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CHALLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Snow Toward Evening

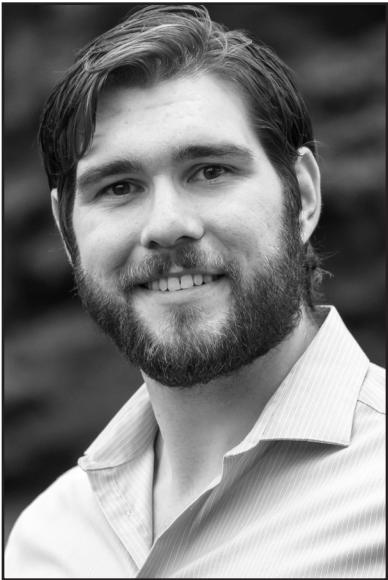
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SATB, divisi

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Michael Fairbairn is a composer and singer from North Dakota. He is currently a student at North Dakota State University, where he was admitted with a football scholarship. Michael played for 5 seasons with the team, including one season where he was a team captain. Afterward, Michael spent 3 seasons singing with the VocalEssence Ensemble Singers under the direction of Philip Brunelle and will graduate with a degree in music education in 2017.

Text:

Suddenly the sky turned gray,
The day,
Which had been bitter and chill,
Grew soft and still.
Quietly
From some invisible blossoming tree
Millions of petals cool and white
Drifted and blew,
Lifted and flew,
Fell with the falling night.

- Melville Cane

“Snow Toward Evening” utilizes slowly layering chords and colorful tonality shifts to portray the serene beauty of a still winter’s night.

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for SATB choir *a capella* with divisi

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Freely with rubato, imitating the flow of wind (♩ = 60–69)

A musical score for SATB choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, key signature of B-flat major. The vocal parts are divided into two groups: Soprano (Ooh), Alto (oh), Tenor (ah), and Bass (ah). The music consists of four measures of vocal parts with corresponding lyrics: "Ooh", "oh", "ah", and "ah". The score includes a treble clef, a bass clef, and a key signature of B-flat major. The lyrics are placed below each vocal line. A large watermark for "NDSU CHALLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC" is overlaid across the middle of the page.

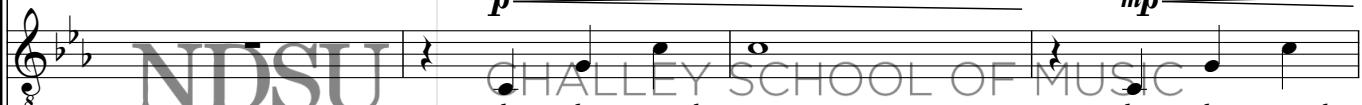
A continuation of the musical score for SATB choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, key signature of B-flat major. The vocal parts are divided into two groups: Soprano (oooh), Alto (oh), Tenor (ah), and Bass (oooh). The music consists of four measures of vocal parts with corresponding lyrics: "oooh", "oh", "ah", and "oooh". The score includes a treble clef, a bass clef, and a key signature of B-flat major. The lyrics are placed below each vocal line. A large watermark for "NDSU CHALLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC" is overlaid across the middle of the page.

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S. 

A. Sud - den - ly, _____ sud - den - ly, _____

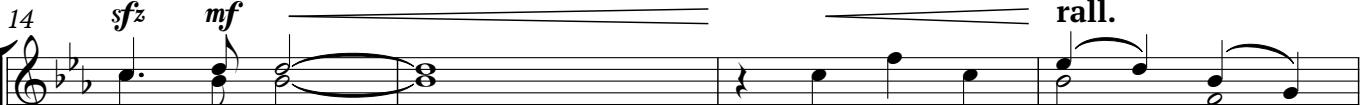
T. 

B. Sud - den - ly, _____ sud - den - ly, _____

The sky turned gray, the sky turned

The sky turned gray, the sky turned

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S. sud - den - ly _____ the sky, the sky _____ turned.

A. sud - den - ly _____ the sky, the sky turned.

T. 

gray, the sky turned gray, turned

gray, the sky turned gray, turned

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S. *mp* Slightly slower

S. gray. The day, which had been bit - ter, bit - ter, bit - ter and

A. gray. The day, which had been bit - ter, bit - ter, bit - ter and

T. gray. The day, which had been bit - ter, bit - ter, bit - ter and

B. gray. The day, which had been bit - ter, bit - ter, bit - ter and

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S. *mp*

S. chill, grew soft and still. *static* Qui - et - ly,

A. chill, grew soft and still. *static* Qui - et - ly,

T. chill, grew soft, soft and still. *static*

B. chill, soft and still.

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Emerging, with more emotion

26 S. *p* *pp*

A. *p* *pp*

T. *mp*

B. *mp*

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From some in - vi - si - ble

