



Chloris in the Snow

Percy Eastman Fletcher
(1879-1932)

Percy Eastman Fletcher (1879-1932) born in Derby, Derbyshire, England. He was successful as a musical director in various theaters in London, including the Prince of Wales, Savoy, and Drury Lane theaters. He directed at His Majesty's Theater from 1915 until his death in 1932. He was also a performer on organ, piano, and violin. He composed numerous ballads, choral works, orchestral suites, piano music, marches, pieces for organ, and works for military band. Several of his compositions were performed as test pieces for the British National Band Championships. In 1926, he created what some consider his most serious work for the championships, *An Epic Symphony*. It was brought back as a test piece for the National Championships of 1938, 1951, and 1976.

I saw fair Chloris walk alone,
When feather'd rain came softly down,
As Jove descending from his Tower
To court her in a silver shower:
The wanton snow flew to her breast,
Like pretty birds into their nest,
But, overcome with whiteness there,
For grief it thaw'd into a tear:
 Thence falling on her garments' hem,
 To deck her, froze into a gem.

William Strode (1602-1645)

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Percy E. Fletcher

With grace and charm ♩ = 72

S
I saw fair Chlo - ris walk a - lone, When feath - er'd

A
I saw fair Chlo - ris walk a - lone, When feath - er'd

T
I saw fair Chlo - ris walk a - lone, When feath - er'd

B
I saw fair Chlo - ris walk a - lone, When feath - er'd

4
S
rain came soft - ly down, As Jove de - scend - ing

A
rain came soft - ly down, As Jove de - scend - ing

T
rain came soft - ly down, As Jove de - scend - ing

B
rain came soft - ly down, As Jove de - scend - ing



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Slightly slower

7

S from his Tower To court her in a sil - ver shower: I saw fair

A from his Tower To court her in a sil - ver shower: I saw fair

T from his Tower To court her in a sil - ver shower: I saw fair

B from his Tower To court her in a sil - ver shower: I saw fair

dim. *mp*

With more animation

11

S Chlo - ris walk a - lone. The

A Chlo - ris walk a - lone. The

T Chlo - ris walk a - lone. The

B Chlo - ris walk a - lone. The

p *cresc.*

14

S wan - ton snow flew to her breast, Like pret - ty birds

A wan - ton snow flew to her breast, Like pret - ty birds

T wan - ton snow flew to her breast, Like pret - ty birds

B wan - ton snow flew to her breast, Like pret - ty birds

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17 *mf* **slowing down** *dim.*

S in - to their nest, But, o - ver - come with white - ness there, For

A in - to their nest, But, o - ver - come with white - ness there,

T in - to their nest, But, o - ver - come with white - ness there, _____

B in - to their nest, But, o - ver - come with white - ness there,

20 *tenderly* **slower and expressively** *mp*

S grief it thaw'd in - to a tear: Thence fall - ing on her

A Thaw'd a tear: Thence fall - ing on her

T Thaw'd a tear: Thence fall - ing on her

B Thaw'd a tear: Thence fall - ing on her

23

S gar - ments' hem, To deck her, froze in - to a

A gar - ments' hem, To deck her, froze in - to a

T gar - ments' hem, To deck her, froze, _____

B gar - ments' hem, To deck her, froze _____ in - to a

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26 *lingering* *Original time*

S gem. _____ I saw fair Chlo - ris walk a -

A gem. _____ I saw fair Chlo - ris walk a -

T froze in - to a gem. _____ I saw fair Chlo - ris walk a -

B gem. _____ I saw fair Chlo - ris

30 *cresc.*

S lone, When feath - er'd rain _____ came soft - ly down, As

A lone, _____ When feath - er'd rain _____ came soft - ly down, _____ As

T lone, When feath - er'd rain _____ came soft - ly down, As Jove _____

B walk a - lone, When feath - er'd rain _____ came soft - ly down, As

33

S Jove de - scend - ing from his Tower To court her

A Jove de - scend - ing from his Tower _____ To court her

T _____ de - scend - ing from his Tower _____ To court her

B Jove de - scend - ing from his Tower _____ To court her

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36

S in a sil - ver shower, As Jove de - scend - ing

A in a sil - ver shower, As Jove de - scend - ing

T in a sil - ver shower, As Jove de - scend - ing

B in a sil - ver shower, As Jove de - scend - ing

39

slowing down

S from his Tower To court her in a sil - ver shower:

A from his Tower To court her, to court her:

T from his Tower To court her, to court her:

B from his Tower To court her, to court her:

42

still slower

S I saw fair Chlo - ris walk a - lone.

A I saw fair Chlo - ris walk a - lone.

T I saw fair Chlo - ris walk a - lone.

B I saw fair Chlo - ris walk a - lone.

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