

As the rain hides the stars

for choir SATB

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As the rain hides the stars,
as the autumn mist hides the hills,
as the clouds veil the blue of the sky,
so the dark happenings of my lot
hide the shining of your face from me.
Yet, if I may hold your hand in the darkness,
it is enough, since I know that, though
I may stumble in my going, you do not fall.

Special effects

The first two bars are marked 'fingerclicks'.

The singers should do soft fingerclicks, not in any rhythm, to make a gentle sound not unlike falling rain. This should be performed with books down so that both hands can do clicks.

Those people who say they can't click their fingers should carry on anyway: the desired effect is more of a rustling than a snap. Contribute what you can.

The effect should be established over a suitable period, perhaps starting very quietly, rising to a crescendo and then falling away.

When the conductor indicates, the tenors should take up their music and when measured time begins they should start to sing.

The other sections should continue clicking until their turn comes. Time has been allowed for each section in turn to pick up their books.

If the singers use stands, stand in choir stalls with lecterns, or have the piece by heart, this may make life easier. But experimentation has shown that the above system will work.

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From a Gaelic prayer

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S *Fingerclicks*  = 88

A *Fingerclicks* 

T *Fingerclicks* *ff* *f*
 As the rain hides the stars As the

B *Fingerclicks* *f*
 As the

S 

A *mf*
 As the rain

T *mf*
 rain As rain hides the stars As the rain

B *mf*
 rain As the rain hides stars As the rain as the gen tle



S
A
T
B

hides the stars And the au-tumn mist hides the hills

hides the stars And the au-tumn mist hides the hills

rain hides the stars And the au-tumn mist hides the hills

S *mp*
A *mp*
T *mp*
B *mp*

As the clouds veil the blue of the sky so the

veil the blue veil the blue sky so the

clouds blue clouds veil the sky the

clouds blue sky veil the sky

S
A
T
B

dark hap-pe-nings of my lot lot they

dark of my lot dark hap-pe-nings of my lot

dark dark hap-pe-nings hap-pe-nings of my lot

dark hap-pe-nings of my lot of my lot

hide shi·ning face from me As the rain hides the

hide the shi·ning face As the rain hides the

hide the shi·ning of your face from me As the rain

hide the shi·ning of your face As the rain

stars as the au·tumn mist hides the hills as the clouds veil the

stars as the au·tumn mist hides the hills as the clouds

stars mist hides the hills As the clouds

stars mist hides the hills the clouds veil the

blue of the sky so the dark hap·pe·nings of my

blue the sky so the dark hap·pe·nings of my

blue sky dark of my

blue sky dark

lot hide the shi - ning of your face from me the

lot hide the shi ning of your face from me the

lot shi - ning your face from me

of my lot shi - ning your face from me the

cresc

dark hap - pe - nings of my lot hide the shi - ning of your

cresc

dark hap - pe - nings of my lot hide the shi - ning of your

cresc

dark hap' - nings of my lot shi - ning your

cresc

dark lot hide the shi - ning your

ff

face from me the dark hap - pe - nings of my lot hide the shi - ning of your

ff

face from me the dark hap - pe - nings of my lot hide the shi - ning of your

ff

face the dark my lot the shi - ning your

ff

face from me dark of my lot shi - ning

face from me

face from me *p* Yet yet

face *p* Yet yet yet yet yet

face Yet yet yet yet

p Yet yet yet *ff* Yet *mp* Yet

yet yet yet *ff* Yet *mp* Yet

yet yet yet *ff* Yet *mp* Yet

yet yet yet *ff* Yet *mp* Yet

yet your hand If I may hold your hand in the

yet if I may hold your hand If I may hold your hand in the

yet if I may hold your hand If I may hold your hand in the

yet if I may hold your hand hold your hand in the

dark it is e - nough e - nough since I know
 dark - ness it is e - nough e - nough since I know
 dark - ness it is e - nough e - nough e - nough know
 dark it is e - nough e - nough e - nough I know
 I know that though I may
 I know that though I maystum - ble know
 I know that though
 I know that though
 stum - ble know I may may
 I know that though I maystum - ble in my go - ing
 I knowstum - ble in my go - ing
 I know I maystum - ble in my go - ing

mp

stum - ble in my go - ing go - ing Though I may

mp

in my go - ing go - ing Though I may stum - ble in my

mp

stum - ble in my go - ing Though I may stum - ble in my

mp

stum - ble go - ing go - ing Though I

stum - ble in my go - ing you do not fall.

go - ing you do not fall.

go - ing you do not fall.

stum - ble you do not fall.

optional rit

You do not fall.

You do not fall.

You do not fall.

You do not fall.