

The Fountain

SATB *a cappella*

Music by Donald M. Skirvin

Text by Sara Teasdale

Oh in the deep blue night
The fountain sang alone;
It sang to the drowsy heart
Of a satyr carved in stone.

The fountain sang and sang
But the satyr never stirred—
Only the great white moon
In the empty heaven heard.

The fountain sang and sang
And on the marble rim
The milk-white peacocks slept,
Their dreams were strange and dim.

Bright dew was on the grass,
And on the ilex dew,
The dreamy milk-white birds
Were all a-glisten too.

The fountain sang and sang
The things one cannot tell,
The dreaming peacocks stirred
And the gleaming dew-drops fell.
from Rivers to the Sea

Choral Nocturnes

II. The fountain

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♩ = 78p

Soprano *pp* *p*
Oh in the deep blue night The foun - tain sang a - lone; It —

Alto *p* *pp*
Oh — in the deep blue night The foun - tain sang a - lone;

Tenor *p* *pp* *p*
Oh in — the deep blue — night The foun - tain sang a - lone; It

Bass *p* *pp*
Oh — in the deep blue night The foun - tain sang a - lone;

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S sang to the drow - sy heart Of the sa - tyr carved in stone.

A *p*
It sang to the drow - sy heart Of the sa - tyr carved in stone.

T sang to the drow - sy — heart Of the sa - tyr carved in stone.

B *p*
It — sang to the drow - sy heart sa - tyr Of the sa - tyr carved in

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12 *mp*

S The foun-tain sang and sang The foun-tain sang and sang The foun-tain sang and sang

A *mp*

The foun-tain sang and sang The foun - tain sang and

T *mp*

The foun-tain sang and sang The foun-tain sang and sang The foun-tain sang and sang

B *mp*

stone. The foun - tain sang and sang The foun - tain

12 *mp*

15 *pp*

S But the sa-tyr ne - ver stirred- But the sa-tyr ne - ver stirred- On - ly the

A *pp*

sang But the sa-tyr ne - ver stirred- ne-ver stirred- On-ly the

T *pp*

But the sa-tyr ne-ver stirred- ne-ver stirred- On - ly_ the

B *pp*

sang and sang But the sa-tyr ne-ver stirred- ne-ver stirred- On-ly the

15 *pp*

20 *rit*

S great white moon In the emp - ty hea - ven heard.

A great white moon In the emp - ty hea - ven heard.

T great white moon In the emp - ty hea - ven heard.

B great white moon In the emp - ty hea - ven heard.

20 *rit*

25 *a tempo* *p* *mp*

S The foun - tain sang and

A The foun - tain sang and sang The foun - tain

T The foun - tain sang and sang

B The foun - tain sang and sang The foun - tain sang and sang

25 *a tempo* *p* *mp*

TWO PAGES REMOVED

41 *pp* *p*

S grass, And on the i - lex dew, The drea - my milk - white birds Were

A *pp* *p*

A grass, And on the i - lex dew, The drea-my milk - white birds

T *pp* *p*

T grass, And on the i - lex dew, The drea - my milk - white birds Were

B *pp* *p*

B grass, And on the i - lex dew, The drea-my milk - white birds

41

48 *pp* *rit*-----

S all a - gli - sten too. The drea - my milk-white birds Were all a - gli - sten

A *pp*

A Were all a - gli - sten too. The drea - my milk-white birds Were all a - gli - sten

T *pp*

T all a - gli - sten too. The drea - my milk-white birds Were all a - gli - sten

B *pp*

B Were all a-gli - sten too. The drea - my milk-white birds Were all a - gli - sten

48 *pp* *rit*-----

Piu mosso ♩ = 86

p *mp*

S too. The foun-tain sang and sang The foun-tain sang and sang

p *mp*

A too. The foun-tain sang and sang The foun-tain sang and sang

p *mp*

T too. The foun-tain sang and sang The foun-tain sang and sang

p *mp*

B too. The foun-tain sang and sang The foun-tain sang and sang

55 **Piu mosso** ♩ = 86

p *mp*

S The things one can-not tell, The things one can - not tell, —

mf *f*

A The foun-tain sang and sang The things one can - not tell, —

mf *f*

T The foun-tain sang and sang The things one can - not tell, —

mf *f*

B The foun-tain sang and sang The things one can - not tell, —

60 *mf* *f*

Piu meno mosso ♩ = 60

65

S *p* The dream - ing pea - cocks stirred And the —

A *p* The dream - ing pea - cocks stirred And the

T *p* The dream - ing pea - cocks stirred And the

B *p* The dream - ing pea - cocks — stirred And the

65 **Piu meno mosso**

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S *rit* gleam - ing dew - - - drops fell.

A gleam - ing — dew - - - - drops — fell.

T gleam - ing dew - - - - drops fell.

B gleam - ing dew - - - - drops fell.

70 *rit*