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All Night The Fierce
Wind Blew

Sextet for
2 Soprano, 2 Alto, Tenor
and Bass voices

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The Wind

All night the fierce wind blew –
All night I knew
Time, like a dark wind, blowing
All days, all lives, all memories
Down empty endless skies –
A blind wind, strowing
Bright leaves of life's torn tree
through blank eternity:
Dreadfully swift, Time blew.
All night I knew
the outrush of its going.

At dawn a thin rain wept.
Worn out, I slept
And woke to a fair morning.
My days were amply long, and I
content
In their accomplishment –
Lost the wind's warning.

Ivor Gurney

Duration: approximately 4 minutes

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Forcefully (♩ = c132)

Soprano 1
Soprano 2
Alto 1
Alto 2
Tenor
Bass

All night the fierce

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Slower (♩ = c72)

S1
S2
A1
A2
T
B

wind blew - All night

wind blew -

wind blew -

wind blew -

wind blew - All night

wind blew - All night

10

S1 night I knew Time, Time, like a dark wind, *p* *mp*

S2 All night I knew Time, like *p*

A1 All night I knew Time, like *p*

A2 All night I knew Time, like a dark wind, blow - ing *p* *mp*

T I knew Time, *p*

B I knew Time, like *sempre p*

15

S1 blow - ing Time, Time, like a dark wind, *p* *mp*

S2 a dark wind, blow - ing dark wind,

A1 a dark wind, Time, like a dark wind, blow - ing *mp*

A2 Time, like a dark wind, blow - ing Time, blow - - *(mp)* *p*

T Time, like a dark wind, blow - ing, blow - - *mp* *p*

B a dark wind, blow - -

19

S1 *p*
blow - ing All days, all lives, all me - - mo -

S2 *mp*
blow - ing All days, all lives, All days, all lives, all

A1 *(mp)* *p* *mp*
blow - ing All days, all lives, all me - mo - ries, me - mo - ries, All

A2 *mp*
ing All days, All days, all lives, all me - mo - ries,

T *mp* *p*
ing All days, all lives, all me - mo - ries, all

B *(p)*
ing All days, all lives,

24

S1 *mp* *p* *mf*
ries, All days, all lives, all mem - o - ries Down

S2 *p* *mf*
me - mo - ries, all me - mo - ries emp ty

A1 *p* *mf*
days, all lives, all me - mo - ries, me - mo - ries Down

A2 *p* *mf*
All days, all me - mo - ries emp ty

T
days, all me - mo - ries

B
all me - - mo - - ries

29 **A little slower** (♩=c60) *p*

S1 skies — A blind wind, — *p*

S2 skies — A blind wind, — *p*

A1 skies — A blind wind, — *p*

A2 skies — A blind wind, — *p*

T *mf* end - less skies — A blind wind, — *p*

B *mf* end less — skies — A blind wind, — *p*



34 *mf* *p*

S1 strow-ing Bright leaves — of life's torn tree through *p*

S2 strow-ing Bright leaves — of life's torn tree through *p*

A1 strow-ing Bright leaves — of life's torn tree through *p*

A2 — Bright leaves of life's torn — tree

T — Bright leaves of life's torn — tree

B — Bright leaves of life's torn — tree

Faster (♩=c104)

38

S1 blank e - ter - ni - ty: *mf* Dread-ful-ly swift, *mf*

S2 blank e - ter - ni - ty: *mf* Dread-ful-ly swift, *mf*

A1 blank e - ter - ni - ty: *mf* Dread-ful-ly swift, *mf*

A2 *p* through blank e - ter - ni - ty: *mf* Time, *mf* Dread-ful-ly *mf*

T *p* through blank e - ter - ni - ty: *mf* Time, *mf*

B *p* through blank e - ter - ni - ty: *mf* Time, *mf*

42

A tempo (♩=c60)

S1 Time__ blew. *p* All__ night

S2 Time__ blew.

A1 Time__ blew. *p* All__ night

A2 swift Time_ blew. *p* All__ night

T *mf* Dread-ful-ly swift, Time, time_ blew. *p* All__

B *mf* Dread-ful-ly swift, Time, time_ blew. *p* All__ night

46

S1 I knew the out - rush of its go -

S2 *p* All night I knew the out - rush of its go -

A1 I knew the out - rush, go - -

A2 I knew the out - rush, go - -

T night I knew the out - rush, go - -

B I knew the out - rush, go - -



50

S1 ing. *p* At dawn a thin rain wept.

S2 ing. *p* At dawn a thin rain wept.

A1 ing. *p* At dawn a thin rain wept.

A2 ing. *p* At dawn a thin rain wept.

T ing. *p* At dawn a thin rain wept, a

B ing. *p* At dawn a thin rain wept, a

55 $(\leftarrow \text{♩} = \text{♩} \rightarrow)$

S1 Worn out, I slept And woke

S2 Worn out, I slept And woke

A1 Worn out, I slept And woke

A2 Worn out, I slept And woke

T thin rain wept. Worn out, I slept,

B thin rain wept. Worn out, I slept,

60 **A little quicker** (♩=c92) *f, jaunty*

S1 to a fair mor - ning. My days were

S2 to a fair mor - ning. My days were

A1 to fair mor - ning. My days were amp - ly long,

A2 to fair mor - ning. My days were amp - ly

T fair mor - ning. My days were

B fair mor - ning. My days were amp - ly

64

S1 amp - ly long, and I con - tent, ac -

S2 amp - ly long, and I con - tent with

A1 am - ply long, and I con - tent with

A2 long, and I con - tent with their

T long and I con - tent,

B long, and I con - tent



Slower (♩=c72)

S1 com - plish - ment - Lost, lost

S2 their ac - com - plish - ment - Lost, lost

A1 their ac - com - plish - ment - Lost, lost

A2 ac com - plish - ment - Lost, lost

T ac - com - plish - ment - Lost,

B with their ac - com - plish - ment - Lost,

ff *sf* *ff* *sf* *ff* *ff*

71

S1 *p* the wind's *mf* *gliss.* *gliss.*

S2 *p* the wind's *mf* *gliss.* *gliss.*

A1 *p* the wind's *mf* *gliss.* *gliss.*

A2 *p* the wind's *mf* *gliss.* *gliss.*

T *sf* *p* *p* lost the wind's *mf* *gliss.* *gliss.*

B *sf* *p* lost the wind's *mf* *gliss.* *gliss.*

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S1 *pp* *rit.* war - ning.

S2 *pp* war - ning.

A1 *pp* war - ning.

A2 *pp* *gliss.* war - ning.

T *pp* war - ning.

B *pp* war - ning.