

Four Stuart Songs

4. THE PENSIVE AUTUMN

Mixed choir

Text: Alice V. Stuart (1899-1983)

Huub de Lange (*1955)

$\text{♩} = 110$
mf

S
I love Oc - to - ber bet - ter than di - vine — May's quick up - surge of

A
I love Oc - to - ber bet - ter than di - vine — May's quick up - surge of

T
I love Oc - to - ber bet - ter than di - vine — May's quick up - surge of

B

6

life; The pen - sive au - tumn is more near - ly mine With its

life; The pen - sive au - tumn is more near - ly mine With its

life; The pen - sive au - tumn is more near - ly mine With its

B

11

qui - et sur - cease from strife. *p poco a poco cresc.*

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Soft - ened by mist, the

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16

lu - mi - nous eves un - fold Their shi - ning in the west, —

lu - mi - nous eves un - fold Their shi - ning in the west, —

lu - mi - nous eves un - fold Their shi - ning in the west, —

21

mf And, trem - bling from each twig, few, — few but gold *f*

— And trem - bling from each twig, few, — few but gold *f*

— And trem - bling from each twig, few, — few but gold *f*

26 *mf*

Flut - ter the leaves to rest. Tip - toe with

Flut - ter the leaves to rest. Tip - toe with

tip - toe with

31

hope stood spring,

hope stood spring,

hope stood spring, but au - tumn lies in

but au - tumn lies in

36

Re - sign - ing her, mid sump - tuous

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pa - tience and in faith,

pa - tience and in faith,

41 *pp*

ob - se - quies, — To the gent - le hand of death.

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To the gent - le hand of death.

To the gent - le hand of death.

46 *mf*

To the sweet frui - tion of all — earth - ly — bloom - spring

51 *mf*

looks,

but au - tumn, she to the myst - ic bur - geon - ing —

but au - tumn, she to the myst - ic bur - geon - ing —

56

p
 be-yond the tomb of our ul - ti - mate myst - er - y.
p
 — be-yond the tomb of our ul - ti - mate myst - er - y.

61

mf
 Float, o - pa - lesc - ent ca - no - pies of — cloud:
mf
 Float, o - pa - lesc - ent ca - no - pies of cloud: Drop,
mf
 Drop,
mf
 Drop,

66

ff
 Here lies our hope,
ff
 leaves, to be her pall: Here lies our hope,
ff
 leaves, to be her pall: Here lies our hope,
 leaves, to be her pall:

71 *poco a poco decresc.*

full glo - ri - ous in her shroud, And pe - rish - ing

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76

— pro - mi - seth all. pe - rish - ing pro - mi - seth

— pro - mi - seth all. pe - rish - ing pro - mi - seth

— pro - mi - seth all. pe - rish - ing pro - mi - seth

82 *pp*

all. pe - rish - ing, pro - mi - seth all. *pp*

all pe - rish - ing pro - mi - seth all. *pp*

all. pe - rish - ing pro - mi - seth all. *pp*

mp *poco a poco decresc.* *pp*

pe - rish - ing pro - mi - seth all.