

Four Wilbur Songs

2. THE RIDE

Mixed choir

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$\text{♩} = 120$

S *mf*
The horse be - neath me

A *mf*
(mm...)

T *mf*
(mm...)

B *mf*
(mm...)

4
seemed - to know what course to steer Through the

Through the

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

7

hor - ror of snow I dreamed, And so I had no

hor - ror of snow I dreamed, And so I had no

(mm... (mm... (mm...)

(mm...)

10

fear,

fear,

(mm... *mf* by the

(mm... *f* *mf* nor was I chilled to death by the

13

mf thanks to the veils of his pa - tient breath and the

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wind's white shud - ders,

wind's white shud - ders,

16

mist of sweat from his flanks. It seemed that all night

mf

It seemed that all night

mf

(mm...)

19

and

through, with - in my hands no rein

through, with - in my hands no rein

(mm...)

22

noth - ing in my view but the pil - lar of his

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

25

mane, I

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

28

rode with ma - gic ease at a quick, un - stum - bling

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

31

trot through shat - te - ring va - can - cies on

through shat - te - ring va - can - cies on

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

34

in - to what was not,
 in - to what was not,
 (mm... (mm...
 (mm... Till the weave of the storm grew

37

and the ice - blind pane of an
 thin with a threa-ding of ce - dar - smoke, and the ice - blind pane of an

40

shim - mered, _____
 shim - mered, _____
 inn and I a - woke.
 inn and I a - woke.

43

mp How shall I now get back

mp How shall I now get back

46

f bur - dened with ev' - ry

mf to the inn - yard where he stands, *f* bur - dened with ev' - ry

mf to the inn - yard where he stands, *f* bur - dened with ev' - ry

mf to the inn - yard where he stands, *f* bur - dened with ev' - ry

49

mf lack, and wa - ken the sta - ble - hands To

lack, and wa - ken the sta - ble - hands

lack, and wa - ken the sta - ble - hands

lack, and wa - ken the sta - ble - hands

52

give him, — be - fore I think that there was no horse at

mf (mm... no horse at

mf no horse at

mf (mm...)

55

all, some hay, some wa - ter to drink, a

all, some hay, some wa - ter to drink, a

all, (mm...)

(mm...)

(mm...)

58

blan - ket and a stall? a blan - ket and a stall?

blan - ket and a stall? a blan - ket and a stall?

(mm... a blan - ket and a stall?

(mm... a blan - ket

rit. *mp* *p*

mp *p*

mp *p*

mp *p*