

The white and the walk of the morning

four poems by G.M.Hopkins

SATB chorus

duration c.8'30''

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MOONRISE June 19 1876

I awoke in the Midsummer not to call night, ¹ in the white and
the walk of the morning:
The moon, dwindled and thinned to the fringe ¹ of a fingernail
held to the candle,
Or paring of paradisaical fruit, ¹ lovely in waning but lustreless,
Stepped from the stool, drew back from the barrow, ¹ of dark
Maenefa the mountain;
A cusp still clasped him, a fluke yet fanged him, ¹ entangled
him, not quite utterly.
This was the prized, the desirable sight, ¹ unsought, presented
so easily,
Parted me leaf and leaf, divided me, ¹ eyelid and eyelid of
slumber.

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[UNTITLED]

Repeat that, repeat,
Cuckoo, bird, and open ear wells, heart-springs, delightfully
sweet,
With a ballad, with a ballad, a rebound
Off trundled timber and scoops of the hillside ground, hollow
hollow hollow ground:
The whole landscape flushes on a sudden at a sound.

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THE CAGED SKYLARK

As a dare-gale skylark scanted in a dull cage
Man's mounting spirit in his bone-house, mean house, dwells —
That bird beyond the remembering his free fells;
This in drudgery, day-labouring-out life's age.

Though aloft on turf or perch or poor low stage,
Both sing sometimes the sweetest, sweetest spells,
Yet both droop deadly sometimes in their cells
Or wring their barriers in bursts of fear or rage.

Not that the sweet-fowl, song-fowl, needs no rest —
Why, hear him, hear him babble and drop down to
his nest,
But his own nest, wild nest, no prison.

Man's spirit will be flesh-bound when found at best,
But uncumbered: meadow-down is not distressed
For a rainbow footing it nor he for his bones risen.

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INVERSNAID

This darksome burn, horseback brown,
His rollrock highroad roaring down,
In coop and in comb the fleece of his foam
Flutes and low to the lake falls home.

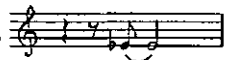
A windpuff-bonnet of fáwn-fróth
Turns and twiddles over the broth
Of a pool so pitchblack, féll-frówning,
It rounds and rounds Despair to drowning.

Degged with dew, dappled with dew
Are the groins of the braes that the brook treads through,
Wiry heathpacks, fitches of fern,
And the beadbonny ash that sits over the burn.

What would the world be, once bereft
Of wet and of wildness? Let them be left,
O let them be left, wildness and wet;
Long live the weeds and the wilderness yet.

Gerard Manley Hopkins
(1844 — 1889)

Notes:

1. Flats and sharps apply only to the note immediately following except in the case of tied notes within the bar (e.g.  is an E flat of 2½ crotchets' duration).
2. Where a phonetic is written, it is to be retained until anything other is indicated.

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S
A
T
B

pp mf

a- woke in the Mid-sum-mer not to call night, in the

a- woke in the Mid-sum-mer not to call night

mf wo(ke) Mi(d) no(e) night in the

4

f morn- ing: mp The moon,

white and the walk of the morn- ing: [SII] The moon, [AI] The moon

white and the walk of the morn- ing: mp

white and the walk of the morn- ing: mp

and the walk of the morn- ing:

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dwindled and thinned, fringe of a fingernail held to the can- dle,

[AI] moon, thinned to the fing- er nail held to the can- legato

The moon dwin- dled, doo

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doo

legato

dle, doo

or par- ing of par-a-dis-a-ic-al

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par-a-di-sa-ic-al, love-ly in wan-ing but lus-tre-less,
 love-ly in wan-ing but lus-tre-less,
 fruit, love-ly, doo

19

doo... PP Stepped from the stool, drew back from the
 doo PP Stepped from the stool, drew back from the
 mf from the

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bar-row, of dark Mae-ne-fa the moun-tain;
 bar-row, of dark Mae-ne-fa the moun-tain;
 bar-row, from the bar-row of the moun-tain;
 Mae-ne-fa the moun-tain;

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A cusp still clasped him,
 a him
 cusp him

lightly

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mp a fluke yet fanged him, en-

P a fanged tang-

fluke fanged tang-

fluke fanged tang-

35

warm mf

tangled him, not quite u[ter]-ly. This

-led not quite u[ter]-ly. This

-led not quite ut-ter-ly This

-led not quite ut-ter-ly This

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was the prized, the de-sir-a-ble sight, un-sought, pre-

was the prized, the de-sir-a-ble sight, un-sought,

was the prized, the de-sir-a-ble sight, un-sought,

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pp mf pp mf

sent-ed so eas-i-ly, Part-ed me leaf and leaf, di-vid-ed me,

pp mf pp mf

so eas-i-ly, Part-ed leaf part-ed

pp mf pp mf

(doo) Part-ed, part-ed

pp mf pp mf

so eas-i-ly, Part-ed leaf