

for Susan Long and Kate Bennett

anyone lived in a pretty how town

for SATB (div.) choir with Soprano solo

e. e. cummings

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Fast ♩ = 112

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

an - y - one lived in a pret - ty how a how pret - ty how a
an - y - one lived in a pret - ty how a how pret - ty how a
an - y - one lived in a pret - ty how a how pret - ty a pret - ty how a town
an - y - one lived in a pret - ty how a how pret - ty a pret - ty how a town

S.
A.
T.
B.

town an - y - one lived in a pret - ty how town
town an - y - one lived in a pret - ty how town
an - y - one lived in a pret - ty a pret - ty how a town an - y - one lived in a pret - ty pret - ty pret - ty how
an - y - one lived in a pret - ty a pret - ty how a town o an - y - one lived in a pret - ty pret - ty pret - ty how

S.
A.
T.
B.

an - y - one lived in a pret - ty how town so float - ing man - y bells down
an - y - one lived in a pret - ty how town (with up so bells down)
pret - ty town an - y - one lived in a how town so float - ing man - y man - y bells down up with up
pret - ty town an - y - one lived in a how town so man - y bells down up with up

12

S. *p* win-ter— *f* he sang his did-n't he danced his did.

A. *p* au-tumn— *f* he sang his did-n't he danced his did danced his did he did he sang *decrsc.* *p*

T. *p* so float-ing man-y bells down sum-mer— *f* he sang his did-n't he danced his did.

B. *p* so float-ing *f* spring— *f* he sang his did-n't he danced his did danced his did he did he sang *decrsc.* *p*

21

S. *p* Wo-men and men(both lit-tle and small) *f* not at all— they sowed ³ their

A. *p* (ng) *f* cared for an-y-one not at all— they sowed ³ their

T. *p* Wo-men and men(both lit-tle and small) *fp* ng *f* not at all not at all not at all not at all—

B. *p* (ng) *fp* ng *f* not at all not at all not at all not at all—

26

S. *f* *p* is-n't they reaped ³ their same sun— *f* *p* stars— *f* *p* children guessed(but on-ly a few and *p sub.*

A. *f* *p* is-n't they reaped ³ their same moon— *f* *p* rain— *f* *p* children guessed(but on-ly a few and *p sub.*

T. *f* *p* not at all— sun— *f* *p* stars— (but on-ly a few and

B. *f* *p* not at all— moon— *f* *p* rain— (but on-ly a few and

34 *cresc. poco a poco* *mf cresc. molto* *ff legato* mo(re)_____

S. down they for-got as up they grew_ au-tumn win-ter spring sum-mer) that no - one loved him more by more

A. down they for-got as up they grew_ au-tumn win-ter spring sum-mer) that no - one loved him more by more

T. down they for-got as up they grew_ au-tumn win-ter spring sum-mer) that no - one loved him more by more

B. down they for-got as up they grew_ au-tumn win-ter spring sum-mer) that no - one loved him more by more

43 **Deliberate** ♩ = 72 Soprano Solo *p dolce*

Solo when_ by now and tree by leaf she laughed his joy she cried his grief

S. *mf* pret-ty *mp* pret-ty *mf* pret-ty

A. *mf* pret-ty *mp* pret-ty *mf* pret-ty

T. *p dolce* hum/oo_

B. *mf* how town_ *mp* how_ *fp* town_ *mf* how_ how_

50 *mp* *mf*

Solo bird_ by snow and stir by still an - y-one's an-y was all to her some-ones

S. *mf* pret-ty *mf* pret-ty *mf* pret-ty

A. *mf* pret-ty *mp* pret-ty *mp* pret-ty

T. *mp* hum/oo_ *mp* how_ *fpp* town_

B. *fp* town_ *mf* how_ *mp* town_ *fpp* how_ town_

57

Solo

mar-ried their eve-ry-ones__ laughed their cry-ings and did__ their dance__

S.

ah__ ah__ pret-ty pret-ty

A.

ah__ ah__ pret-ty pret-ty

T.

town__ pret-ty pret-ty

B.

town__ how town__ how town__

f

p

p

f

f

pp

mp

f

f

mp

p

mf

f

p sub.

f

ff

64

Solo

(sleep__ wake hope and then) they said their ne-vers they slept their dream stars__

S.

pret-ty hum/oo__ ah__ pret-ty rain__

A.

pret-ty hum/oo__ ah__ pret-ty sun__

T.

