

*Commissioned by Bexley High School Vocal Ensemble  
conductor Amy Johnston Blosser*

# Healing Heart

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b1957

Give space  $\text{♩} = 45$

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

Piano

*Here, time is moving  
In quiet breaths and  
In the long, slow turn of seasons.*

*Here the pain of love's arrow,  
Once scarlet  
Fades to memory.*

*Here the sigh of tides  
And fall's surrender into snow  
Mark a white forgetting.*

*Here, layers of wonder  
And the heart's gentle song  
Call us out again  
into the morning,  
into the light.*

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S. *pp* In quiet breaths In the long, slow turn of

A. *pp* > *pp* In quiet breaths and In long turn of

T. *pp* In quiet breaths In long sea -

B. *pp* In quiet breaths In long sea - sons.

Pno. *mf*

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S. sea sons. Here the pain of love's arrow, once

A. sea - sons. Here the pain of love's arrow, once,-

T. sons. Here the pain of love once

B. Here the pain of love once-

Pno. *mf* *f* *mp*

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S. *mf*  
scar - let, once scar - let, Fades

A. *mf*  
here the pain of love, here, the pain of love, Fades

T. *mf*  
scar - let, here the pain of love, of love,

B. *mf*  
scar - let, love, love,

Pno. *mf*

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S. *p*  
in - to me - mo - ry. Here, Here, the sigh of

A. *ppp*  
in - to me - mo - ry. Here, Here the

T. *p*  
Fades... Here, Here, the

B. *p*  
Fades... Here, Here, the

Pno. *p* *pp* *mf*

**piu mosso**

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S. tides And fall's sur - ren - der in-to snow Mark a white for-

A. sigh, fall's sur-ren - der in - to snow Mark a white for-

T. sigh, fall's sur-ren - der in - to snow Mark a white for-

B. sigh, fall's sur-ren - der in - to snow Mark a white for-

Pno.

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poco rall. tempo primo, broadening

S. get- ting.

A. get - ting, a white for < > *p* get - ting, Here, lay - ers, lay - ers of *cresc. poco a poco alf*

T. get - ting, for - get - ting, Here lay - ers, lay - ers of won - der *cresc. poco a poco alf*

B. get - ting, for - get - ting, Mark a white for -

Pno.

40 *mf* *cresc. poco a poco alf* **rall.** **tempo primo** *f*

S. Here, lay - ers, lay - ers, here, lay - ers, lay - ers of won - der, of  
A. won - der, lay - ers of won - der, of  
T. lay - ers of won - der, *f* Here the pain of love's\_ ar - row,  
B. get - ting, of won - der, won - der,  
Pno. *f* *heavy*

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S. won - der, lay - ers of won - der, lay - ers of won - der,  
A. won - der, lay - ers of won - der, won - der,  
T. scar - let, fades to mem - ory, Here, the sigh of tides and fall's sur - ren - der, lay - ers of won - der,  
B. Here the sigh of tides, won - der, her the pain of love, won - der,  
Pno. *ff*

**poco rall.**      **a tempo**

S. 47 *fff* *3* won - der,\_\_\_\_ here lay - ers of

A. *fff* *3* won

T. *fff* *3* won - der,\_\_\_\_ here, lay - ers of

B. *fff* *3* lay - ers of won - der

Pno. *pp* *melody* *mp*

*cresc. poco a poco*

lay - ers\_\_\_\_ of won - der

*f* *mp*

won der, here lay - ers of won der, here, lay - ers of won - der

S. 51 *3* *3*

der, of won - der, here, lay - ers of won - der *p*

*one voice: and the clear; simple*

*f* *mp*

der, of won - der, here, lay - ers of won - der

A. *3* *3*

won der, here, lay - ers of won der, here, lay - ers of won - der

T. *f* *mp*

won - der, lay - ers of won - der

B. *mp*

won - der, lay - ers of won - der

Pno. *p* *pp*

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S. heart's gent-le song *tutti:* Call... Call... Call... Call us out a-

A. Call... Call... Call... Call us

T. Call... Call... Call... Call us

B. Call... Call... Call... Call us

Pno.

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S. gain in-to the mor - ning in - to the... in - to,

A. out, mor - ning (ng) in - to,

T. out, mor - ning (ng) in - to,

B. out, mor - ning, (ng) in - to,

Pno.

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S. *p* in - to \_\_\_\_\_ *pp*  
A. *p* in - *b7* to \_\_\_\_\_ *pp*  
T. *p* in - - to, in - to, *pp*  
B. *p* in - - to, *pp*

Pno. \* whisper (full length of beat)

