



LAMENT

SONG FOR VOICE & PIANO

POEM BY

Laurence Binyon

SET TO MUSIC BY

Frank Bridge

Vocal Score

COVER IMAGE

“The Day Dream” by Dante Gabriel Rossetti, 1880



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The “renaissance” in English music is generally agreed to have started in the late Victorian period, beginning roughly in 1880. Public demand for major works in support of the annual choral festivals held throughout England at that time was considerable which led to the creation of many large scale works for orchestra with soloists and chorus.

Although a number of those works were engraved, printed and are regularly performed today, performance scores for a considerable number of compositions, both large-scale and more intimate works, are not available. These works were either never engraved or were engraved and printed but are no longer available in the publishers’ catalogues. While the existence of these works is documented in biographies of the composers, the ability to study and, most importantly, to perform these compositions is not possible.

Changes in the International copyright laws, coupled with changing musical tastes, played a pivotal role in creating this void. As a result, music publishers lost the ability to generate revenue from the sale/rental of such music. In 1964, holograph and copyist scores from both Novello and from publishers it represented were offered to the British Library and the Royal College of Music Library (see The RCM Novello Library – The Musical Times, Feb. 1983 by Jeremy Dibble).

These autograph full score manuscripts along with copies of engraved vocal scores, widely available through various online library sources, are now the only resources available for studying and performing these works.

The English Heritage Music Series has been created to ensure that these compositions are preserved, are accessible for scholarly research and, most importantly, are available for performance by future generations. Its mission is to:

- Source non-engraved/out-of-print English composer compositions that are in the U.S. public domain
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Fall now, my cold thoughts, frozen fall

My sad thoughts, over my heart,

To be the tender burial

Of sweetness and of smart.

Fall soft as the snow, when all men sleep,

On copse and on bank forlorn,

That tenderly buries, yet buries deep

Frail violets, freshly born.

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Lament

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1904

Adagio ma non troppo

Voice

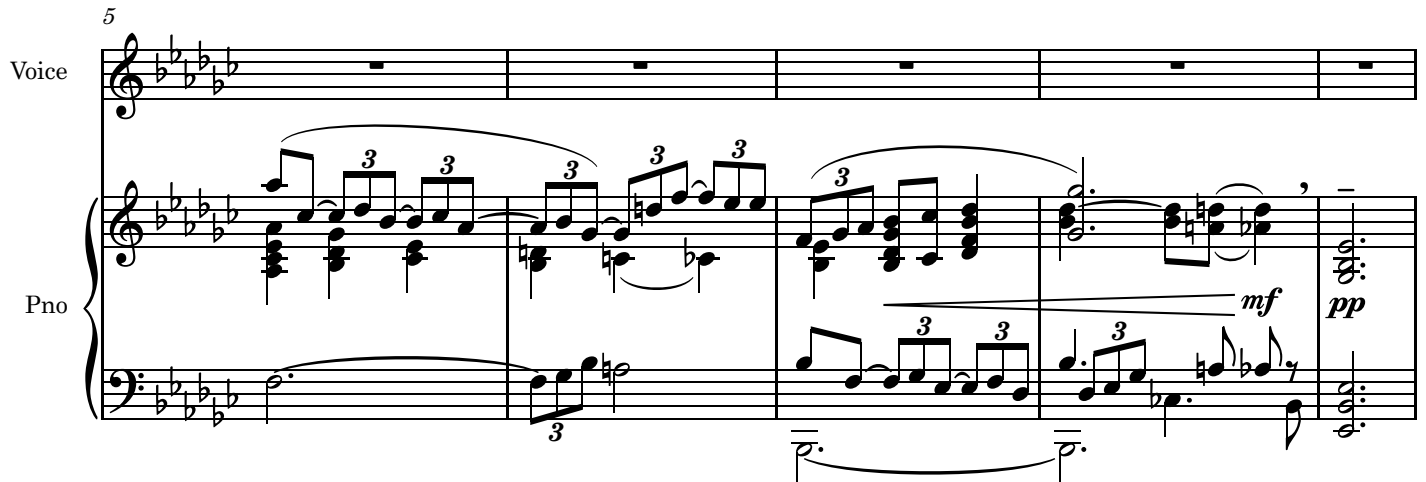
Piano



5

Voice

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10

Voice

Pno

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Fall now, my cold thoughts Fro - zen fall my sad thoughts, O - ver_ my



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Voice

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Voice

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Pno

25

Voice

Fall soft_ as the snow when all men sleep, on

Pno

pp

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30

Voice

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Pno

34

Voice

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Pno

37

Voice

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Pno

pp

41

Voice

born. _____ Fall now, my cold thoughts,

Pno

p

41

45

Voice

Fro - zen fall my sad thoughts, o - ver my heart. _____

Pno

45

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Voice

Pno

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