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SSAATTBB a cappella

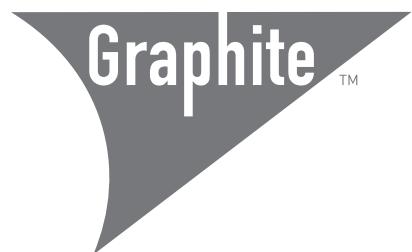
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## Weep, O Mine Eyes

for a cappella SSAATTBB chorus



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## Text:

Weep, O mine eyes, and cease not  
Your springtimes out, alas!  
Me thinks increase not  
Oh when begin you, to swell so high that I may drown me in you?

- *Anonymous*

## From the Composer:

Love is a universal feeling, and music is the universal language through which to express it. The loss of a loved one is something we all experience, whether it be a lover, a relative, a parent or a true friend. So many madrigals are expressions of love or grief, as are most pop songs, folk tunes, jazz standards, and other genres. It's interesting to note that John Bennet was inspired by John Downland's "Flow my Tears" when he wrote his madrigal for four voices, "Weep O Mine Eyes," and the same text inspired John Wilbye to write one for three voices as well. Centuries later, composers and musicians continue inspire one another when expressing these universal feelings of love and sadness, across many different kinds of musical styles and genres.

John Wilbye's beautiful madrigal vividly expresses the intense sadness we all feel when our hearts are broken. I love his clever use of word painting, tightly knit into delightfully intimate three part voicing. During certain musical phrases, I feel like Wilbye is expressing love's frustrations with rhythmic, declamatory writing for "Alas, your springtide's out, me thinks increase not." Later, the music rises and falls, almost offering a glimmer of hope before descending back into the doldrums to the words "to swell so high that I may drown me in you." For me, such rich imagery is as powerful as it is ironic, describing both love and death simultaneously in one beautiful sentence.

Of course, the well of emotions in Wilbye's madrigal is truly inspiring, and I've endeavoured to capture this melancholy and irony in my own version for 8 voices. Additionally, I've tried to add a sense of mystery and gravitas as a personal expression of my own unrequited love. The work opens with a sparse texture featuring two solo sopranos, gradually becoming richer and darker in colour as the music unfolds. The music swells similar to the Wilbye, but as it falls (or "drowns"), jazz harmonies offer intimacy and warmth, a kind of musical escapism from the pains of love and loss, before transitioning back to the mystery of the opening.

- *Joe Twist, 2020*

For The Golden Bridge, September 2017

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John Bennet

Weep, O Mine Eyes

SSAATTBB choir a cappella

Joseph Twist

Freely, distant  $\text{d} = \text{c. } 54$ 

Soprano

Solo **p** —————— **mp** ——————  
 Weep, O mine eyes, weep, O mine eyes, weep, O mine eyes, weep, O mine eyes,

Alto

Solo **p** —————— **pp** ——————  
 Mm Mm Mm Mm

Tenor

**pp** ——————  
 ——————

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Bass

**pp** ——————  
 ——————

Piano

**p** —————— **T.M.** —————— **mp** ——————  
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S

eyes.

***pp***

eyes.

*poco mf*

n

A

Weep, O mine eyes.

*poco mf*

n

T

Weep, O mine eyes.

***pp****poco mf*

n

B

Weep, O mine eyes.

***pp****poco mf*

n

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5

***pp***

TM

*poco mf*

n

A

Tutti *p dolce*

S

Weep, O mine eyes, — weep, O — mine eyes, — and cease —

Tutti *p dolce*

Weep, O mine eyes, weep, O — mine eyes, — and cease —

*p dolce*

TM

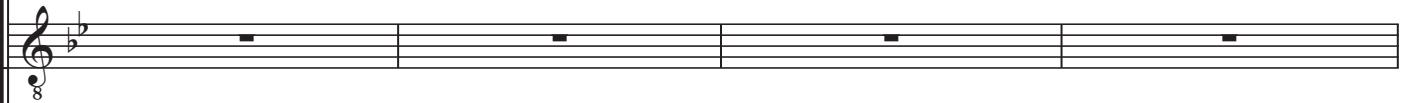
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A

*p dolce*

Weep, O mine eyes, weep, O — mine eyes, — and cease —

T



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B



A

*p dolce*

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S not weep, O mine eyes,

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A not. weep, S nine eyes,

A musical score for soprano voice in G clef. The lyrics "not." and "Weep, O mine eyes," are written below the staff. The dynamic marking ***pp*** is at the beginning, followed by a large gray wedge-shaped dynamic area covering the first two measures. The vocal line consists of three eighth-note groups, each starting with a sharp. The dynamic marking ***f sonore*** is placed above the third group.

