

'I Wandered Lonely As A Cloud'

Words by William Wordsworth (1770-1850)

(from the poem 'I wandered Lonely As A Cloud')

Music by John Whittaker

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At a Steady Pace, with expression. ♩=120

The mood and character of the music fluctuates with the thoughts expressed in the words....

A Verse 1

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

(smoothly, like a gentle murmuring breeze, gradually becoming slightly louder...)

pp Ah, Ah, Ah, Ah,

mp I wand - er'd

S.

A.

T.

B.

7

lone - ly as a cloud that floats on high o'er vales and hills,

Ah, that floats o'er vales and hills,

(still almost inaudible) lone - ly... as a cloud that floats on high o'er vales and

mp

Cresc. and Broaden....

S.

A.

T.

B.

13

mf When all at once I saw a crowd a host, a

mf When all at once I saw a crowd a

hills, When all at once I saw a crowd a host,

mf

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19 *(with much power and emotion...)*

S. *f* host, a host, a host of gold - en daff - o - dils,

A. *f* host, a host, a host of gold - en daff - o - dils,

T. *f* a host, a host, a host of daff - o - dils,

B. *p* a host, *mf* a host, *f* a host of daff - o - dils,

(Slight Rall.) A Tempo ♩=120

24 *mf* A host of gold - en daff - o - dils. Be -

A. *mf* A host of gold - en daff - o - dils.

T. *mf* A host of gold - en daff - o - dils. Be - sides the lake,

B. *mf* A host of gold - en daff - o - dils. Ahhh... (1st basses only) *pp*

29 **C** *(lightly)*

S. *p* neath the trees flu - tter - ing and danc - ing, flu - tter - ing and danc - ing

A. *(lightly)* *p* flu - tter - ing and danc - ing, flu - tter - ing and danc - ing

T. *p* *(lightly)* flu - tter - ing and danc - ing,

B. *p* *(lightly)* flu - tter - ing and danc - ing,

Rall and Dim.....

33

S. *pp* in the breeze.

A. *pp* in the breeze, in the breeze. *ppp* in the breeze. in the breeze.

T. *ppp* flu - tter - ing and danc - ing in the breeze, in the breeze, in the breeze.

B. *ppp* flu - tter - ing and danc - ing in the breeze, in the breeze.

D A Tempo ♩=120

37 Verse 2.

S. *mf* Con - tin - uous as the stars that shine And twin - kle on the

A. *mf* Con - tin - uous as the stars that shine And twin - kle on the

T. *mf* Con - tin - uous as the stars that shine

B. *mf* Con - tin - uous as the stars that shine And twin - kle on the milk - y

E

43

S. milk - y way, They stretch'd in ne - ver end - ing line a - long the

A. milk - y way, They stretch'd in ne - ver end - ing line a - long³ the

T. They stretch'd in ne - - - - ver end - ing line a -

B. way, a -

Cresc...

49

S. mar - gin of a bay: Ten thou - sand saw I at a glance

A. mar - gin of a bay: Ten thou - sand saw I at a glance

T. long the mar - gin. Ten thou - sand saw I at, at a glance

B. long the mar - gin of a bay: Ten thou - sand saw I at, at a glance

F

56

S. *p* Toss - ing their heads, Toss - ing their heads in sprigh - tly dance.

(lightly)

A. *p* Toss - ing their heads, To - ssing their heads in sprigh - tly dance, in spright - ly

(lightly)

T. *pp* Toss - ing their heads, Toss - ing their heads in sprigh - tly dance.

(lightly)

B. *pp* Toss - ing their heads, Toss - ing their heads in

G Verse 3

Rall and Dim...

A Tempo ♩=120

60

S. dance.

A. dance.

T. *pp* in spright - ly dance. *mf* For oft, when on the couch I lie in va - cant or in pen - sive

(calm and reflective in character...)

ppp

B. spright - ly dance, spright - ly dance.

(with intensity...)

(Slightly Slower....)

(calm and reflective in character...)

67

S. *mf* They flash up - on that in - ward eye *mp* which is the bliss

A. *mf* They flash up - on that in - ward eye *mp* which is the bliss

T. *mf* (with intensity...) mood, They flash up - on that in - ward eye

B. *mf* They flash *mp* The

H

A Tempo (with joy and spirit...)

73

S. *mf* of sol - i - tude; And then my heart with plea - sure fills *(lightly)* And

A. *mf* of sol - i - tude; And then my heart with plea - sure fills *(lightly)* And

T. *mf* And then my heart

B. *mf* bliss of sol - i - tude; And then my heart with plea - sure fills

(Slight Rall...)

78

S. *mp* dance - s with the, And dance - s with the daff - o - dils.

A. *mp* dance - s with the, And dance - s with the daff - o - dils.

T. *mp* (lightly) And dance - s with, And dance - s with the daff - o - dils.

B. *mp* (lightly) And dance - s with, And dance - s with the daff - o - dils.

82 **I** **A Tempo** **Gradually Dim.....**

S. *p* flu - tter - ing and danc - ing, flu - tter - ing and danc - ing *pp* in

A. *p* flu - tter - ing and danc - ing, flu - tter - ing and danc - ing *pp* in

T. *p* (*lightly*) flu - tter - ing and danc - ing, flu - tter - ing and danc - ing

B. *p* (*lightly*) flu - tter - ing and danc - ing, flu - tter - ing and danc - ing

86 **Dim and Rall to end.....** (*fade away - as if retained in the poets' mind as a memory of a wonderful experience that he will never forget...*)

S. the breeze, _____

A. *ppp* the breeze, in the breeze, in the breeze.

T. *pp* in the breeze, in the breeze, *ppp* in the breeze, _____ (hum) *mmm*

B. *pp* in the breeze, _____ *ppp* in the breeze, in the breeze. in the breeze. in the breeze.