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SLEEP

for SATB Chorus *a cappella*

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ERIC WHITACRE

Lento; lontano e molto legato

SOPRANO *pp*
The eve - ning hangs be - neath the moon, A

ALTO *pp*
The eve - ning hangs be - neath the moon, A

TENOR *pp*
The eve - ning hangs be - neath the moon, A

BASS *pp*
The eve - ning hangs be - neath the moon, A

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sil - ver thread on dark - ened dune. With clos - ing eyes and

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sil - ver thread on dark - ened dune. With clos - ing eyes and

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rest - ing head I know that sleep is com - ing soon.

rest - ing head I know that sleep is com - ing soon.

rest - ing head I know that sleep is com - ing soon.

rest - ing head I know that sleep is com - ing soon.

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Poco più mosso

mf Up - on my pil - low, safe in bed, *mp* A

mf Up - on my pil - low, safe in bed, *mp* A

mf Up - on my pil - low, safe in bed, *mp* A

mf Up - on my pil - low, safe in bed, *mp* A

thou-sand pic-tures fill my head, I can-not sleep, my

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thou-sand pic-tures fill my head, I can-not sleep, my

mind's a-flight; And yet my limbs seem made of lead.

mind's a-flight; And yet my limbs seem made of lead.

mind's a-flight; And yet my limbs seem made of lead.

mind's a-flight; And yet my limbs seem made of lead.

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pp *transparente mp* *mp*

If there are nois - es in the night,

pp *transparente mp* *mp*

If there are nois - es in the night,

pp *transparente mp* *mp*

If there are nois - es in the night,

pp *transparente*

If there are nois - es in

31

mp *mp*

A fright - ening shad - ow, flick - ering light;

mp *mp*

A fright - ening shad - ow, flick - ering light;

mp *mp*

A fright - ening shad - ow, flick - - ering light;

mp

the night, in the night, —

mp
Where

pp *mp*
Then I sur - ren - - der un - to sleep, Where

mp
Then I sur - ren - der un - to sleep, Where

mp
Then I sur - ren - der un - to sleep,

clouds of dream give sec - ond sight.

43 *p* *espressivo*
 What dreams may come, both dark and deep, Of

p *espressivo*
 What dreams may come, both dark and deep, Of

p *espressivo*
 What dreams may come, both dark and deep,

p *mp*
 What dreams may come,

47 *f*
 fly - ing wings and soar - ing leap As

f
 fly - ing wings and soar - ing leap As

dark and deep,

dark and deep,

51

I sur - ren - der un - to sleep, As I sur - ren - der

I sur - ren - der un - to sleep, As I sur - ren - der

f dark and deep, dark and

f dark and deep, dark and

55

un - to sleep, As I sur - ren - der un - -

un - to sleep, As I sur - ren - der un - -

deep, dark un - - -

deep, dark un - - -

59 *ff*

to sleep, —

to sleep, —

to sleep, —

to sleep, —

Detailed description: This section contains four staves of music, each starting with a dynamic marking of *ff* (fortissimo). The music is in a minor key and features a melodic line with a long, sweeping slur across the first two staves. The lyrics 'to sleep,' are written below each staff, with a horizontal line indicating the continuation of the phrase.

63 *p*

sleep, — sleep, — sleep, — sleep, — sleep, —

sleep, — sleep, — sleep, — sleep, —

sleep, — sleep, — sleep, — sleep, — sleep, —

sleep, — sleep, — sleep, — sleep, —

Detailed description: This section contains four staves of music, each starting with a dynamic marking of *p* (piano). The music is in a minor key and features a melodic line with a long, sweeping slur across the first two staves. The lyrics 'sleep,' are written below each staff, with a horizontal line indicating the continuation of the phrase.

67 *mf* *p* *dim. poco a poco*

sleep, —

mf *p* *dim. poco a poco*

sleep, — sleep, — sleep, —

mf *p* *dim. poco a poco*

sleep, — sleep, —

mf *p* *dim. poco a poco*

sleep, — sleep, —

**gradually reduce dynamic to a whisper;
repeat and dim. al niente*

71 *ppp*

— (sleep,) —

ppp

sleep, — sleep, — *** sleep, — sleep, —

ppp

sleep, — sleep, — *** sleep, — sleep, —

ppp

sleep, — sleep, — *** sleep, — sleep, —