8 Weep, O mine eyes, and cease not, \_\_\_\_\_  
***pp*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***f sonore*** \_\_\_\_\_ *n*

weep, O mine eyes, and cease not, \_\_\_\_\_

**B**

***pp*** ————— ***f sonore*** ————— n

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for soprano B, starting with a dynamic of ***pp***. The lyrics "weep, O mine eyes, and cease not, \_\_\_\_\_" are written above the staff. The bottom staff shows a bassoon part with a dynamic of ***f sonore***, indicated by a crescendo line and a fermata over the final note. The note value for the bassoon part is a whole note.

Weep, O mine eyes, and cease not, \_\_\_\_\_

A musical score for 'Graphite' featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a time signature of common time. The score consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a dynamic instruction 'poco rit.' above the notes. The second staff begins with a dynamic instruction 'notable. elevated.' above the notes.

A musical score page for 'Capriccio' by Ravel. The title 'Capriccio' is at the top. The bassoon part starts with dynamics 'pp' and 'f sonore'. The bassoon plays eighth-note patterns on a bass clef staff.

**B** Poco pi mosso flowing  $\text{c} = 64$  *poco animato*

S

A

T

B

**B** Poco pi mosso flowing  $\text{c} = 64$  *poco animato*

**B** Poco pi mosso flowing  $\text{c} = 64$

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S

21

legato

las, me thinks in - crease - not, me thinks in - crease -

notable. elevated.

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A

legato

las, me thinks in - crease - not, me thinks in - crease -

T

legato

las, me thinks in - crease - not, me thinks in - crease -

T

tides me thinks in - crease - not, me thinks in - crease -

*bring out*

B

tides me thinks in - crease - not, me thinks in - crease -

*bring out*

notable. elevated.

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21

legato

G

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Soprano (S) part:

not, me thinks in - crease not. Weep, O mine eyes,— weep,

Alto (A) part:

not, me thinks in - crease not. Weep, O mine eyes, weep,

Tenor (T) part:

not, me thinks in - crease not. Weep, O mine eyes, weep,

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Musical score for 'Not, me thinks increase' and 'Weep, O mine eyes'. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is for voice B, starting with a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The lyrics 'not, me thinks in - crease' are followed by a fermata over the note 'not.' and then 'Weep, O mine eyes,' followed by another fermata over the note 'weep,'. The dynamics are marked as forte (*f*) and piano (*p*). The bottom staff is for voice A, starting with a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The lyrics 'not, me thinks in - crease' are followed by a fermata over the note 'not.' and then 'Weep, O mine eyes,' followed by another fermata over the note 'weep,'. The dynamics are marked as piano (*p*) and *dolce sonore*.

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Freely, poco adagio  $\text{d} = \text{c. } 54$

25

rall.

$f$

$p$

$mp$

*dolce sonore*

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30

Soprano (S) vocal line:

O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.  
O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.  
O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.  
O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.  
O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.  
O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.  
O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.  
O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.

Alto (A) vocal line:

O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.  
O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.  
O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.  
O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.  
O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.

Tenor (T) vocal line:

O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.  
O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.  
O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.

Bass (B) vocal line:

O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.  
O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ weep, O mine eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ and cease \_\_\_\_\_ not.

Piano accompaniment (bottom staff):

30

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S

A

T

B

D Poco pi mosso, flowing  $\text{J} = \text{c. } 64$

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poco accel.

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*f*

S

to swell so high,

to

A

to swell so high,

to

eresc.

TM

*f*

T

swell so high,

to swell so high,

to

eresc.

to swell so high,

to

B

swell so high,

to swell so high,

to

eresc.

to swell so high,

to

swell so high,

to swell so high,

to

eresc.

to swell so high,

to

swell so high,

to swell so high,

to

eresc.

to swell so high,

to

swell so high,

to swell so high,

to

poco accel.

