

Simon Beattie  
**Advent Calendar**

*SATB*  
*unaccompanied*



He will come like last leaf's fall.  
One night when the November wind  
has flayed the trees to the bone, and earth  
wakes choking on the mould,  
the soft shroud's folding.

He will come like frost.  
One morning when the shrinking earth  
opens on mist, to find itself  
arrested in the net  
of alien, sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark.  
One evening when the bursting red  
December sun draws up the sheet  
and penny-masks its eye to yield  
the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come,  
will come like crying in the night,  
like blood, like breaking,  
as the earth writhes to toss him free.  
He will come like child.

*Rowan Williams*

For Dominic

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**Adagio flessibile**  
*mp*

SOPRANO

He will come like last leaf's fall. One night when the No -

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

**Adagio flessibile**  
*mp*  
(for rehearsal only)

4

*ten.* *p*

-vern - ber wind has flayed the trees to bone, and earth wakes

*mp* *p*

has flayed the trees to bone, and earth wakes

*ten.* *p*

8

*dim.* *mp*

chok-ing on the mould, the soft shroud's fold - ing. He will

*mp*

He will

*dim.* *mp*

chok-ing on the mould, the soft shroud's fold - ing. He will

12

come like frost. One morn-ing when the shrink-ing earth

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come \_ like frost. One morn-ing when the shrink-ing earth

16

o - pens on mist, to find it - self ar - rest - ed in the

o - pens to find it - self ar - rest - ed in the

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o - pens to find it - self ar - rest - ed in the

19

net of a - lien, sword-set beau - ty. He will come like

net of a - lien, sword-set beau - ty. He will come like

net of a - lien beau - ty. He will come like

He will come like

24 *poco a poco stringendo e cresc.*

dark. One eve-ning when the burst-ing red De-cem-ber sun draws

*poco a poco stringendo e cresc.*

dark. One eve-ning when the burst-ing red De-cem-ber sun draws

*poco a poco stringendo e cresc.*

dark. One eve-ning when the burst-ing red De-cem-ber sun draws

*poco a poco stringendo e cresc.*

dark. Burst - ing De-cem-ber sun draws

*poco a poco stringendo e cresc.*

28 *mf ten. meno mosso*

up the sheet and pen-ny-masks its eye to yield the star-snowed

*mf ten. meno mosso*

up the sheet and pen-ny-masks its eye to yield the star-snowed

*mf ten. meno mosso*

up the sheet and pen-ny - masks its eye to yield the star-snowed

*mf ten. meno mosso*

up the sheet and pen-ny-masks its eye to yield the star-snowed

*mf ten. meno mosso*

*mf ten. meno mosso*

\* The first tenors a little more prominent.

31 **più mosso** *mf* *cresc.*

fields of sky. He will come, will —

fields — of sky. — He will come, — will

fields of sky. He will come, — will

fields of sky. He will come, — will

**più mosso** *mf* *cresc.*

34 *fp* *f* cry - ing in the night,

come, will come like cry - ing in the night, like blood, like

come, — will come like cry - ing in the night, like blood, like

come, — will come like cry - ing in the night, like blood, like

come, will come like cry - ing in the night, like

*f*

37 *ff* *marcato*

break - ing, as the earth writhes to toss him

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break - ing, as the earth writhes to toss him

break - ing, as the earth writhes to toss him

*ff* *cresc.* *marcato*

39 *lento* *ppp*

free. He will come like child.

free. He will come like

free. He will come like child.

free. He will come like

*ppp* *molto legato*

free. He will come like

*ppp*

*lento* *ppp*