

The Harvest Moon

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It is the Harvest Moon! On gilded vanes
And roofs of villages, on woodland crests
And their aerial neighborhoods of nests
Deserted, on the curtained window panes

Of rooms where children sleep, on country lanes
And harvest-fields, its mystic splendor rests!
Gone are the birds that were our summer guests;
With the last sheaves return the laboring wains.

All things are symbols: the external shows
Of Nature have their image in the mind,
As flowers and fruits and the falling of the leaves;

The song-birds leave us at the summer's close,
Only the empty nests are left behind,
And the pipings of the quail among the sheaves.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*for Colleen,
with all my love*

Performance Notes from the Composer

- Each tempo indication should be used as a guide only.
The overall flow of the piece is top priority
- Accidentals in the score apply only to the measure and part in which they occur.
- Barlines are often used for convenience only, and are not intended to dictate strong and weak beats of the measure in those situations.
- The piece contains many short gestures and sections. Continuity from one section to the next section should be maintained as dictated by the text.
- "Echo" passages at the beginning and end of the piece should be as realistic as possible. Exact articulation and dynamics in these passages may be adjusted to suit the acoustics of the performance hall.

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For S.A.T.B. voices

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Always with a sense of wonder ♩=80

pulsed, echo-like **mf** **mp**

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

It is the Har -
It is the Har - vest Moon, the
It is the Har - vest Moon, Har - vest Moon, Har -
is the Har - vest Moon, It is the Har - vest Moon, Har - vest Moon, Har -

Keyboard
for rehearsal only

3

S
A
T
B

vest Moon, the Har - vest Moon, Har - vest Moon, Moon, Moon! Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon,
Har - vest Moon, Har - vest Moon, Moon, Moon Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon!
vest Moon, the Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon!
vest Moon, the Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon!

pppp

3

⑤

S Moon, Moon, Moon! *mf mp* gil - ded vanes, on gil - ded

A *mf mp* on gil - ded vanes, on gil - ded vanes, gil - ded vanes, gil -

T *mf mp* on gil - ded vanes, on gil - ded vanes, on gil - ded vanes, gil - ded vanes, gil -

B *mf mp* on gil - ded vanes, on gil - ded vanes, gil -

⑦

S vanes, on gil - ded vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes,

A *pppp* ded vanes, gil - ded vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes

T *pppp* ded vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes

B *pppp* ded vanes, gil - ded vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes

9

S
vanes, Moon, *mf mp* It is the Har -

A
mf mp It is the Har - vest Moon, the

T
mf mp It is the Har - vest Moon, Har - vest Moon, Har -

B
mf mp is the Har - vest Moon, It is the Har - vest Moon, Har - vest Moon, Har -

12

S
pppp vest Moon, the Har - vest Moon, Har - vest Moon, Moon, Moon! Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon,

A
pppp Har - vest Moon, Har - vest Moon, Moon, Moon Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon!

T
pppp vest Moon, the Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon!

B
pppp vest Moon, the Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon!

12

14

S Moon, Moon, Moon! *mf mp* on gil - ded vanes

A

T *mf mp* on gil - ded vanes and roofs of

B *mf mp* on gil - ded vanes and roofs of vil - la - ges, gil - ded vanes and roofs of

17

S and roofs of vil - la - ges, gil - ded vanes and roofs of vil - la - ges, roofs of vil - la -

A *mf mp* on gil - ded vanes and roofs of vil - la - ges, gil - ded vanes and roofs of vil - la -

T vil - la - ges, gil - ded vanes and roofs of vil - la - ges, roofs of vil - la - ges, vil - la - ges,

B vil - la - ges, roofs of vil - la - ges, roofs of vil - la - ges, vil - la - ges, vil - la - ges, vil - la - ges,

slower, very expressively

19

S *pppp* ges, vil - la - ges, vil - la - ges, vil - la - ges, vil - la - ges. *mf* It is the

A *pppp* ges, vil - la - ges, vil - la - ges, vil - la - ges, vil - la - ges. *mf* It is the

T *pppp* vil - la - ges, vil - la - ges, vil - la - ges,

B *pppp* vil - la - ges, vil - la - ges, vil - la - ges,

19

22 **a tempo**

S Har - vest Moon!

A Har - vest Moon!

T *mf mp* It is the Har - vest Moon, the Har - vest Moon, *div.*

B *mf mp* It is the Har - vest Moon, the Har - vest Moon, Har - vest Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, *div.*

22

25

S

A

T
8
Har - vest Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, On gil - ded

B
Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, On gil - ded vanes, On gil - ded vanes,

pppp *mf* *mp* *unis.* *mf* *mp* *div.*

27

S
On gil - ded vanes and roofs of vil - la - ges, —

A
On gil - ded vanes and roofs of vil - la - ges, —

T
8
vanes, On gil - ded vanes, gil - ded vanes, gil - ded vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes,

B
gil - ded vanes, gil - ded vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes, vanes,

f *Slower mp* *f* *mp* *pppp* *pppp*

a tempo

molto espressivo

30

S *mf* On wood - - -

A *mf* On wood - - -

T *unis. mf mp* On gil - ded vanes, and roofs of vil - la - ges, *div.* gil - ded vanes and roofs of vil - la -

B *mf mp* On gil - ded vanes, and roofs of vil - la - ges, on

30

33

S *f* land crests and their ae - ri - al neigh - bor - hoods.

A *f* land crests and their ae - ri - al neigh - bor - hoods.

