

ABIDE WITH ME

*Slumber Scene from A Wand of Youth*

for mixed double choir a cappella

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EDWARD ELGAR

Adaptation for choir: HENRIK DAHLGREN

(2010)

PERUSA  
SCORE

## PROGRAMME NOTES

This arrangement is an adaptation for choir of Edward Elgar's orchestral piece *Sunken Scene* from *A Wand of Youth*. It should be sung soft and gentle, and in a slow tempo with long, legato lines.

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## TEXT

*Abide with me: fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me*

*In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me*

Henry Francis Lyte (1793 - 1847)

## PERFORMANCE NOTES

- Suggested positions for the two choirs are (from left to right):  
SATB BTAS  
  
Alternatively:  
TB BT  
SA AS
- The fermatas should be long and the ritardandos could be extensive.

Arranged

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Duration

c. 4 minutes

First performance

n/a

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**P**

SOPRANO      A - bide with me.

ALTO      A - bide with me.

TENOR      A - bide with me.

BASS      A - bide with me. A - bide with me. A -

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**rehearsal only**

**PERRYUSA**

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Soprano (S):

me. A - bide with me. A -

Alto (A):

me. A - bide with me. A -

Tenor (T):

me. A - bide with me. A -

Bass (B):

bide with me. A - with me. A -

Soprano (S):

A - bide with me. A - bide

Alto (A):

A - bide with me. A - bide

Tenor (T):

A - bide with me. A - bide

Bass (B):

bide with me. A - bide with me. A -

**PERRYUSA**

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13 *f* rit. - - - - - (poco più mosso)  
*mp* *con moto*  
**S** - bide with me. A - bide. Fast  
**A** - bide with me. A - bide with me.  
**T** - bide with me. A - bide with me. *pp*  
**B** bide with me. A - bide with me. *pp*

*f* *mp* rit. - - - - - *p*  
**S** with A - bide. A - bide..  
**A** with me. A - bide with me. *pp*  
**T** with me. A - bide with me. *pp*  
**B** bide with me. A - bide with me. *pp*

*f* *mp* *pp*  
**S** with me. A - bide with me.  
**A** with me. A - bide with me. *pp*  
**T** with me. A - bide with me. *pp*  
**B** bide with me. A - bide with me. *pp*

*f* *mp* *pp*  
**S** with me. A - bide with me.  
**A** with me. A - bide with me. *pp*  
**T** with me. A - bide with me. *pp*  
**B** bide with me. A - bide with me. *pp*

*f* *pp*

poco più mosso ( $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 66$ )

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Soprano (S) vocal line:

*p* falls the ev - en - tide.

*mf* The dark-ness deep - ens.

Alto (A) vocal line:

*p* Oo

*mp* The dark - ness. Oh,

Tenor (T) vocal line:

*p* Oo

*mp* The dark-ness deep - ens.

Bass (B) vocal line:

*p* Oo

The dark - ness.

Large red letters *PERFECT* are overlaid across the page, with arrows pointing from the top right towards the bottom left.

poco più mosso ( $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 66$ )

poco rit.

*mf*

Soprano (S) vocal line:

*mp* con moto Fast

*mf* the ev - en - tide. Oh,

Alto (A) vocal line:

*p* Oo

*mp* The dark - ness. Oh,

Tenor (T) vocal line:

*p* Oo

*mp* the dark-ness deep - ens.

Bass (B) vocal line:

*p* Oo

*mp* The dark - ness.

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a tempo

Soprano (S) vocal line:

*When oth - er hel - pers fail and com-fort flee.*

*Oh, with me a - bide.*

Alto (A) vocal line:

*When oth - er help - ers fail and com-flee.*

Tenor (T) vocal line:

*Oh, with me a - bide.*

Bass (B) vocal line:

*When oth - er help - ers fail and com-flee.*

*Oh, with me a - bide.*

*When*

*fail and flee.*

**PERUSA**

**SO**

a tempo

Soprano (S) vocal line:

*— with me a - bide. When oth - er hel - pers fail and com-fort flee.*

Alto (A) vocal line:

*— with me a - bide.*

*When oth - er help - ers fail and com-flee.*

Tenor (T) vocal line:

*Oh, with me a - bide.*

*When oth - er help - ers fail and com-flee.*

Bass (B) vocal line:

*Oh, with me a - bide.*

*When*

*help*

*fail and flee.*

**PERUSA**

**tempo primo**

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Soprano (S): bide. *niente* A - bide with me.

Alto (A): A - bide with me.

Tenor (T): A - bide with me.

Bass (B): *p* A - bide with me. A - bide with me. A -

**tempo primo**

Soprano (S): A - bide with me. A - bide with me.

Alto (A): A - bide with me. A - bide with me.

Tenor (T): A - bide with me. A - bide with me.

Bass (B): *p* A - bide with me. A - bide with me. A -

**PERUSA**

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Soprano (S): A - bide with me.

Alto (A): A - bide with me.

Tenor (T): A - bide with me.

Bass (B): bide with me. A - bide with me. A -

Soprano (S): me. A - bide with me. A -

Alto (A): me. A - bide with me. A -

Tenor (T): me. A - bide with me. A -

Bass (B): bide with me. A - bide with me. A -

Piano (bottom): [Piano part shown]

poco rit. . . . poco meno mosso

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Soprano (S): *f*, *mf*, *mp*  
 Alto (A): *f*, *mf*, *mp*  
 Tenor (T): *f*, *mf*, *mp*  
 Bass (B): *f*, *mf*, *p*

lyrics: with me. A - bide. . . . in life,

poco rit. . . . poco meno mosso

Soprano (S): *f*, *mf*, *p*, *mp sempre*  
 Alto (A): *f*, *mf*, *mp*  
 Tenor (T): *f*, *mf*, *mp*  
 Bass (B): *f*, *mf*, *p*

lyrics: -bide with me. A - bide. . . . In life,

molto rit.

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Soprano (S) vocal line: *mp*, *p*, *pp*. Lyrics: A - bide. A - bide. A - bide with me.

Alto (A) vocal line: *pp*. Lyrics: death, oh, a - bide with me.

Tenor (T) vocal line: *pp*. Lyrics: death, oh, a - bide with me.

Bass (B) vocal line: *pp*, *pp sem.* Lyrics: in death, bide with me.

molto rit.

Soprano (S) vocal line: *p*, *p*, *pp*. Lyrics: -bide. A - bide with me.

Alto (A) vocal line: *p*, *pp*. Lyrics: in death, oh, a - bide with me.

Tenor (T) vocal line: *p*, *pp*. Lyrics: in death, oh, a - bide with me.

Bass (B) vocal line: *pp*, *pp sempre*. Lyrics: in death, a - - bide with me.