

Dedicated to Susan Moninger and the Elmhurst College Concert Choir,  
in celebration of 25 years of teaching

# THE APPLE TREE

for S.A.T.B. voices and piano

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Warmly, with rubato (♩ = ca. 76)

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

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PIANO

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4 *decesc.* SOLO *mp* 6

oo. I stood a - mong the

*decesc.*

oo.

*decesc.*

oo.

*decesc.*

oo.

*decesc.* *p*

Ped. ^ Ped. ^ Ped. ^ pedal harmonically

7

ga - bles, where the sun fell on my head, the

Piano accompaniment for the second system.

light danced on the shin - gles like a riv - er in its

(end solo)

ALL 14 mp

bed. I spied off in the dis - tance a

Spied in the dis - tance a

Spied in the dis - tance a

Spied in the dis - tance a

16 *cresc.* *mf* *rit. e decresc.*

tree of ap - ples spread each branch in - to the

*cresc.* *mf* *rit. e decresc.*

tree of ap - ples spread each branch in - to the

*cresc.* *mf* *rit. e decresc.*

tree spread each branch in - to the

*cresc.* *mf* *rit. e decresc.*

tree spread each branch in - to the

19 *mp* *Slowly* ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 63$ ) *rit. e decresc.*

az - ure sky like a shoot of E - den's ken,

*mp* *rit. e decresc.*

az - ure sky like a shoot of E - den's ken,

*mp* *rit. e decresc.*

az - ure sky like a shoot of E - den's ken, like a

*mp* *rit. e decresc.*

az - ure sky like a shoot of E - den's ken, a

*mp* *rit. e decresc.*

*Slowly* ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 63$ )

Tempo I (♩ = ca. 76)

*p*

E - den's ken.

*p*

E - den's ken.

*p*

shoot of E - den's ken.

*mp*

The

*p*

shoot of E - den's ken.

*mp*

The

Tempo I (♩ = ca. 76)

dirt clung to my fin - gers as I stretched my wea - ry

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*mp*

*mp*

28

*mp*

Out from the lit - tered gut - ters where my

*mp*

Out from the lit - tered gut - ters where

hands from the lit - tered gut - ters where

hands from the lit - tered gut - ters where

hands from the lit - tered gut - ters where

8<sup>vb</sup> |

8<sup>vb</sup> |

8<sup>vb</sup> |

31

*decresc.*

hum - ble toil was spent. I

*decresc.*

toil was spent.

*decresc.*

toil was spent.

*decresc.*

toil was spent.

*decresc.*

*decresc.*

*decresc.*

8<sup>vb</sup> |

33

*cresc. poco a poco*

stood a - midst the eve - ning like a tree by — trou - bles

*p*

*cresc. poco a poco*

Stood a - midst the eve - ning, tree by — trou - bles

*p*

*cresc. poco a poco*

Stood a - midst the eve - ning, tree by trou - bles

*p*

*cresc. poco a poco*

Stood a - midst the eve - ning, tree by trou - bles

*p cresc. poco a poco*

36

bent, and the vi - sion touched my

bent and the vi - sion touched my

bent, and the vi - sion touched my

bent, and the vi - sion touched my

*f*

38

*rit.*

bro - ken heart like a strong and grac - ious

*rit.*

bro - ken heart like a strong

*rit.*

bro - ken heart like a strong

*rit.*

bro - ken heart like a strong

*rit.*

40

*sub. p* Resolved ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 66$ )

friend, strong and grac - ious

*sub. p*

friend, strong and grac - ious

*sub. p*

friend, like a strong and grac - ious

*sub. p*

friend like a strong and grac - ious

*8va*

*sub. p* Resolved ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 66$ )



Tempo I (♩ = ca. 76)

43

friend. As I toil be - neath the

friend. As I toil be - neath the

friend. As I toil be - neath the

friend. As I toil be - neath the

45

*p*

Tempo I (♩ = ca. 76)

8<sup>vb</sup>

46

ga - bles, where the sun sets in the west, I'll

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8<sup>vb</sup>

49

fall up - on the Ap-ple Tree for the mer - cy of its

fall up - on the Ap-ple Tree for the mer - cy of its

8 fall up - on the Ap-ple Tree for the mer - cy of its

fall up - on the Ap-ple Tree for the mer - cy of its

*rit.*

*rit.*

*rit.*

*rit.*

*rit.*

*rit.*

52

rest, the mer - cy of its rest.

rest, the mer - cy of its rest.

rest, the mer - cy of its rest.

rest, the mer - cy of its rest.

*pp*

*pp*

*pp*

*pp*

*rit.*

*rit.*

*rit.*

*rit.*

Freely (♩ = ca. 56)

*rit.*

*pp*