

LEAVES IN THE WINTER TREE

Four pieces for mixed chorus

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SSAATTBB & soprano solo

If the four pieces are performed together, '*Lux Perpetua*' may be sung again after '*Red Petals*' to conclude the suite.

Total duration (with repeat): 9 minutes

A Prayer of Saint Lucy

Saint Lucy, see
 Seven bright leaves in the winter tree
 Seven diamonds shine
 In the deepest darkest mine
 Seven fish go, a glimmering shoal
 Under the ice of the North Pole
 Sweet Saint Lucy, be kind
 To us poor and wintered and blind.

GEORGE MACKAY BROWN

ALASTAIR STOUT

$\text{♩} = 76$

S. $\text{♩} = 76$ *p* ————— *mp* ————— *3* ————— *mf* ————— *p*
 Saint Lu - cy, see Sev'n bright leaves in the win - ter tree

A. $\text{♩} = 76$ *p* ————— *mp* ————— *3* ————— *mf* ————— *p*
 Saint Lu - cy, see Sev'n bright leaves in the win - ter tree

T. $\text{♩} = 76$ *p* ————— *mp* ————— *3* ————— *mf* ————— *p*
 Saint Lu - cy, see Sev'n bright leaves in the win - ter tree

B. $\text{♩} = 76$ *p* ————— *mp* ————— *3* ————— *mf* ————— *p*
 Saint Lu - cy, see Sev'n bright leaves in the win - ter tree

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S. $\text{♩} = 76$ ————— ————— ————— —————
 Sev'n dia - monds shine In the deep - est dark - est mine

A. $\text{♩} = 76$ ————— ————— ————— —————
 Sev'n dia - monds shine In the deep - est dark - est mine

T. $\text{♩} = 76$ ————— ————— ————— —————
 Sev'n dia - monds shine In the deep - est dark - est mine

B. $\text{♩} = 76$ ————— ————— ————— —————
 Sev'n dia - monds shine In the deep - est dark - est mine

9

S. div. *mf*  Sev'n fish go,  a glimm - 'ring shoal 
Sev'n fish go,  a glimm - 'ring shoal

Un - der the

rall. → *piu lento* ($\text{♩} = 50$) *poco rall.*

12 S.  ice  of the North Pole 
Sweet Saint Lu  - - cy, be

A.  Sweet Saint Lu  - - cy, be

T.  Sweet Saint Lu  - - cy, be

B.  Sweet Saint Lu  - - cy, be kind, be

a tempo

rall.

15 S.   kind To us poor and win - tered and blind, and blind.
  

A.   kind To us poor and win - tered and blind, and blind.
  

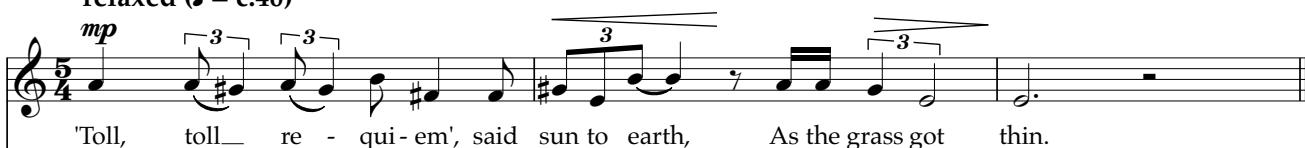
T.   kind To us poor and win - tered and blind, and blind.
  

B.   kind To us poor and win - tered and blind, and blind.
  

Between Lantern and Star

'Toll requiem', said sun to earth,
 As the grass got thin.
 The star-wheel went, all nails and thorns,
 Over mill and kirk and inn.
 The old sun died. The widowed earth
 Tolled a black bell.
 'Our King will return', said root to bone,
 To the skeleton tree on the hill.
 At midnight, an ox and an ass,
 Between lantern and star
 Cried, Gloria...Lux in tenebris...
 In a wintered byre.

relaxed ($\text{♩} = \text{c.40}$)

S. Solo 

A. Solo 



moving forward ($\text{♩} = \text{c.60}$)

S. Solo 

moving forward ($\text{♩} = \text{c.60}$)

Org. 

