

Prairie Spring

SATB and Piano

Willa Cather

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With a sense of eternity ♩ = ca. 63

8^{va}

mp *p* *pp*

The piano introduction consists of five measures. The first measure is in 4/4 time with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The second measure is in 3/4 time with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The third measure is in 6/4 time with a pianissimo (*pp*) dynamic. The fourth and fifth measures are in 5/4 time, continuing the *pp* dynamic. The score includes an 8va marking and various musical notations such as rests, notes, and slurs.

5 S *poco rit.* *a tempo* *p* 3

Eve - ning — and the

A *p* 3

Eve - ning — and the

T *p* 3

Eve - ning — and the

B *p* 3

Eve - ning — and the

mp *poco rit.* *pp* *a tempo*

The vocal and piano sections are arranged in two systems. The first system contains the vocal staves for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B), and the beginning of the piano accompaniment. The vocal parts enter in measure 5 with the lyrics "Eve - ning — and the" and feature a triplet of eighth notes. The piano accompaniment includes dynamics like *mp*, *poco rit.*, and *pp*, and tempo markings like *a tempo*. The second system continues the piano accompaniment with an 8va marking and a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.

Duration: approx. 4:40

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4
8

mp *pp*

flat land,

mp *pp*

flat land,

mp *pp*

flat land,

mp *pp*

flat land,

p

8^{va}

11

mp *pp*

rich and som-bre and al - ways si - lent;—

mp *pp*

rich and som-bre and al - ways si - lent;—

mp *pp*

rich and som-bre and al - ways si - lent;—

mp *pp*

rich and som-bre and al - ways si - lent;—

mp *pp*

8^{va}

14

p The miles of fresh-plowed *mf*

p The miles of fresh-plowed *mf*

p The miles of fresh-plowed *mf*

p The miles of fresh-plowed *mf*

p *cresc.* *mf*

8va

17

soil, heav-y and black, full of strength and

soil, heav-y and black, full of strength and

soil, heav-y and black, full of strength and

soil, heav-y and black, full of strength and

mf

8va

6
20

f

harsh-ness; —

f

harsh-ness; —

f

harsh-ness; —

f

harsh - ness; —

f *mp*

23

p

The grow-ing weeds, —

p

The grow-ing wheat, —

p

the toil-ing hors-es, —

p

The tired

26 *mp*

The toil-ing hors-es, — the tired —

mp

the tired men; — the grow-ing weeds, —

mp

the grow-ing wheat, —

men; —

mp

29 *mf*

men; the grow-ing wheat, —

mf

the tired men; the grow-ing wheat, —

mf

the toil-ing hors-es, — the tired — men; — the grow-ing

mp

the tired men; —

mf

mp
the grow-ing wheat, the grow-ing weeds,
mp
the toil-ing hors-es,— the tired— men; the toil-ing
mp *mf*
weeds, the long emp - ty roads,—
mf *mp*

the grow-ing weeds, the grow-ing wheat, the grow-ing weeds,
mp

mf *rit.* *mp a tempo*
the long emp - ty roads,— sul-len fires of
mp
hors-es the tired men; sul-len fires of
mp *mp*
the grow-ing wheat, the grow-ing weeds, sul-len fires of
mp

sul-len fires of
rit. *a tempo*