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*f*

C

cresc.

f

&gt;

D

cresc.

f

&gt;

E

cresc.

f

&gt;

F

cresc.

f

&gt;

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S  
swell so high,

A  
swell so high,

T  
swell so high,

B  
swell so high,

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B swell so high \_\_\_\_\_ that I may

swell so high, \_\_\_\_\_ to swell so high that

rit.

45

E a tempo (♩ = c. 64)

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S

to swell so high that

mf

to swell so high that

A

to swell so high that I may

mf

high that I may

T

that I may drown me in you, that I may

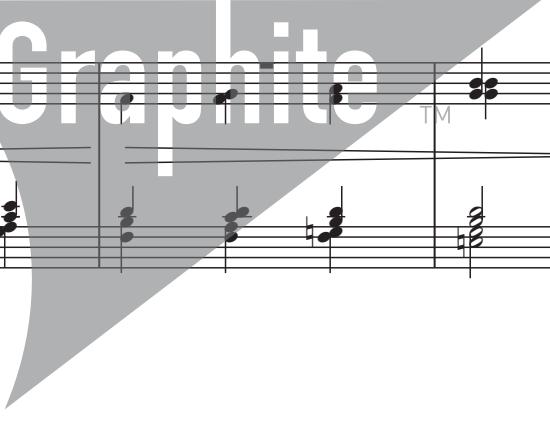
that I may drown me in you, that I may

B

drown, may drown me in you, that I may

I may drown me in you, that I may

49



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49

mf

TM

notable. elevated.

49

mf

TM

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molto ritenuato

a tempo, freely

Soprano (S): I may drown me in you? Oo/Doo

Alto (A): I may drown me in you? Oo/Doo

Tenor (T): drown, may drown me in you? Oo/Doo

Bass (B): drown, may drown me in you, Oo/Doo

Bassoon (B):

Piano/Violin: (Harmonic support with sustained notes and chords)

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molto ritenuato

a tempo, freely

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S



Graphite

notable. elevated.

A

T

B

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rall.

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5

A

T

B

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# rall. notable. elevated.

F Poco meno mosso  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 58$  poco rall.

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S

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A

*p dolce*

T

Weep, O mine eyes, — weep, O mine eyes,  
Weep, O mine eyes, weep, O mine eyes,

Weep, O mine eyes, weep, O mine eyes,

*p dolce*

B

Weep, O mine eyes, weep, O mine eyes,

F Poco meno mosso  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 58$

poco rall.

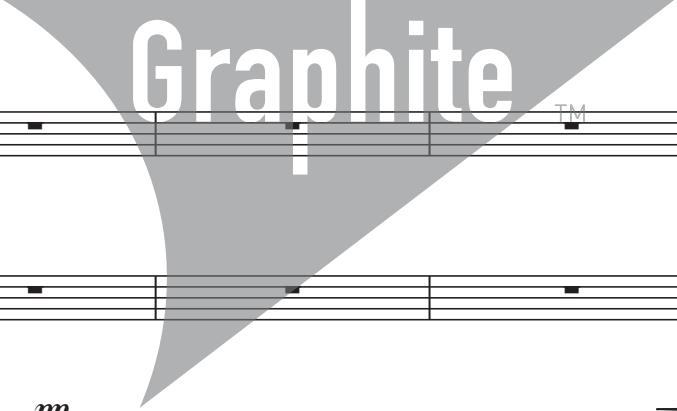
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*p dolce*

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S



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A

*pp*

T

*rit.**mp**pp**mp**pp**mp*

B

*pp**mp**pp**mp**pp**mp**pp**mp**pp**mp*

70



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*rit.*

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**S**

G Misterioso  $\text{d} = \text{c. } 54$

Weep, O mine eyes, weep, O mine eyes, weep, O mine eyes.

**A**

**T**

in you. (Mm)

in you. (Mm)

**B**

in you. (Mm)

in you. (Mm)

G Misterioso  $\text{d} = \text{c. } 54$

in you. (Mm)

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Musical score for bassoon part B. The score consists of a single staff in bass clef, with a key signature of one flat. The staff begins with a note on the A-line (the 4th line from the bottom). This is followed by a series of six eighth-note groups, each consisting of two notes on the A-line and one note on the G-line (the 3rd line from the bottom). After these six groups, there is a short rest. The score concludes with a dynamic instruction 'n' and a fermata over the final note.

