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Four Irish Songs
on poems of
William Allingham
for ATB
(2012)

1. O Spirit of the Summertime!
2. A Gravestone
3. Four Ducks on a Pond
4. The Winter Pear

Text: William Allingham
(1824-1889)

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O Spirit of the Summertime!

$\text{♩} = 90-95$ *mf*

Alto

Tenor

Baritone

Bring back the ros-es to the dells;
Bring back the ros-es to the dells;
O Spi - rit of the Sum-mer-time! Bring back the ros-es to the dells; the

the hon-ey bee from drow-sy cells. Bring

the hon-ey bee from drow-sy cells.

swal-low from her dis - tant clime, the hon-ey bee from drow-sy cells.

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back — the friend-ship of - the sun; the gil-ded eve-nings, calm and late, when

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Bring back the friend-ship of the sun; the gil-ded eve - nings, calm and late, when

Bring back the friend-ship of - the sun; the gil-ded eve - nings, calm and late, when

15

mer - ry chil-dren home - ward run, and peep - ing stars bid lov - ers wait.

8

mer - ry chil-dren home - ward run, and peep - ing stars bid lov - ers wait.

mer - ry chil-dren home - ward run, — and peep - ing stars bid lov - ers wait.

19

f

Bring back the sing - ing and the scent of mea - dow-lands at

f

8

Bring back the sing - ing and the scent of mea - dow-lands at

f

Bring back the sing - ing and the scent of mea - dow-lands at

23 *rall.* *ff* *f* *a tempo*

dew - y prime; oh bring a - gain my heart's con - tent, thou Spi - rit of the

8 dew - y prime; oh — bring a - gain my heart's con - tent, thou Spi - rit of the

dew - y prime; oh — bring a - gain my heart's con - tent, thou Spi - rit of the

27 *p*

Sum - mer - time, — thou Spi - rit of the Sum - mer - time.

8 Sum - mer - time, thou Spi - rit of the Sum - mer - time.

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A Gravestone

$\text{♩} = 90$

p

Alto

Oh _____ (sim.) _____

p

Tenor

Oh _____ (sim.) _____

p

Baritone

Oh _____ (sim.) _____

mp

mp

mp

4

Far from the church - yard dig his grave, on

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8

some green mound be-side the wave; to west-ward, sea and sky a -

10

8

lone, and sun - sets. Put a moss - y stone, with

mf

with

mf

13

8

mor - tal name and date, a harp and bunch of wild flow - ers, car - ven

with mor - tal name and date, a harp and bunch of

16

sharp; then leave it free to winds that blow, and

sharp; then leave it free to winds that blow, and

wild flow-ers, car-ven sharp; then leave it free to winds that

19

a tempo

pa-tient moss-es creep-ing slow, and wan-dering wings, and foot-steps

pa-tient moss-es creep-ing; slow, and wan-dering wings, and foot-steps

blow, and pa-tient moss-es creep-ing; slow, and wan-dering wings, and foot-steps

22

rit. $\text{♩} = 80$ *mp* *rit.* *p*

rare of hu-man crea-ture paus-ing there.

rare of hu-man crea-ture paus-ing there.

rare of hu-man crea-ture paus-ing there.

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Four Ducks on a Pond

$\text{♩} = 55-60$ *p*

Alto

Tenor

Baritone

Four ducks on a pond, a grass bank be - yond, a

Four ducks on a pond, a grass bank be - yond, a

Four ducks on a pond, a grass bank be - yond, a

mp *p*

blue sky of spring, white clouds on the

mp *p*

blue sky of spring, white clouds on the

mp *p*

blue sky of spring, white clouds on the

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11 *mp* *mf* *f*

wing; what a lit - tle thing to re - mem - ber for

8 *mp* *mf* *f*

wing; — what a lit - tle thing to re - mem - ber for —

mp *mf* *f*

wing; what a lit - tle thing to re - mem - ber for

16 *mf* *mp* *p* *rit.* *p*

years- to re - mem - ber with tears!

8 *mf* *mp* *p* *p*

years- to re - mem - ber with — tears!

mf *mp* *p* *p*

years- to re - mem - ber with tears!

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The Winter Pear

♩ = 100-105 *mf*

Alto

Ah _____

Tenor

mf

Ah _____ (sim.) _____

Baritone

mf

Ah _____ (sim.) _____

5 *mp* *mf*

Mmm _____ Is al-ways Age se-vere? Is ne-ver Youth au-stere? Spring-fruits are

mp *mf*

Mmm _____ Is al ways Age se-vere? Is ne-ver Youth au-stere? Spring-fruits are

mp *mf*

Mmm _____ Oh _____ (sim.) _____

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9 *f*

sour__ to eat; _____ Au - tumn's the mel - low time. _____ Ah _____

8 sour to eat; Au - tumn's__ the mel - low time. _____

Ah _____ (sim.) _____ *f* Nay, ver - y

13

(sim.) _____

8 Nay, ver - y late, __ short _____ day and frost - y rime, thought, like a win - ter pear, _____

late in the year, short day and frost - y rime, thought, like a win - ter pear, _____

17 *rit. mp*

Mmm _____ Mmm _____

8 *mp*

stone__ cold in sum - mer's prime, may _____ turn from harsh to sweet.

mp

stone - cold__ in sum - mer's prime, may _____ turn from harsh__ to sweet.

21 *a tempo* *mf* *dimin.* *rit.* *mp*

Ah (sim.) Mmm

8 *mf* *dimin.* *mp*

Ah (sim.) Mmm

mf *dimin.* *mp*

Ah (sim.) Mmm