

I Am in Need of Music

for SAB Chorus and Piano

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Moderato (♩ = ca. 70-72)

mp

simile

Piano

4 *unis. mp*

S
A

I am in need of

7

mu - sic that would flow O - ver my

10

fret - ful, feel - ing fin - ger - tips,

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13 *mp*

S
A

O - ver my bit - ter - taint - ed,

B

O - ver my bit - ter - taint - ed,

16 *mf*

trem - bling lips, With mel - o - dy, deep, clear, and li - quid -

mf

trem - bling lips, With mel - o - dy, deep, clear, and li - quid -

19

slow.

slow.

mp

Oh, for the

mp

22 *mp*

Of some

heal - ing sway - ing, old and low, Of some

25

song sung to rest the tir - ed

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28 *p cresc. poco a poco*

dead, A song of fall like

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p *cresc. poco a poco*

31 *(cresc.)* *mp (cresc.)*

wa - ter on my head, And o - ver quiv - er - ing

(cresc.) *mp (cresc.)*

wa - ter on my head, And o - ver quiv - er - ing

(cresc.) *mp (cresc.)*

34 *(cresc.)*

limbs, _____ dreams flushed to glow!

(cresc.)

limbs, _____ dreams flushed to glow!

(cresc.)

37 *mf*

There is a mag - ic made _____ by

mf

There is a mag - ic made by

mf

40

mel - o - dy: A spell of rest, and

mel - o - dy: A spell of rest, and

43

qui - et breath and cool Heart, that

qui - et breath and cool Heart, that

46

sinks through fad - ing col - ors deep

sinks through fad - ing col - ors deep To the

49

sub - a - que - ous still - ness

52

mf
And floats for - ev - er in a

of the sea, And floats for - ev - er in a

mf

55

moon - green pool, Held in the

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simile

58 *rit.*

arms of rhy - thm and of

arms of rhy - thm and of

rit.

61 *a tempo*
mp

sleep.

sleep.

a tempo

mp

simile

64 *rit.*

rit.