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poco movimento  
rall.  
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81

pp

f

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"Benedicamus Domino" by Dale Warland

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## Benedicamus Domino

SSATBB (div.) a cappella

Liturgical

Dale Warland

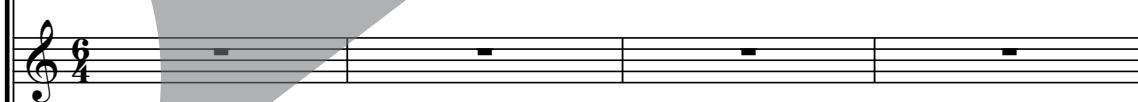
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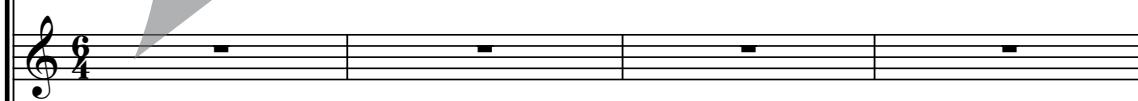
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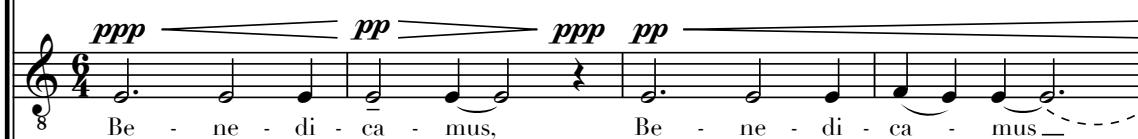
Soprano 2



Alto



Tenor



Bass 1



Bass 2



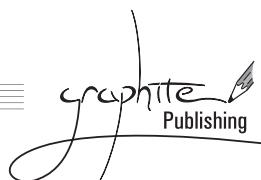
Reflective,  $\text{♩} = 84$

Let us give praise...

Piano  
(rehearsal  
only)



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Dale Warland

Benedicamus Domino

GP - W002

*rall.* 5 *Quicker, ♩ = 92*

S1: Be - ne - di - ca - mus Do - mi - no,  
*p*

S2: Be - ne - di - ca - mus Do - mi - no,  
*p* TM

A: Be - ne - di - ca - mus Do - mi - no,  
*p*

T: 8 Do - mi - no. *niente* Be - ne - di - ca-mus, Do - mi - no  
*p*

B1: Do - mi - no. *niente* Be - ne - di - ca-mus, Do - mi - no  
*p*

B2: Do - mi - no. *niente* Be - ne - di - ca-mus, Do - mi - no  
*p*

*rall.* 5 *Quicker, ♩ = 92*

unto the Lord. Let us give praise... unto the Lord.

*mp* *pp* *p* TM

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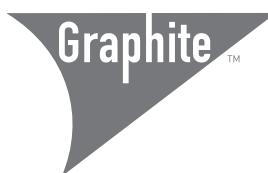


Australian composer/arranger Joe Twist is one of the most 'in demand' composers in Australia and abroad. Straddling film music and concert music arenas, his music crosses genres including ancient vocal music, opera, contemporary orchestral music, jazz, music theatre and cabaret.

Twist has a wealth of experience in choral music as both a singer and composer, receiving numerous commissions and performances of his music from choirs in Australia and around the world, including The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge, Chanticleer, Voces8, The Idea Of North, The Young New Yorkers' Chorus, L.A. Choral Lab, Sydney Chamber Choir, The Australian Voices, Gondwana Voices, Adelaide Chamber Singers and many others. Twist has worked for decades as a professional chorister in premier church choirs in Australia and the United States. Film credits include the successful animated series 'Bluey' on Disney Junior, as well as arrangements and orchestrations for many major motion pictures produced in Hollywood.

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Dale Warland	GP - W002	Benedicamus Domino	SSAATTBB, a cappella
Dale Warland	GP - W003	Sed Amore (But by Love)	SATB (div), piano



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