

Who Has Seen the Wind?

SATB div. a cappella choir



Shruthi Rajasekar

Text by Christina Rossetti

Text:

Who has seen the wind?
Neither I nor you:
But when the leaves hang trembling
The wind is passing thro’.

Who has seen the wind?
Neither you nor I:
But when the trees bow down their heads
The wind is passing by.

- *Sing-Song: A Nursery Rhyme Book by Christina G. Rossetti, 1893*

Program Note:

Originally written in a collection of nursery rhymes, Christina Rossetti’s “Who has seen the wind?” is a simple but profound expression of spiritual acceptance. This setting explores the mystical nature of opening ourselves to the presence of forces beyond us. The central motif— a rising series of notes in the Carnatic raga Charukesi (here, with the tonic of F#: C# D E F# G# A# B C#)— came to me in a dream, and its role in the piece as a fragment that lingers before finally revealing itself mirrors the speaker’s path of recognizing, and embracing, the divine in our world.

- *Shruthi Rajasekar, 2022*



“[Shruthi] Rajasekar has allowed boldness to be her guiding light in the journey through her dense and evocative creativity... Rajasekar will continue to sail forward, into a cartography of her own delineation.”

– The Seattle Times

Composer and vocalist Shruthi Rajasekar (she/her) is a McKnight Fellow, Jerome Hill Artist Fellow, Associate of the Royal Northern College of Music (ARNCM), winner of the Global Women in Music Award from the United Nations, and a Marshall Scholarship recipient. Her creative work highlights identity, community, and joy. Shruthi’s music reflects her deep roots in the Carnatic (South Indian classical) and Western classical idioms, her diasporic South Asian background, and her belief in the importance of communal gathering and civic engagement. Globally, her compositions have been featured at the Royal Albert Hall (London, UK), the Cannes Film Festival (France), the National Centre for Performing Arts (Mumbai, India), Victoria Concert Hall (Singapore), and the United Nations’ COP 26 (Glasgow, UK).

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Mysterious $\text{♩} = 54$

pp

Musical score for the first system of 'Who Has Seen the Wind?'. It features four vocal parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass, along with a Piano accompaniment. The Soprano part begins with the lyrics 'who who who who who who who who who who'. The Alto part has 'who' and 'who'. The Bass part has 'who has seen'. The Piano part provides accompaniment. A large watermark 'shruthi rajasekar music' is overlaid on the score.

Musical score for the second system of 'Who Has Seen the Wind?'. It features four vocal parts: Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), and Bass (B.), along with a Piano accompaniment. The Soprano part begins with the lyrics 'who who who who who who who who who who has has'. The Alto part has 'who who has seen who has seen the'. The Tenor part has 'who has seen seen who'. The Bass part has 'who has seen seen who'. A section marker 'A' is placed above the Soprano staff. A large watermark 'shruthi rajasekar music' is overlaid on the score.

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13

S. *mp*
has_ has_ seen seen_ the_ wind? Nei - ther I nor you: Nei - ther

A. *mp*
wind? has seen the_ the wind? Nei - ther I nor you: Nei - ther

T. *mp*
has seen_ the wind? I nor you: Nei - ther

B. *mp*
has seen_ the wind? I nor you: Nei - ther

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18

S. *pp sub.* *molto rit.* *mp*
I nor you: Who_ has seen the wind? Nei - ther you nor I: But

A. *pp sub.* *mp*
I nor you: Who_ has seen the wind? Nei - ther you nor I: But

T. *pp sub.* *mp*
I nor you: Who has seen the wind? Nei - ther you nor I: But

B. *pp sub.* *mp*
I nor you: Who has seen the wind? Nei - ther you nor I: But

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22 **C** rubato

S. when the leaves hang trem - bling The wind is pass - ing, pass - ing through But when the trees bow

A. when the leaves hang trem - bling The wind is pass - ing through But when the trees bow

T. when the leaves hang trem - bling The wind is pass - ing, pass - ing through But when the trees bow

B. when the leaves hang trem - bling The wind pass ing through But when the trees bow

S. down their heads The wind is pass - ing, pass - ing by _____ The

A. down their heads The wind is pass - ing, pass - ing by _____ The

T. down their heads The wind is pass - ing, pass - ing by _____ the

B. down their heads The wind is pass - ing, pass - ing by _____

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31 **D** Rush of wind *p mp p mp cresc.*

S. wind is pass - ing, pass - ing through The wind is pass - ing, pass - ing by But who has seen the wind?

A. wind is pass - ing, pass - ing through The wind is pass - ing, pass - ing by

T. wind is pass - ing through The wind is pass - ing, pass - ing by Who has

B. wind is pass - ing through The wind, wind is pass - ing by who has seen_

36

S. who has seen the wind? Nei - ther you nor I:

A. *mp cresc.* Who has seen the wind? Who has seen the wind? who has seen? has

T. seen? But who has seen the wind? Who has seen the wind?

B. who has seen the wind? who has seen? Who has? Who

mp mp

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40

S.

A. *mf*
seen?_ who has seen?_ who has seen? When the wind is___ pass - ing_

T. *mf*
has seen? Who has seen? has seen? But who has seen___ the wind? seen the wind?

B. *mf*
has seen? Who has seen? has seen? But Who has seen___ the wind? seen the wind?

46

S. *mp cresc.*
Who has seen? Who_ has seen? Who has seen? Who_ has seen? Who has

A. *cresc.* *f*
by the___ trees bow_ down their___ heads the___ wind pass - ing

T. *cresc.* *f*
___ Who has seen the wind? Who has seen the wind? Who? Who has

B. *cresc.* *f*
___ who has seen the wind? Who has seen___ the wind? Who? Who has

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51 *dim.* *rit.* *Inward* ♩ = 66 *pp*

S. *dim.* seen? Who has seen? Who has seen the wind? Nei - ther I nor you

1 *dim.* by. Who has seen? Who has seen the wind? Nei - ther I nor you

A. *dim.* by. Who has seen? Who has seen the wind? Nei - - ther I you

T. *dim.* seen the wind? Who? Who has seen the wind? mm

B. *dim.* seen the wind? Who? Who has seen wind?

56 *p* **G**

1 *p* who who who who who

S. *p* who who who who

2 *p* who who who who

A. *legato p* but

T. *p* Who has seen the

B. *p* Who has seen the

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59

poco cresc.

1. who who who who who

2. who who who who who

A. *mp*

T. when the trees bow down their heads but when the

B. wind? Who has seen? seen? Who has

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62

poco dim.

1. who who who who trees bow

2. who who who who bow

A. *p*

T. *legato*

B. *legato*

seen the wind? Who has seen? trees

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65

S. down their heads _____ bow down _____ But who has seen the

A. down when _____ down _____ But who has seen the

T. bow down _____ bow _____ their heads _____ But who has seen the

B. _____ but when the trees bow down their heads _____ But who has seen the

mp

legato

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70

S. wind? _____ I, you: I, you: _____ I, you: _____

A. wind? _____ I, you: I, you: _____ I, you: _____

T. wind? _____ I, you: I, you: _____ I, you: _____

B. wind? _____ I, _____ I, _____ I, you: _____

p

rit.

dim.

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