mp* *p* *mf sub.*

la - dy's dirge, And death to this fair haunt of spring, Of mel - o - dy, and

*mp* *p* *mf sub.*

la - dy's dirge, And death to this fair haunt of spring, Of mel - o - dy, and

*mp* *p* *mf sub.*

la - dy's dirge, And death to this fair haunt of spring, Of mel - o - dy, and

*mp* *p* *mf sub.*

la - dy's dirge, And death to this fair haunt of spring, Of mel - o - dy, and

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*f* *mp* *p*

streams of flow-ry verge, Poor sil - ver - wing! ah! woe is me! That

*f* *mp* *p*

streams of flow-ry verge, Poor sil - ver - wing! ah! woe is me! That

*f* *mp* *p*

streams of flow-ry verge, Poor sil - ver - wing! ah! woe is me! That

*f* *mp* *p*

streams of flow-ry verge, Poor sil - ver - wing! ah! woe is me! That

13 *mp* *mp* *mf*

I must see These blos-soms snow up-on thy la-dy's pall! Go, pret-ty page! and in her ear

*mp* *mp* *mf*

I must see blos-soms snow up-on thy la-dy's pall! — Go, pret-ty page! and in her ear

*mp* *mp* *mf*

8 I must see blos-soms snow up-on thy la-dy's pall! Go, pret-ty page! and in her ear

*mp* *mp* *mf*

I must see blos-soms snow up-on thy la-dy's pall! — Go, pret-ty page! and in her ear

17 *p sub.* *f*

Whis - per that the hour is near! Soft - ly tell her not to

*p sub.* *f*

Whis - per that the hour is near! Soft - ly tell her not to

*p sub.* *f*

8 Whis - per that the hour is near! Soft - ly tell her not to

*p sub.* *f*

Whis - per that the hour is near! Soft - ly tell her not to

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*allargando* **Tempo I** **ff**

fear Such calm fav - on - i - an\* bur - i - al! Go, pret - ty

fear Such calm fav - on - i - an\* bur - i - al! Go, pret - ty

8 fear Such calm fav - on - i - an\* bur - i - al! Go, pret - ty

fear Such calm fav - on - i - an\* bur - i - al! Go, pret - ty

*allargando* **Tempo I**

25

**f**, **mp**, **p**

page! and sooth-ly tell, The blos-soms hang by a melt-ing spell, And

**f**, **mp**, **p**

page! and sooth-ly tell, The blos-soms hang by a melt-ing spell, And

8 page! and sooth-ly tell, The blos-soms hang by a melt-ing spell, And

**f**, **mp**, **p**

page! and sooth-ly tell, The blos-soms hang by a melt-ing spell, And

\* Of or related to the west wind.

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*mp* *mf* *mp*

fall they must, ere a star wink thrice Up - on her closed eyes, — That

*mp* *mf* *mp*

fall they must, ere a star wink thrice Up - on her closed eyes, — That

*mp* *mf* *mp*

fall they must, ere a star wink thrice Up - on her closed eyes, — That

*mp* *mf* *mp*

fall they must, ere a star wink thrice Up - on her closed eyes, — That

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*mf* *f*

now in vain are weep-ing their last tears, At sweet life leav-ing, — and these ar-bours green,

*mf* *f*

now in vain are weep-ing their last tears, — sweet life leav-ing, — and these ar-bours green,

*mf* *f*

now in vain are weep-ing their last tears, sweet life leav-ing, — and these ar-bours green,

*mf* *f*

now in vain are weep-ing their last tears, sweet life leav-ing, — and these ar-bours green,

37 *mp* *p* *rit. calando* *pp*

Rich dow - ry \_\_\_\_\_ from the Spir - it of the Spheres, A - las! poor Queen!

*mp* *p* *calando* *pp*

Rich dow - ry \_\_\_\_\_ from the Spir - it of the Spheres, A - las! poor Queen!

*mp* *p* *calando* *pp*

Rich dow - ry \_\_\_\_\_ from the Spir - it of the Spheres, A - las! poor Queen!

*mp* *p* *calando* *pp*

Rich dow - ry \_\_\_\_\_ from the Spir - it of the Spheres, A - las! poor Queen!



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