

To Miss Frances Smart, Malvern

# THE SHOWER

Choral-Song for SATB

Edward Elgar  
(1857-1934)  
Op. 71, No.1

from a poem by  
Henry Vaughan  
(1621-95)

Moderato ♩ = 60

S  
A  
T  
B

Cloud, — if as thou dost melt, and with thy train Of drops make soft the

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Earth, my eyes could weep, my eyes could weep O'er my hard heart, that's

*cresc.* *ten.* *dim.*

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bound up and a - sleep; — Cloud, — if as thou dost melt, and

*poco rit.* *ppp* *cresc.*

12 *mf* *p* *pp*

with thy train Of drops make soft the Earth, my eyes could  
melt, and with thy train Of drops, thy train of drops make soft the Earth, my eyes could  
melt, and with thy train Of drops, thy train of drops make soft, make soft the Earth, my eyes could  
with thy train Of drops make soft the Earth, my eyes could

14 *ten.* *pp* *rit.* *A tempo, pp*

weep O'er my hard heart, that's bound up and a - sleep; — Per -  
weep O'er my hard heart, that's bound up and a - sleep; — Per -  
weep O'er my hard heart, that's bound up and a - sleep; — Per -  
weep O'er my hard heart, that's bound up and a - sleep; — Per -

18 *poco più animato cresc.* *allargando*

haps at last, Some such show-ers past, per - haps at last, Some such show-ers past, My  
haps at last, Some such show-ers past, per - haps at last, Some such show-ers past, — My  
haps at last, Some such show-ers past, per - haps at last, Some such show-ers past, — My  
haps at last, Some such show-ers past, per - haps at last, Some such show-ers past, — My

22 *molto largamente* *ff* *p* *Tempo imo.*

God would give a sun - shine af - ter rain, my

*molto largamente* *ff* *p* *Tempo imo.*

God would give a sun - - - shine, Some such

*molto largamente* *ff* *p* *Tempo imo.*

God would give a sun - - - shine, Some such

*molto largamente* *ff* *p* *Tempo imo.*

God would give, would give a sun - - - shine, my

24 *pp*

God would give a sun - shine af - ter rain, a

*pp*

show - ers past, my God would give a sun - shine af - - - ter rain, a

*pp*

show - ers past, my God would give a sun - shine af - ter rain, a

*pp*

God would give a sun - shine, a

26 *molto tranquillo* *dim. e rit.* *pppp*

sun - shine af - ter rain, a sun - shine af - ter rain.

*molto tranquillo* *dim. e rit.* *pppp*

sun - shine af - ter rain, a sun - shine af - ter rain.

*molto tranquillo* *poco* *dim. e rit.* *pppp*

sun - shine, a sun - shine af - ter rain, af - ter rain.

*molto tranquillo* *dim. e rit.* *pppp*

sun - shine af - ter rain, God would give a sun - shine af - ter rain.