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S. Solo

went, all nails and thorns,
ov - er mill and kirk and inn.

Org.



relaxed ($\text{♩} = \text{c.}40$)

9

S. Solo

The old sun died the old sun died, The wi-dowed earth tolled a black bell.

A. Solo

The old sun died the old sun died, The wi-dowed earth tolled a black bell.



moving forward ($\text{♩} = \text{c.}60$)

12

A. Solo

'Our King will re turn,' said root to bone,
'Our King will re -'

moving forward ($\text{♩} = \text{c.}60$)

Org.

8' flute
 p

4' flute
 mp

14

A. Solo

turn,'said root to bone,_ to the ske-le-ton tree on the_

Org.



16

A. Solo

hill.

S.

pp lontano — *p*

At mid-night, an ox and an ass, at mid - night

A.

pp lontano — *p*

At mid - night, an ox and an ass, at

T.

pp lontano

At mid - night,

B.

pp lontano

At mid - - - night,

Org.

18

S. Solo

Glo - - -

S.

an ox and an ass____ Be - tween lan - tern and star Cried,

A.

mid-night, an ox and an ass____ Be-tween lan - tern and star Cried,

T.

8 an ox____ and ass and star____ Cried,

B.

an ox Be - tween lan - tern Cried,_



relaxed ($\text{♩} = \text{c.}40$)

20

S. Solo

- - - ri - a... glo - ri - a... glo - ri - a... Lux in

A. Solo

Glo - ri - a... glo - ri - a... glo - ri - a... Lux in



rall.

22

S. Solo

ten - e - bris... in a win - ter'd byre.

A. Solo

ten - e - bris... in a win - ter'd byre.

Lux Perpetua

A star for a cradle
 Sun for plough and net
 A fire for old stories
 A candle for the dead

Lux Perpetua
 By such glimmers we seek you

$\text{♩} = 70$

Soprano Solo

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

S. Solo

S.

A.

T.

B.

9

S. Solo *ff.* *p* *ff.* *p*

Lux per - pe - tu - a, lux per - pe - tu - a,

S. *ff.* *p* *ff.* *p*

Lux per - pe - tu - a, lux per - pe - tu - a,

A. *ff.* *p ff.* *p*

Lux per - pe - tu - a, lux per - pe - tu - a,

T. *ff.* *p ff.* *p*

Lux per - pe - tu - a, lux per - pe - tu - a,

B. *ff.* *p ff.* *p*

Lux per - pe - tu - a, lux per - pe - tu - a,

rall.

13 *ff.* *p* *f* *>p*

lux per - pe - tu - a By such glim - mers we seek you.

S. *ff.* *p* *mf* *pp*

lux per - pe - tu - a By such glim - mers we seek you.

2 *ff.* *p* *f* *pp*

lux per - pe - tu - a By such glim - mers we seek you.

A. *ff.* *pp* *mf* *pp*

lux per - pe - tu - a we seek you.

T. *ff.* *pp* *mf* *pp*

lux per - pe - tu - a we seek you.

B. *ff.* *pp* *mf* *pp*

lux per - pe - tu - a we seek you.

22

S. Solo *pp*

1 *pp* tutti *p* *mf*
A new wind Lift - ed The

S. *pp* tutti *p* *mf*
A new wind Lift - ed The

2 *pp* tutti *p* *mf*
A new wind Lift - ed The

A. west. tutti *p* *mf*
A new wind Lift - ed The

T. *pp* tutti *mp*
west. The dream - ers a - woke.

B. *pp* tutti, div. *mp*
west. The dream - ers a - woke.

rall.

25 *p* *f*

1 red pet - als from their eyes.

S. *p* *f*

2 red pet - als from their eyes.

A. *p* *f*

T. *pp*

B. *pp*

If performed as a suite,
Lux Perpetua may be
repeated to conclude.

Red Petals

Dawn opened, a rose
Upon three travellers asleep.

The moon
Drifted from them, a worn
Washed shell.
They slept.

The well
Beside the palm, a deep
Pearl glimmer.

They had come far.
They slept out
The seven flashing mirrors of the sun.

