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Two Winter Songs

(Revised 2015)

To James Iliff, with love and best wishes, on your retirement from the Royal Academy of Music, 1988

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(For women's voices)

Edward Thomas **1. Snow**

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Slow ♩ = 56 (Individual singers breathe where necessary)

Musical score for Soprano and Alto parts, measures 1-6. The score is in 4/4 time and begins with a *ppp* dynamic. The Soprano part features a melodic line with a *M* breath mark. The Alto part has a more active line with triplets and *pp* dynamics. A second Alto part is shown below, starting with *ppp* and *M*.

Musical score for Soprano and Alto parts, measures 7-11. The Soprano part continues with a melodic line and a *M* breath mark. The Alto part features triplets and *pp* dynamics. A second Alto part is shown below, starting with *ppp* and *M*.

Musical score for Soprano and Alto parts, measures 12-15. The Soprano part includes lyrics: "snow," and "In the gloom of white-ness, In the great si - lence of snow, A child was sigh - ing". The Alto part includes lyrics: "snow," and "Oh,". Dynamics include *pp* (spoken in half-whisper), *p*, and *mp*. The score includes triplets and *M* breath marks.

16

S. *mp* "Oh," *mp* They have killed a white bird

S. *mp* And bit-ter-ly say-ing: "Oh," *mp* Ah

A. *mp* "Oh,"

A. *mp*

19

S. *f* up there on her nest," *mp* Ah *p*

S. *mf* The down is flut-ter-ing from her breast! *p*

A. *mp* Ah *mf* *p* *ppp*

A. *mf* Ah *p* *ppp*

23

S. *pp* Ah *p* *pp*

S. *pp* Ah *p* *pp*

A. *pp* And still it fell through that dus - ky bright - ness *mp* On the child *p* *mp*

A. *pp* And still it fell through that dus - ky bright - ness *mp* *pp*

27

mp *pp* *pp* *dim... pppp*

S. cry - - ing M

mp *pp* *pp* *dim... pppp*

S. cry - - ing M

mp *pp* *pp* *dim... pppp*

A. cry - - ing M

mp *pp* *p* *pp* *dim... pppp*

A. cry - - ing for the bird of the snow.

2. Thaw

32 **Very slow** ♩=46

pp

S. O - ver the land fre - ckled with snow

pp

S. O - ver the land fre - ckled with snow

p

A. O - ver the land fre ckled with snow half - thawed The spe - cu - la - ting

p

A. O - ver the land fre ckled with snow half - thawed The spe - cu - la - ting

35

S. half thawed cawed And saw from elm-tops, de-li cate as

S. half- thawed cawed And saw from elm-tops, de-li cate as

A. rooks at their nests cawed

A. rooks at their nests cawed

39

S. flower of grass, And saw

S. flower of grass, And saw

A. And saw What we be- low could not see

A. And saw What we be- low could not see

42

S. Win - ter, Win - ter pass.

S. Win - ter, Win - ter pass.

A. Win - ter pass.

A. Win - ter pass.