pret-ty town__ how__ pret-ty

B.

town__ town__ how__ town__

pp

p

mf

pp

f dim.

ff

ppp

pp

f

solo mf dim.

ff

ppp

pp

f

solo mp dim.

pp cresc.

p

pp sub.

f

pp

p

cresc.

mp

p sub.

dim.

p

72 *meno mosso*

Solo *p* (and on-ly the snow can be - gin to ex-plain how child-ren are apt to for - get to re-mem-ber)

S. *f* *tutti* *pret-ty* *p* *ff* *pret-ty*

A. *tutti* *f* *pret-ty* *p* *ff* *pret-ty*

T. *tutti* *f* *pret-ty* *p* *ff* *pret-ty*
solo moon... how pret-ty

B. *p* *ff* *sfz* *pp*
how town how town (n)

80 *Fast* ♩ = 112

Solo *pp* *molto* *f*
with up so float-ing man-y bells down)

S. *ppp* hum/oo

A. *ppp* hum/oo

T. *f*
an-y-one in a pret-ty how a how pret-ty a pret-ty how a

B. *f*
an-y-one in a pret-ty how a how pret-ty a pret-ty how a

88

S. *f* one day an-y-one died i guess *ff* (and no-one stooped to kiss his face) no one

A. *f* one day an-y-one died i guess *ff* (and no-one stooped to kiss his face) no one

T. *p* town_____ *ff* an-y-one died an-y- one_ died_ i guess (and no-one stooped)_ an-y-one died o no one

B. *p* town_____ *ff* o an-y-one died an-y-one died i guess (and no-one stooped)_ an-y-one died o no one

93

S. *f* no - one bus - y bus - y folk bur - ied them side by side lit - tle by lit - tle and

A. *f* no - one bus - y folk bus - y folk bur - ied them side by side

T. *f* no - one bus - y folk *f* bus - y folk bur - ied them_ side by side lit - tle by lit - tle and

B. *f* no - one bus - y folk *f* bus - y folk bur - ied them_ side by side lit - tle by lit - tle and

97 *cresc. poco a poco*

S. was by was all by all and deep by deep and more by mo(re)_____

A. *cresc. poco a poco* was by was deep by more they dream their sleep

T. *cresc. poco a poco* _____ was by was all_____ by all and_ deep by deep and_ more by more they_ dream their sleep

B. *cresc. poco a poco* _____ was by was all_____ by all and_ deep by deep and_ more by more they_ dream their sleep

Deliberate ♩ = 72
Soprano Solo

102 *ff* *diminuendo* *meno mosso* *p*

Solo
no - one and an - y - one earth by a - pril wish by

S. *ff* *diminuendo* *pp* *3* *3*
no - one and an - y - one earth by a - pril hum/oo

A. *ff* *diminuendo*
no - one and an - y - one earth by a - pril

T. *ff*
no - one and an - y - one

B. *ff*
no - one and an - y - one

Faster ♩ = 120

112 *f*

Solo
spi - rit and if by yes.

S. *f* *3*

A.

T. *f*
o an - y - one in a pret-ty how a how pret-ty a pret-ty how

B. *f*
o an - y - one in a pret-ty how a how pret-ty a pret-ty how

117 *f* *p* *f* *ff* *f*

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

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

T. *f* *p cresc. molto* *sfz* *sfz* *f*

B. *f* *p cresc. molto* *sfz* *sfz* *f*

Wo-men and men (both dong and ding) sum-mer win-ter spring reaped their sow-ing and
 au-tumn spring reaped their sow-ing and
 and men (both dong and ding) (ng) dong ding reaped their sow-ing (ng)
 and men (both dong and ding) (ng) dong ding reaped their sow-ing (ng)

122 *ff* *mp* *fff* *long*

S. *ff* *mp* *fff* *long*

A. *f* *fff* *long*

T. *f* *p* *fff* *long*

B. *mf* *fff* *long*

went their came sun stars rain
 moon rain
 and went their came (m) sun stars rain
 moon rain
 and went their came (m) moon rain

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129 *mf* *mp* *f* *rit. molto* *pp*

S. *mf* *mp* *f* *pp*

A. *mf* *mp* *f* *pp*

T. *mp* *f* *pp*

B. *mf* *mp* *f possible* *pp*

pret-ty pret-ty pret-ty
 pret-ty pret-ty pret-ty pret-ty
 how pret-ty pret-ty
 how town how town town town 3'56"