One woke. Twilight
Silently
Battered a bronze nail (a star)
In the west.

The dreamers awoke. A new wind
Lifted
The red petals from their eyes.

calmato e sosteuto ($\text{♩} = 45$)

S. Solo

S.

A.

T.

B.

Dawn op - ened, a rose. The

Dawn op - ened, a rose, tra - ve - lers a - sleep. The

Dawn op - ened, a rose up-on three tra - ve - lers a-sleep. The

Dawn op - ened, a rose up-on three tra - ve - lers a-sleep. The

Dawn op - ened, a rose, tra - ve - lers a-sleep. The

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S. Solo

moon Drift - ed from them, a worn Washed shell. They slept, they slept. they

S.

A.

T.

B.

(solo+sop 1)

7 div. ***pp*** unis. ***mf***

S.

slept. A deep Pearl, a deep Pearl glim - mer.

(sop 2)

A.

pp

slept. A deep Pearl glim - mer.

T.

pp

slept. A deep Pearl glim - mer.

B.

pp (tutti)

slept. solo The well Be - side the palm, a deep Pearl glim - mer.

mf sonore.

10 *mf* ————— *p* *rall.* *pp* ————— *p* *a tempo* *p*

S. They had come far, They had come far. They slept _____

2 *mf* ————— *p* *pp* ————— *p*

They had come far, They had come far. They slept

A. *mf* ————— *p* *pp* ————— *p*

They had come far, They had come far. They slept

T. *mf* ————— *p* *pp* ————— *div.* *unis. p*

8 They had come far, They had come far. They slept

B. *tutti* *mf* ————— *p* *pp* ————— *p*

They had come far, They had come far. They slept

13 *mf cresc.* *f cresc.*

S. out the sev'n flash - ing mir-rors of the sun, the sev'n flash-ing mir-rors of the

2 *mf cresc.* *f cresc.*

out the sev'n flash - ing mir-rors of the sun, the sev'n flash-ing mir-rors of the

A. *mf cresc.* *f cresc.*

out the sev'n flash - ing mir-rors of the sun, the sev'n flash-ing mir-rors of the

T. *div.* *mf cresc.* *f cresc.*

8 out the sev'n flash - ing mir-rors of the sun, the sev'n flash-ing mir-rors of the

B. *div.* *mf cresc.* *f cresc. unis.*

out the sev'n flash - ing mir-rors of the sun, the sev'n flash-ing mir-rors of the

16

S. Solo *ff*

the sev'n flash - ing mir-rors of the sun, of the sun._____

1 *ff*

sun, the sev'n flash - ing mir-rors of the sun, the sun.

S.

2 *ff*

sun, the sev'n flash - ing mir-rors of the sun, mir-rors of the sun._____

A. *ff* div. unis.

sun, the sev'n flash - ing mir-rors of the sun, of the sun.

T. *ff* unis.

sun, the sev'n flash - ing mir-rors of the sun._____

B. *b>p.* >

sun,

19

S. Solo *p* *sfp*

(a star)_____

1 solo *p*

(a star)_____

S.

2 solo *p*

(a star)_____

A. solo *p*

Twi - light Si - lent - ly Bat - tered a bronze nail In the

T. solo *p*

8 Twi - light Si - lent - ly Bat - tered a bronze nail In the

B. solo *f* *p*

One woke._____ In the

22

S. Solo *pp*

1 *pp* tutti *p* *mf* A new wind Lift - ed The

S. *pp* tutti *p* *mf* A new wind Lift - ed The

2 *pp* tutti *p* *mf* A new wind Lift - ed The

A. west. tutti *p* *mf* A new wind Lift - ed The

T. *pp* tutti *mp* *ppp* west. The dream - ers a - woke.

B. *pp* tutti, div. *mp* *ppp* west. The dream - ers a - woke.

molto rall.

25 *p* *f* red pet - als from their eyes.

1 *p* *f* red pet - als from their eyes.

2 *p* *f* red pet - als from their eyes.

A. *p* *f* red pet - als from their eyes.

T. *f*

B. *f*

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repeated to conclude.*