

Benedict Landauer

STARS

SATB

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for SATB choir

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Now in the West the slender moon lies low,
And now Orion glimmers through the trees,
Clearing the earth with even pace and slow,
And now the stately-moving Pleiades,
In that soft infinite darkness overhead
Hang jewel-wise upon a silver thread.

And all the lonelier stars that have their place,
Calm lamps within the distant southern sky,
And planet-dust upon the edge of space,
Look down upon the fretful world, and I
Look up to outer vastness unafraid
And see the stars which sang when earth was made.

Stars is approximately 3 minutes in length

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conducted by Bob Chilcott in the Bramall Music Building, Birmingham

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$\text{♩} = 72$ rubato
with tenderness and wonder

SOPRANO
Now in the West the slen-der moon lies low, And now O - ri - on, O - ri - on gli

ALTO
Now in the West the slen-der moon lies low, And now O - ri - on, O - ri - on

TENOR
Now in the West the slen - der moon lies low, And now O - ri - on, O - ri - on

BASS
Now in the West the slen - der moon lies low, O - ri - on, O - ri - on

Piano
for rehearsal only

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S.
- mmers through the trees, Clear - ing the earth with ev-en pace and slow, And now the state -

A.
gli-mmers through the trees, Clear - ing the earth, with ev-en pace and slow, And now the

T.
gli-mmers through the trees, Clear-ing the earth, with ev-en pace and slow, And now the

B.
gli-mmers through the trees, Clear-ing the earth, with ev-en pace and slow, And now the

Pno.

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S. *p* *mp* *mf*
- ly mo-ving Plei - a - des Oo dark-ness o - ver - head, Hang

A. *p* *mp* *mf*
state-ly mo-ving Plei - a - des Oo dark - ness o - ver - head, Hang

T. *p* Solo. *mp* *mf* Tutti.
state-ly mo-ving Plei - a - des, In that soft in-fi-nite dark-ness o - ver - head Hang

B. *p* Solo. *mp*
state-ly mo-ving Plei - a - des In that soft in-fi-nite dark-ness o - ver -

Pno. *p* *mp*

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S. *mp* *p* *mp*
jew - el-wise up - on a sil - ver thread. And all the lone - lier stars that have their place,

A. *mp* *p* *mp*
jew - wel - wise. up - on a sil - ver thread. And all the lone-lier stars that have their

T. *mp* *p* *mp*
jew - el-wise up - on a sil - ver thread. And all the stars that have their

B. *mf* Tutti. *mp* *mp*
head, up - on a sil - ver thread. That have their

Pno. *mf* *mp* *p* *mp*

29 *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* *poco accel.*

S. Calm lamps with - in the dis-tant sou-thern sky And pla-net dust up-on the

A. place, Calm lamps with - in the sou-thern sky And pla-net dust up-on the

T. place, Calm lamps with - in the sou-thern sky And pla-net dust up - on the

B. place, Calm lamps with - in the sou-thern sky And pla-net dust up - on the

Pno. *mf* *mp* *poco accel.*

36 *poco rit.* *A tempo* *mf* *f* *mp* *cresc.*

S. edge of space, look down up - on the fret-ful world I look up, I look

A. edge of space, look down up - on the fret-ful world I look up, I look

T. edge of space, look down up - on the fret-ful world I look up, I look

B. edge of space, look down up - on the fret-ful world And I look up, I look up to

Pno. *poco rit.* *A tempo* *mf* *f* *mp* *cresc.*

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slower *f* *ff* *A tempo mp*

S. up, up to out - er vast - ness un - a - fraid, and see the stars

A. up, up to out - er vast - ness un - a - fraid, and see the stars

T. up, up to out - er vast - ness un - a - fraid, and see the stars

B. out - er vast-ness un - a - fraid, and see the stars

mf *f* *ff* *mp*

slower *A tempo*

Pno.

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f *mp* *dim.* *slower p* *pp*

S. which sang when earth was made, when earth was made, was made.

A. which sang when earth was made, when earth was made, earth was made.

T. which sang when earth was made, when earth was made, earth was made.

B. — which. sang when earth was made, when earth was made, earth was made.

f *mp* *dim.* *p* *pp*

slower

Pno.