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Time and the Bell

for mixed choir

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Duration ca 5'

Commissioned by chamber choir Head Ööd, Vënd and Lodewijk van der Ree

Time and the bell have buried the day,
the black cloud carries the sun away.
Will the sunflower turn to us, will the clematis
Stray down, bend to us; (tendrils and spray
Clutch and cling?)
Chill
Fingers of yew be curled
Down on us? After the kingfisher's wing
Has answered light to light, and is silent, the light is still
At the still point of the turning world.

from 'The Four Quartets' by T. S. Eliot

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T. S. Eliot

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soft and restrained

♩=ca80

mf *mf*

Soprano
Time and the bell time and the bell and time and the

Mezzo-Soprano
mf *mf*
Time and the bell time and the bell time and the bell

Alto
mf *mf*
Time and the bell time and the bell

Tenor
mf *mf*
Time m and

Bass
mf *mf*
Time and

7 *mf* *mf*

S.
bell have time and the bell time m

M.-S.
mf *mf*
have time and the bell have time m

A.
mf *mf*
have time and the bell have time m

T.
mf *mf*
time and the bell have time and the bell have time and the bell have

B.
mf *mf*
the bell

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mf

S. time and the bell have bu-ried the day

mf

M.-S. have bu-ried the day

mf *p*

A. time and the bell have bu - ried the day the black cloud

T. bu-ried the day bu - ried the day

mf *p*

B. bu... the

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p *p*

S. sun sun

p

M.-S. the sun a - way the sun a -

A. car - ries the sun the black cloud car - ries the sun a -

p

T. car - ries the sun a - way car - ries the sun a - way

B. sun

29 *pp*

S. have bu - ried the day

M.-S. way

A. way have bu - ried the time and the *pp*

T. time and the bell have bu - ried the day

B. the day *pp*

34 *rit.* - - - - -

S. have bu - ried the day

M.-S. *pp* m have bu - ried the day

A. bell have bu - ried the day

T. *pp* bu - ried the day

B. bu - ried the day

40 *piu mosso* (♩=ca85-90) *mp*

A. Will the sun - flo - wer will the sun - flo - wer

T. sun - flo - wer will the sun - flo - wer

B. *mp* Will the sun - flo - wer turn

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mp

S. sun flo - wer turn turn to

M.-S. *mp* sun - flo - wer sun - flo - wer turn turn to

A. sun flo - wer turn turn turn to us,

T. sun - flo - wer sun - flo - wer turn to us,

B. to us,

55

mp

S. will the will the cle - ma - tis

M.-S. *mp* will the cle - ma -

A. *mp* will the cle - ma - tis will cle - ma -

T. *mp* will cle - ma - tis will the

B. *mp* will

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S. stray stray stray down bend to

M.-S. - tis stray stray down bend to

A. tis stray stray stray down bend to us;

T. cle-ma-tis stray stray bend to

B. down bend to

71 *mp*

A. curled

T. *mp* chill fin-gers of yew yew be curled will

B. *mp* us; will the chill fin-gers of yew yew be curled curled

79 *mp*

S. curled curled

M.-S. *mp* curled curled curled

A. the fin-gers of yew be curled be curled curled

T. the fin-gers of yew be curled be curled down

poco a poco rit. - - - - -

87

S. down down on

M.-S. down down on

A. down down down on us on

T. down down on us on

B. down down on us on us

meno mosso

95

S. light, and is

M.-S. an-swered light to light,

A. wing has an-swered light

T. us king-fish-er's wing light, and is

B. Af - ter the king-fish-er's wing has

p

pp

pp

pp

pp

102 *mf* *pp*

S. si-lent, the light is still light is still at

M.-S. *mf* *pp*
the light is still at the still

A. *mf* *pp*
light is still still

T. *mf* *pp*
si-lent, the light is still

B. *mf* *pp*
light the light is still still

110

S. the still point of turn -

M.-S. point of the turn - ing

A. point of the

T. of the turn - ing turn -

B. tu...

118

S. - ing world turn -

M.-S. world turn -

A. of the turn - - ing turn - ing

T. - ing world of the turn - ing

B. world

124

S. - ing world

M.-S. - ing world

A. world

T. turn - - ing world

B.