

Bells in the Rain

For soprano and piano

Text by Elinor Wylie

Approx. 2'30"

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Bells in the Rain by Elinor Wylie *American poet, 1885-1928*

Sleep falls, with limpid drops of rain,
Upon the steep cliffs of the town.
Sleep falls; men are at peace again
While the small drops fall softly down.

The bright drops ring like bells of glass
Thinned by the wind, and lightly blown;
Sleep cannot fall on peaceful grass
So softly as it falls on stone.

Peace falls unheeded on the dead
Asleep; they have had deep peace to drink;
Upon a live man's bloody head
It falls most tenderly, I think.

About Bells in the Rain

This setting of Elinor Wylie's emotional poem concentrates two key emotive elements: the bells, and the rain, both of which are important concepts throughout the music. Constant falling motifs in the accompaniment work alongside the soprano's carefully crafted lines as the rain storm gains strength and later fades as the piece progresses. Bell-like clusters punctuate the texture, while the music continues with a slightly uneasy edge as the listener is left to contemplate where the tale will turn to next.

About Jenni Pinnock

Jenni is a composer, teacher and arranger based in **Cambridgeshire**, UK. She studied at Kingston University (BMus) and Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance (MMus), and has had her music performed by a variety of ensembles across the UK.

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♩ = 90 Thoughtful and gentle

mp

Soprano

Piano

p
Ped. *smile*

6

S.

limp-id drops of rain, U - pon the steep cliffs of the

Pno.

11

S.

town. Sleep falls; men are at peace a -

8va

Pno.

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16

S. gain While the small drops fall soft - ly

Pno.

20

S. down.

Pno.

25

mf

S. Rippling The bright drops ring like

Pno.

28

f

S. bells of glass Thinned by the

Pno.

31

S. wind, _____ and light - ly blown;

Pno.

34

S. Sleep can-not fall _____ on peace - ful

Pno.

mp

37

S. grass So soft - ly as it

Pno.

Freely

40

S. falls on stone.

Pno.

A tempo
mp

p

8va

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44

S.

Pno.

48

S.

Pno.

mp

Sleep falls un-heed-ed on the dead

52

S.

Pno.

A - sleep they have had deep peace to

55

S.

Pno.

drink; U - pon a

58 *mp*

S. live man's blood - y head It

Pno.

62

S. falls most ten - der - ly,

Pno.

65 *rit.*

S. I think.

Pno. *mp*

68

S.

Pno.