

Something Told the Wild Geese

SATB, piano

music: David Hamilton (2011)

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♩ = 76-80

Piano

p

Ped. _____

5 poco rit. . . . A tempo

Unison

p

Some-thing told the

poco rit. . . . A tempo

Pno.

p

Ped. _____

9

Unison

wild geese it was time to go;

Pno.

Ped. _____

12

Unison

though the fields lay gold-en some-thing whis- pered: 'snow'

Pno.

Ped. _____

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems. The first system shows the piano introduction with a tempo marking of quarter note = 76-80. The second system begins with a unison vocal line and piano accompaniment, marked 'poco rit.' followed by 'A tempo'. The lyrics 'Some-thing told the' are under the vocal line. The third system continues the unison vocal line with lyrics 'wild geese it was time to go;'. The fourth system continues the unison vocal line with lyrics 'though the fields lay gold-en some-thing whis- pered: 'snow''. The piano accompaniment features a consistent rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, often with a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Pedal markings are present at the end of each system.

16 *mp* *f*

S. leaves were green and stir- ring, ber- ries lus- ter- glossed, but be-

A. *mp* leaves were green and stir- ring, ber- ries lus- ter-

T. *mp* *f* ber- ries lus- ter- glossed, but be-

B. *mp* *f* ber- ries lus- ter- glossed, but be-

Pno. *mp*

Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped.

20

S. neath _____ warm fea- thers some- thing cau- tioned:

A. *f* glossed, but be- neath warm fea- thers some- thing cau- tioned:

T. *f* neath _____ warm fea- thers some- thing cau- tioned:

B. *f* neath _____ warm fea- thers some- thing cau- tioned:

Pno. *f*

Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped.

3

24

S. *mf*
'frost'. All the sag-ging or-chards

A. *mf (melody)*
'frost'. All the sag-ging or-chards

T. *mf*
'frost'. All the sag-ging or-chards

B. *mf*
'frost'. All the sag-ging or-chards.

Pno. *mf*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

28

S. *f*
steamed with am-ber spice, but each wild breast

A. *f*
steamed with am-ber spice, but each wild breast

T. *f*
steamed with am-ber spice, but each wild breast

B. *f*
steamed with am-ber spice, but each wild breast

Pno. *f*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.