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# Be Quiet, Wind

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## Text:

Be quiet, wind, a little while,
And let me hear my heart.
You chiming rivulet still your chant
And stealthily depart.

You whisperings in the aspen leaves, You far-heard whip-poor-will, You slow drop spilling from the rose You, even you, be still.

I must have infinite silence now, Lest I should miss one word Of all my heart would say to me Now, when its deeps are stirred.

Hardly I dare my breath to draw
Lest breathing break the spell,
While we commune, my heart and I,
In dreams too deep to tell.

- Charles G.D. Roberts (1860-1943)

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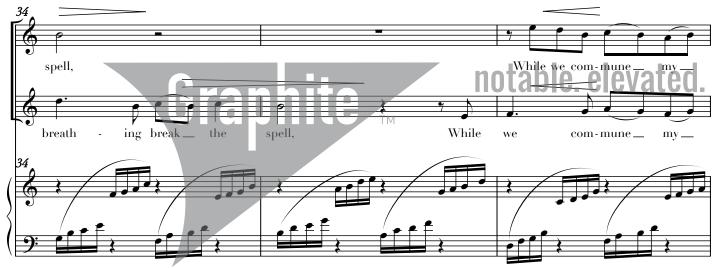














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Martha Hill Duncan received a diploma in Vocal Music in the first graduating class of the Houston High School for Performing and Visual Arts and a BM in Composition from the University of Texas at Austin. Her composition teachers have included Donald Grantham, Robert Palmer and Sam Dolin; her piano teachers have included Gregory Allen, Danielle Martin, Errol Haun and Trudi Borden.

Her ongoing interest in vocal music and recognition of her adopted country, Canada, has culminated in a cycle of songs for voice and piano entitled Singing From the Northland: A Celebration of Canadian Poetry in Song. Three of these songs, "Severance," "Grey Rocks and Greyer Seas" and "Rainfall" were chosen as finalists and performed in the 2005 Diana Barnhart American Song Competition in Wayne, PA.

As director of the Kingston, Ontario women's choir She Sings!, she has also produced several works for treble choir including "Song of the Stars," "Lady Icicle" and "Lullaby of the Iroquois." These three songs were performed on May 11, 2007 by the The New York Treble Singers in their concert entitled American Voices. "Star Prayers" was a co-winner in the 2005 Ruth Watson Henderson Choral Composition Competition. Choirs that have commissioned her

work include Aurora, Melos Chamber Choir, Pro Arte Singers, and the Young Choristers Limestone.

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