

The Watcher

Commissioned by Choral Arts, Robert Bode, conductor

Poem by Brian Kirkman

Music by Karen P. Thomas

♩ = 84

Soprano *p* *ppp* *p*

Alto *p* *ppp* *p*

Tenor *mp*

Bass *pp* *ppp* *ppp*

* watching, watching... The watching, watching...

S *p* *ppp* *p*

A *p* *ppp* *p*

T *p* *ppp* *p*

tree reach-es out her branch - es and rus-tles her leaves,

* *whisper individually, ad lib*

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13 *mp* *pp* gradually close to "ng"

S and says to the bush, "He is com - ing... ng..."

A and says to the bush, "He is com - ing..." The bush

T and says to the bush, "He is com - ing... ng..." mm

B and says to the bush, "He is com - ing... ng..." mm

pp gradually close to "ng"

19 *p* *mp*

S blos - soms bloom, bloom,

A rip - ens his ber - ries and makes his blos - soms bloom, bloom,

T

B

24 *Solo: bloom,* *bloom,* *mf* *mp*

S bloom, and says to the wind,

A bloom, and says to the wind,

T bloom, and says to the wind,

B bloom, and says to the wind,

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30 *p*

S "He is com - ing..." *p*

A "He is com - ing..." *p* oo

T "He is com - ing..." *p* oo

B "He is com - ing..." *p* oo oo oo...

36 *p*

S

A *p* oo

T *p* oo

B *unis.*

41 *mf*

S The wind, *mf*

A oo oo oo

T oo oo

B

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A

T

B

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Thanks for your understanding.

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S

A

T

B

75

S

A

T

Bar

B

$\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

81

T
 earth, the earth, earth, earth,

Bar
 earth, the earth, earth,

B
 earth, the earth,

84

T
 the earth, earth, earth

Bar
 the earth, earth

B
 the earth, the earth

88

rit. $\text{♩} = 77$ *f*

S
 her earth - quakes, her

A
 her earth-quakes, her

T
 ceas-es, ceas-es her earth - quakes, her earth-quakes, her

Bar
 ceas-es, ceas-es her earth - quakes, her earth - quakes, her

B
 ceas-es, ceas-es her earth-quakes, her earth-quakes, her

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S
quakes, her quakes, quakes, quakes, her

A
quakes, her quakes, quakes, quakes, her

T
quakes, her quakes, quakes, quakes, her

Bar
quakes, her quakes, quakes, quakes, her

B
quakes, her quakes, quakes, quakes, her

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S
quakes, and si-len-ces her seas, si-len-ces her

A
quakes, and si-len-ces si-len-ces her seas, si-len-ces her

T
quakes, and si-len-ces her seas, si-len-ces her

Bar
quakes, and si-len-ces her seas, si-len-ces her

B
quakes, and si-len-ces her seas, si-len-ces her

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S
seas, her seas, her seas, her seas

A
seas, her seas, her seas, her seas

T
seas, her seas, her seas, her seas

Bar

B
seas, her seas, her seas, and si-len-ces her seas

mp *dim.* *p*

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S
and with one voice, the wind and the earth pro-

A
and with one voice, the bush and the earth pro-

T
and with one voice, the tree and the earth pro-

B
and with one voice, the moun-tain and the earth pro-

mp *accel.* *cresc.*

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S
claim to the stars, "He is here!" And he

A
claim to the stars, "He is here!" And he

T
claim to the stars, "He is here!" And he

B
claim to the stars, "He is here!" And he

f *rit.* *mp*

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rit. $\bullet = 66$

118 *mf*

S stood e - ver watch - ing e - ver watch -

A stood e - ver, e ³ - ver watch - ing, e - -

T stood e - ver, watch - ing, e - ver

B stood e - ver watch - ing, e - ver

122 *rit.* *mp*

S ing, e - ver watch - ing,

A ver, e - ver watch - ing, e - ver watch - ing,

T watch - ing, e - ver watch, watch-ing,

B watch - ing, e - ver watch - ing,

$\bullet = 77$ *molto rit.*

128 *p* *mp* *p* *ppp*

S watch - ing, watch-ing, stood e - ver watch - ing in peace.

A watch - ing, watch-ing, stood e - ver watch - ing in peace.

T watch-ing, watch-ing, stood e - ver watch - ing in peace.

B watch-ing, watch-ing, stood e - ver watch - ing in peace.