

What is the grass?

Poem by Walt Whitman

composed for the Westfield State University Chorus

Music by Jay Ducharme

Gently, without rushing (♩ = 92)

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

p

mp

A child said,

Use sustain pedal liberally

6

mp

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

What is the grass? Fetch-ing it to me with full

What is the grass? Fetch-ing it to me with full

11

S. hands; _____

A. hands; _____

T. _____

B. _____

Pno. *mp*

17

S. _____

A. _____

T. *mf*
How could I an - swer the child? _____ I do not know what it is

B. *mf*
How could I an - swer the child? _____ I do not know what it is

Pno.

23 *mf*

S. a - ny more than he. _____

A. a - ny more than he. _____

T. a - ny more than he. _____

B. a - ny more than he. _____

Pno.

29

S. lag _____

A. lag _____

T. I guess it might be the lag _____ of my

B. lag _____

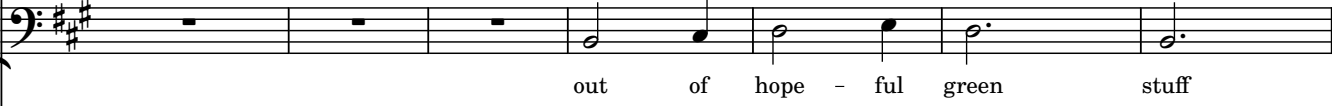
Pno. *mf*

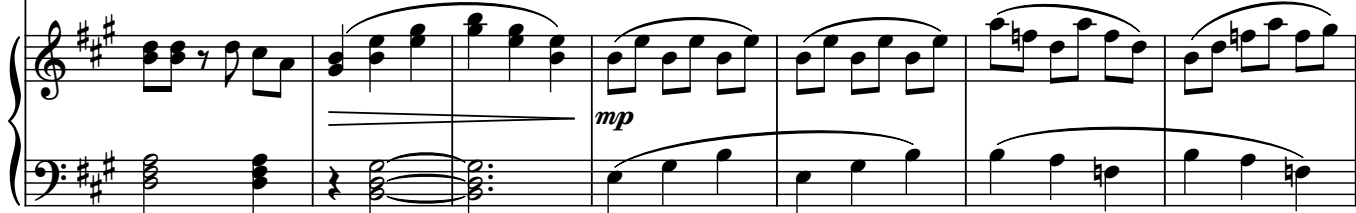
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S. 

A. 

T. 
dis - po - si-tion, out of hope - ful green stuff

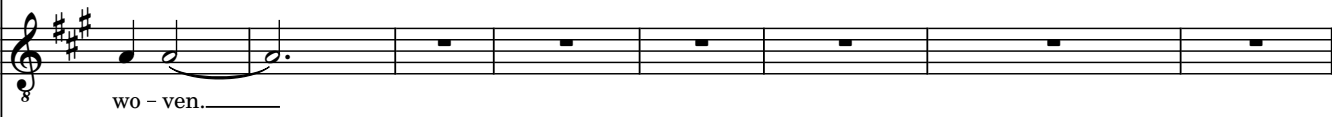
B. 
out of hope - ful green stuff

Pno. 

43

S. 
Or I guess it is the hand-ker-chief

A. 
Or I guess it is the hand-ker-chief

T. 
wo - ven.

B. 
wo - ven.

Pno. 

51

S. of the Lord, scen - ted

A. of the Lord, scen - ted

T. *mp* of the Lord, scen - ted

B. *mp* of the Lord, A scen - ted gift

Pno.

58

S. gift and re - mem - bran - cer de - sign -

A. gift and re - mem - bran - cer de - sign -

T. gift and re - mem - bran - cer de - sign -

B. — and re - mem - bran - cer de - sign -

Pno.

65

S. ed - ly dropped, Bear-ing the own - er's name_____

A. ed - ly dropped, Bear-ing the own - er's name

T. ed - ly dropped,

B. ed - ly dropped,

Pno.

73

S. that we may see and re - mark

A. that we may see and re - mark

T. some - way in the cor-ners,

B. some - way in the cor-ners,

Pno.

80

mf

S. and say Whose? _____

mf

A. and say Whose? _____

T. _____

B. _____

Pno. *mf*

86

S. _____

mf

A. Or I guess

T. _____

B. _____

Pno. *mp*

91

Slightly slower
mf _____ *p*

S. _____
the grass is it - self _____ a

A. _____
the grass is it - self _____ a

T. _____
the grass is it - self _____ a

B. _____
the grass is it - self _____ a

Pno. _____

99 a tempo

S. _____
child. _____

A. _____
child. _____

T. _____
child. _____

B. _____
child. _____

Pno. *p* _____ *pp* _____
8 - - - -