To my dear friend Mary,
in loving memory of her husband Bill.

John Donne (1572-1631)
Holy Sonnet X

Death Be Not Proud
for SATB Voices, a cappella

Christopher Matthews

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

(For rehearsal only)

Death be not proud,
though some have
called thee
Might y-
and dread ful.

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Poco più mosso (\( \frac{d}{= 65} \))

Death
be
not
proud,
though
some
have

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Poco più mosso (\( \frac{d}{= 65} \))

called thee
Might-y
and
dreadful,
Might-y
and
dreadful,

called thee
called thee
Might-y,
dreadful,
Might-y,
dreadful,

called thee
Might-y,
dreadful,
Might-y,
dreadful,

called thee
Might-y,
dreadful,
Might-y,
dreadful,
Meno mosso (\( \dot{=} 60 \))

Mighty and dreadful for, thou art not so,

Mighty and dreadful for, thou art not so,

Mighty and dreadful for, thou art not so,

*Divide into three equal parts.

Più mosso (\( \dot{=} 70 \))

For, those whom thou think'st thou dost over-throw, Die not, poor

Più mosso (\( \dot{=} 70 \))
Meno mosso ($\frac{d}{d} = 65$) (senza rubato)

From rest and sleep, which but thy death, nor yet canst thou kill me. From rest and sleep, which but thy

Much pleasure then from thee much more must pictures be, then from thee much more must pictures be, then from thee much more must pictures be, then from thee much more must
Più mosso \( \frac{j}{70} \)

flow. And soon - est our best men with thee do

go. Rest of their bones and souls de -

Rest of their bones and souls de -

Rest of their bones and souls de -
Poco meno mosso (q = 65)

Thou art slave to Fate, chance, kings and desperate

Poco meno mosso (q = 65)

Thou, slave to Fate, chance, kings and desperate

Poco rall.

And dost with poison, war, and sickness

Poco rall.

Thou, slave to Fate, chance, kings and desperate

And dost with poison, war, and sickness

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And dost with poison, war, and sickness

Poco rall.
Più mosso (\( \dot{\langle} = 75 \))

dwell.

Più mosso (\( \dot{\langle} = 75 \))

dwell.

Più mosso (\( \dot{\langle} = 75 \))

dwell.  And pop - py, or charms can make us sleep as

Più mosso (\( \dot{\langle} = 75 \))

dwell.  And pop - py, or charms can make us sleep as

well, can make us sleep as well, as

For Perusal Only
And poppy, or charms can make us sleep as well, can make us sleep as well, as well, charms can make us sleep as well, as well, can make us sleep, as well, can make us sleep, as well, can make us sleep as well.
can make us sleep, can make us sleep,
well, can make us sleep,
can make us sleep,
sleep as well, can make us sleep,

molto rit. \( \text{(} \mathbb{Q} = 60 \text{)} \) \( \text{mf} \) molto sostenuto

sleep as well, And better
sleep as well, And better
sleep as well, And better

molto rit. \( \text{(} \mathbb{Q} = 60 \text{)} \)
Più mosso (\( \dot{q} = 65 \))

than thy stroke; why swell'st thou

Più mosso (\( \dot{q} = 65 \))

than thy stroke; why swell'st thou

Più mosso (\( \dot{q} = 65 \))

than thy stroke; why swell'st thou

then?

Death be not proud, though some have

then?

Death be not proud, though some have

then?

Death be not proud, though some have
*Bring out Alto line (mm. 63-64).

*Divide as in measure 15.
Meno mosso ($q = 60$)

One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And

*Bring out Tenor line.

Meno mosso ($q = 60$)

One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And

One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And

One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And

One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And

*Bring out Tenor line.

mp

One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And

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One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And

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One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And

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One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And

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One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And

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One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And

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One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And

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One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And

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One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And

mp
Alternate Ending

death thou shalt die, 
doth thou shalt die, 

death thou shalt die, 

death thou shalt die, 

death thou shalt die, 

death thou shalt die, 

death thou shalt die, 

death thou shalt die, 

death thou shalt die, 

death thou shalt die, 

death thou shalt die, 

death thou shalt die, 

death thou shalt die, 

death thou shalt die, 

death thou shalt die, 

n. = al niente