T *pppp* ges, vanes and roofs of vil - la - ges, roofs of vil - la - ges, vil - la - ges, vil - la - ges, vil - la -

B *pppp* gil - ded vanes and roofs of vil - la - ges, roofs of vil - la - ges, roofs of vil - la - ges,

33

Slowly, sadly

35 *mp*

S of nests de - ser - ted.

A of nests de - ser - ted.

T ges,

B vil - la - ges, vil - la - ges,

35

♩=92 with motion

38 *mp* *f*

S On the cur - tain'd win - dow panes of rooms where

A *mp* *f*

T *unis.* *mp* *f*

B *unis.* *mp* *f*

On the cur - tain'd win - dow panes of rooms where

38

41

S chil— dren sleep, — On coun - try lanes — and har - vest fields.

A chil— dren sleep, — On coun - try lanes — and har— vest— fields.

T chil— dren sleep, — On coun - try lanes — and har - vest fields.

B chil— dren sleep, — On coun - try lanes — and har— vest— fields.

41

Slower

44

S *ff* its mys - tic splen - dor

A *ff* its mys - tic splen - dor

T *ff* its mys - tic splen - dor

B *ff* its mys - tic splen - dor

44

$\text{♩} = 80$ with motion
mf

47

S rests! _____ Gone are the birds _____ that were _____ our sum _____ mer guests: _____

A rests! _____ *mf* Our

T rests! _____

B rests! _____

Slower

51

S _____ With the last _____ sheaves _____

A sum _____ mer _____ guests: _____ With the last _____ sheaves _____

T _____

B _____

51

54

warmly *div.*

S re - turn the la - bor - ing wains!

A re - turn the la - bor - ing wains!

T re - turn the la - bor - ing wains!

B re - turn the la - bor - ing wains!

54

57

unis. $\text{♩} = 66$ $\text{♩} = 80$

S All things are sym - bols;

A All things are sym - bols; The ex - ter - nal

T All things are sym - bols;

B All things are sym - bols;

57

60

S *mf* have their im - age

A shows of na - ture have their im - age

T *mf* ex - ter - nal shows of na - ture have their im - age

B *mf* ex - ter - nal shows of na - ture have their im - age

63

S *f* *div.* in the mind,

A *f* *legato* *mf* As flow - ers and

T *f* *legato* *mf* As flow - ers and

B *f* *legato* *mf* As flow - ers and

63

66

legato
mf
unis.

S
And fall,

A
fruits fall,

T
fruits fall,

B
fruits fall,

66

69

rit.
peacefully

S
p
fall - ing of the

A
p
fall - ing of the

T
p
fall - ing of the

B
p
fall - ing of the

69

♩=108

pp

72

S leaves, of the leaves. The song - birds leave

A leaves, the leaves. The song - birds leave

T leave, the leaves. The song - birds leave

B leaves, the leaves. The song - birds leave

75

S - us at the sum - mer's close,

A - us at the sum - mer's close,

T - us at the sum - mer's close,

B - us at the sum - mer's close,

78

mp *solos or small group*

S Ahh

mp *3*

A On - ly the emp - ty nests

mp *solos or small group*

T Ahh

mp *div.* *3*

B On - ly the emp - ty nests

81

whispered tutti

S are leffff_t be - hind.

whispered

A are leffff_t be - hind.

whispered tutti

T are leffff_t be - hind.

whispered unis.

B are leffff_t be - It

81

84

♩=80

pulsed, echo-like

mf p

S
It is the Har -

A
It is the Har - vest Moon, the

T
It is the Har - vest Moon, Har - vest Moon, Har -

B
pulsed, echo-like
mf p

hind. is the Har - vest Moon, It is the Har - vest Moon, Har - vest Moon, Har -

84

86

S
vest Moon, the Har - vest Moon, Har - vest Moon, Moon, Moon! Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon,

A
Har - vest Moon, Har - vest Moon, Moon, Moon Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon!

T
vest Moon, the Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon!

B
pppp

vest Moon, the Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon!

86

88

S *ppp* Moon, Moon, Moon! *mf mp* At sum - mer's close, at sum -

A *mf mp* At sum - mer's close, at sum - mer's close, at sum - mer's close,

T *mf mp* At sum - mer's close, at sum - mer's close, at sum - mer's close, sum - mer's close, sum -

B At sum - mer's close, at sum - mer's close, at

88

90

S *pppp* mer's close, at sum - mer's close, sum - mer's close, sum - mer's close, close, close, close, close,

A *pppp* sum - mer's close, close, close, close, close, close, close, close, close, close, close, close.

T *pppp* mer's close, close, close, close, close, close, close, close, close.

B *pppp* sum - mer's close, sum - mer's close, sum - mer's close, close, close, close, close, close, close, close.

90

92

S *mf*
close, close. And pip - ings

A *mf*
And pip - ings

T *mf mp*
It is the

B

95

S
of the quail

A
of the quail

T *div.* *pp*
Har - vest Moon, Har - vest Moon, Har - vest Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon

B *mf mp* *div.* *pp*
It is the Har - vest Moon, Har - vest Moon, Har - vest Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon, Moon

95

98 **Slower**

$\text{♩} = 80$

dim. poco a poco to end

S sheaves, sheaves, sheaves, sheaves, sheaves, sheaves,

A *mf* a-mong the sheaves, sheaves, sheaves, sheaves, sheaves, sheaves,

T

B

98

102 *(dim)*

S sheaves, sheaves, sheaves, sheaves, sheaves, sheaves, ssss.

A *(dim)* sheaves, sheaves, sheaves, sheaves, sheaves, sheaves, sssss.

T

B

102