From some in - vi - si - ble

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30 S. *f* *sub. p*

A. *f* *sub. p*

T. *f* *sub. p*

B. *f* *sub. p*

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mil - lions of pet - als cool and white,

mil - lions of pet - als cool and white

blos - som-ing tree. mil - lions of pet - als cool and white

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35 S. *mf* drift - ed and blew, lift - ed and flew,
 A. *mf* drift - ed and blew, lift - ed and flew,
 T. *mf* NDSU CHALLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC drift - ed and blew, lift - ed and
 B. *mf* drift - ed and blew, lift - ed and

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39 S. *ff* rall. *p* A tempo static fell with the fal - ling night. Mm Mil - lions of
 A. *ff* static fell with the fal - ling night. Mm Mil - lions of
 T. *ff* static flew, fal - ling night. Mm Mil - lions of
 B. *ff* static flew, fal - ling night. Mm Mil - lions of

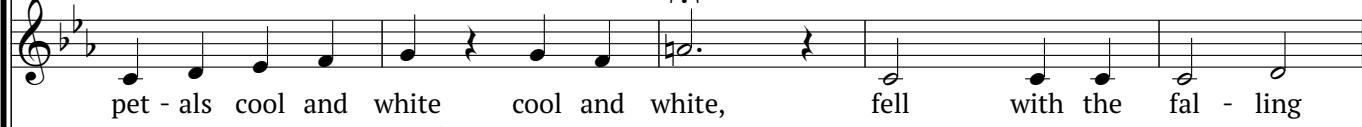
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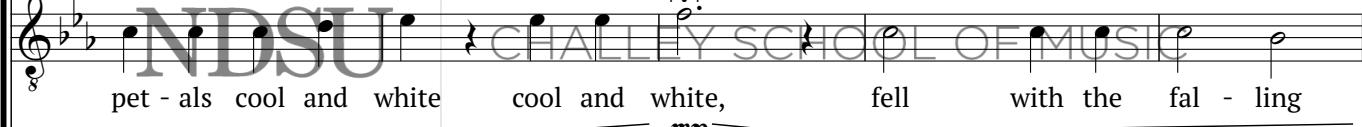
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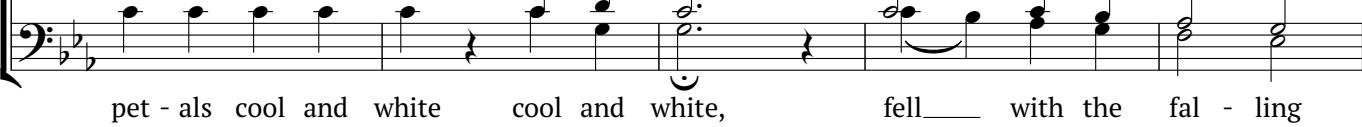
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S. 
pet - als cool and white, cool and white, fell with the fal - ling

A. 
pet - als cool and white cool and white, fell with the fal - ling

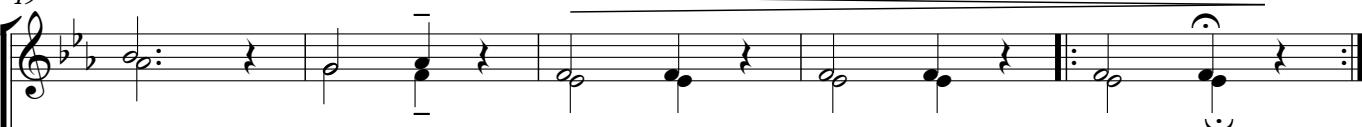
T. 
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pet - als cool and white cool and white, fell with the fal - ling

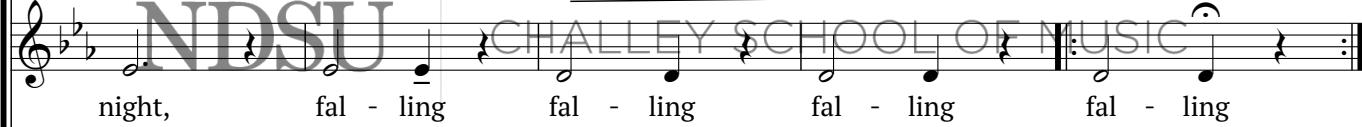
B. 
pet - als cool and white cool and white, fell with the fal - ling

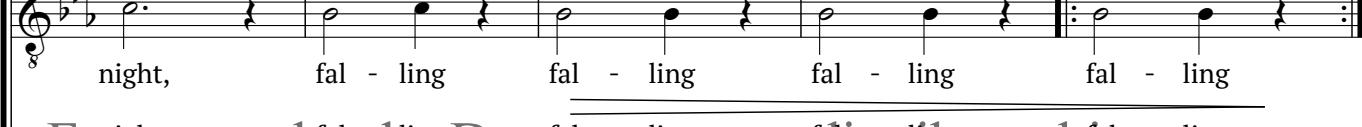
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Repeat as desired, fade away
(last fermata optional)

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S. 
night, fal - ling fal - ling fal - ling fal - ling

A. 
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night, fal - ling fal - ling fal - ling fal - ling

T. 
night, fal - ling fal - ling fal - ling fal - ling

B. 
night, fal - ling fal - ling night ooh

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