

Death, Be Not Proud

for SATB chorus a cappella
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Duration: ca. 4:15

Words: John Donne, ca. 1610

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Dedication: For my father, Richard Bloesch

Tranquil and serene (♩ = ca. 55)

SOPRANO *mp*
Ah, ah,

ALTO *p*
Mm, mm, mm,

TENOR *p*
Mm, mm, mm, **Unis.**

BASS *p*
Mm, mm,

PIANO
(for rehearsal only)
mp smoothly throughout

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4 Rit. *long* **Flowing, but not rushed** (♩ = ca. 72) ***p* espressivo**

S. *ah,* Death, be not proud, though

A. Death, be not proud, though

T. Death, be not proud, though

B. *mm,* Death, be not proud, though

PNO. ***p***

7 ***mp*** ***p***

S. some have called thee Might - y and dread - ful,

A. some have called thee Might - y and dread - ful,

T. some have called thee Might - y and dread -

B. some have called thee Might - y and dread -

PNO. ***mp*** ***p***

10 *mp*

S. for thou art not so, thou art not so.

A. for thou art not so, thou art not so.

T. ful, for thou art not so thou art not so.

B. ful, for thou art not so thou art not so.

PNO. *mp*

13 Slightly faster (♩ = ca. 75) *mp* *mf dolce*

S. For, those whom thou think'st thou dost o - ver - throw,

A. *p* Ah, *mp* Unis. ah, ah,

T. *p* Ah,, ah, *mp* ah,

B. *p* Ah,, ah, *mp* Unis. ah,

13 Slightly faster (♩ = ca. 75) *mp* *mf dolce*

PNO. *mp* *mf dolce*

16 *mf dolce* *mp*

S. Die not, poor Death, die not, poor

A. Die not, poor Death, die not, poor

T. Die not, poor Death, die not, poor

B. Die not, poor Death, die not, poor

PNO. *mp*

19 *Poco ten.* *A tempo* *pp* *Poco accel.*

S. Death, die not, poor Death. Nor

A. Death. die not, poor Death. Nor

T. Death. die not poor Death. Nor

B. Death. die not, poor Death. Nor

PNO. *pp*

Still a bit faster (♩ = ca. 78)

22 *mp espressivo* *mf* *f espressivo*

S. yet canst thou kill me, nor yet canst thou

A. yet canst thou kill me, nor yet canst thou

T. yet canst thou kill me, nor yet canst thou

B. yet canst thou kill me, nor yet canst thou

PNO. *mp* *mf* *f*

25 *mf* *mp*

S. kill me, nor yet canst thou kill

A. kill me, nor canst thou kill

T. kill me, nor canst thou kill

B. kill me, nor canst thou kill

PNO. *mf* *mp*

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S. *p* me. From rest and *mp*

A. *p* me. From rest and *mp*

T. *p* me. **Ten. 1** From rest and *p dolce* *mp* sleep, and

B. *p dolce* From rest and sleep, *mp* from rest and

PNO. *p* *mp*

31

S. *mp* sleep, which but thy pic - tures be, Much

A. *mp* sleep, thy pic - tures be, Much

T. **Unis.** *mp* sleep, thy pic - tures be, Much

B. **Unis.** *mp* sleep, thy pic - tures be, Much

PNO. *mp*

34 *mf dolce* *mp*

S. pleas - ure, much pleas - ure. Then from

A. *mf dolce* *mp*
pleas - ure, much pleas - ure. Then from

T. *mf dolce* *mp*
pleas - ure, much pleas - ure. Then from

B. *mf dolce* *mp*
pleas - - - ure. Then from

PNO. *mf* *mp*

37 *poco* *mp*

S. thee, much more must flow. And

A. *poco*
thee, much more must flow.

T. *poco* *p*
thee, from thee, much more must flow. Ah,

B. *poco* *p*
thee, much more must

PNO. 37