

Confound Winter



For vocal ensemble SSA

Music by David Lancaster

Poetry by Tess Kincaid

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with anxious clouds of breath—
watch for fog on steps

hide under a sky crosshatched
with trees—naked creak and echo
far from the frozen eye of trains

melt occasional snow

toast the idyll night
drink up the luxury—wake
to find a world reduced to shapes
covered in white

how long will this season survive—
love monumental with cold

more feverish than spring

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Many thanks to Tess, for granting permission to set her beautiful words.

Duration 2'15"

Bars 14-17:

'ah' as in **far**

'eh' as in **melt**

'ai' as in **occasional**

'oh' as in **snow**

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Slowly ♩=60

pp *pp*

Soprano 1
mm win-ter (er)

mf *pp*

Soprano 2
Con-found win ter Confound win-ter

mf *pp*

Alto
Con-found win ter Confound win-ter

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mp

S. 1
with an-xious clouds of breath

mf *pp*

S. 2
Con-found win-ter (er)

mf

A.
Con-found win-ter

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stage whisper

mf *pp*

S. 1
watch for fog on steps. Hide un-der a sky cross-hatch'd with trees mm.

pp *mf*

S. 2
mm spoken softly - balance with sop 1 na-ked

mf

A.
watch for fog on steps. Hide un-der a sky cross-hatch'd with trees mm.

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S. 1 *mf* *pp*
spoken Melt ai

S. 2 *mp*
spoken creak and e-cho far from the fro-zen eye of trains. oc - ca - sion-al

A. *pp*
ah eh

17

S. 1 *mp* *pp*
Toast the id - yll night,

S. 2 *pp* *mp* *pp*
oh Toast the id - yll night,

A. *p* *mp* *pp*
snow. Toast the id - yll night,

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S. 1 *mp* *p*
drink up the lu - xu - ry and wake

S. 2 *mp*
drink up the lu - xu - ry and wake to find a world re - duced to

A. *mp* *p*
drink up the lu - xu - ry and wake

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S. 1
in white.

S. 2
p shapes co-ver'd in white. spoken softly - balance with alto how long will this sea-son sur-vive?

A.
shapes co-ver'd in white. stage whisper how long will this sea-son sur-vive?

Poco Meno Mosso

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S. 1
Love mon-u - men-tal with cold,

S. 2
p Love mon-u - men-tal with cold, *mf* more fe - ver-ish than spring.

A.
p Love mon-u - men-tal with cold,

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S. 1
mp Con found win - ter. *pp* Con-found win ter.

S. 2

A.
mp Con found win - ter. *pp* Con-found win ter.