



SAUNDER
CHOI

STAR-CROSSED

for SSAA div. with piano

SAUNDER CHOI *music*



I first encountered *Star-crossed* in a literature class while completing my Communications degree at De La Salle University-Manila. Ronald Baytan is a literature professor and had just released a book on LGBT poetry called *The Queen Sings the Blues*. *Star-crossed* is one of the works in the book that I found to be most inspired, with lyrical text that lends itself to music perfectly.

The poem likens two lovers to elements of nature that cross paths but never end up together, much like star-crossed lovers.

The work received its world premiere in Japan with Ko Matsushita and his choir *Brilliant Harmony*. It received its American premiere with Martin Benvenuto and the *Peninsula Women's Chorus*.

Star-crossed

You are a waterfall,
and I, a stream:
You will forever flow through me
and I shall never contain you,
but you will never wash me away.

-Ronald Baytan

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Ronald Baytan

SAUNDER CHOI (2009)

Passionately, Adagio ♩=64ca poco rit.

Piano

*This recurring theme should not sound wavy
(per slur of two notes), but rather sound as one whole line.

A a tempo *p sempre legato*

S
*You_ are_ a wa - ter - fall and I a

S
You_ are_ a wa - ter - fall and I a stream, a

A
You_ are_ a wa - ter - fall and I a stream,

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S
stream; You are a wa - ter - fall

S
stream; You are a wa - ter - fall and I a

A
a stream; You are a wa - ter - fall and I a

15

S
and I a stream, a stream, a stream;
(S2 and A, whisper-like, with the effect of running water)

S
stream, stream, stream, stream, stream, stream, stream;

A
stream, stream, stream, stream, stream, stream, stream, stream;

poco rit.

R.H. simile

19 **B** Poco meno mosso

mp

S

You will for - e - ver flow through me and I shall ne - ver con - tain you, _____
(S2 and A1, with utmost transparency)

S

fall, _____ fall, _____ fall, _____ fall, _____ *(simile lyrics)*

A

fall, _____ fall, _____ fall, _____ fall, _____ *(simile lyrics)*

(alto 2 tacet)

A

25

S

_____ You will for - e - ver flow through me and I shall ne - ver con - tain you, _____

S

A

mp

A

You will for - e - ver flow through me and I shall not con - tain you, _____

poco rit. **C** **Poco rubato, moving forward**

30

S con - tain you, but you will ne-ver wash, but you will

S fall con - tain you, but you will ne-ver wash, but you will

A fall con - tain you, but you will ne-ver wash, but you will

A con - tain you, but you will ne-ver wash, but you will

poco rit.

p

36

S ne - ver wash me, wash me a - way, wash me a -

S ne - ver wash me, wash me a - way, wash me a -

A ne - ver wash me, wash me a - way, wash me a -

A ne - ver wash me, wash me a - way, wash me a -

poco rit.

with movement

poco rit.

52

S wa - ter-fall and I a stream, a stream, a stream, a

S wa - ter-fall and I a stream, a stream, a stream, a

A - fall and I a stream, a stream, a stream, a

(8)

f *cresc.*

57

S — stream, a stream, wa - ter - fall, non decresc. //

S — stream, a stream, wa - ter fall, non decresc. //

A — stream, You are a wa - ter - fall, non decresc. //

ff *non decresc.* //

ff *non decresc.* //

ff *non decresc.* //

3

61 **F** Poco meno mosso *p*

S
You will for - e - ver flow through me and I shan't con - tain you,

S
-

A
mp
You will for - e - ver flow through me and I shall ne - ver con - tain you, You will for -

p

poco rit.

S
You will for - e - ver flow through me and I shan't con - tain you,

S
p
for - e - ver flow, and ne - ver con - tain you,

A
e - ver flow through me and I shall ne - ver con - tain you,

poco rit.

G Poco rubato, meno mosso

poco rit. . . .

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p *pp* *poco meno*

S but you will ne - ver, ne - ver, ne - ver wash me a -

p *pp* *poco meno*

S but you will ne - ver, ne - ver, ne - ver

p *pp* *poco meno*

A but you will ne - ver, ne - ver, ne - ver

pp *poco meno*

77

n

S way

p

81 *poco rit.* *pp* *n*

S wash me a - way. *n*

S wash me a - way. *n*

A wash me a - way. *n*

pp *n*

pp *n*

pp *n*

pp *n*

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