

Commissioned by the  
Grand Forks Red River High School Concert Choir  
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## Night on the Prairies

For SATB chorus (divisi), unaccompanied

Walt Whitman

Daniel Lee Pederson

*Night on the prairies,  
The supper is over, the fire on the ground burns low,  
The wearied emigrants sleep, wrapt in their blankets;  
I walk by myself—I stand and look at the stars, which I think now  
I never realized before...*

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Night on the prai - ries, the sup - per is o -  
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ver, the fire on the ground burns low, the wea-ried  
ver, the fire on the ground burns low, The wea-ried  
ver, the fire on the ground burns low, The wea-ried  
ver, the fire on the ground burns low, The wea-ried  
em - i - grants sleep, they sleep, wrapt in their blan-kets;  
em - i - grants sleep, they sleep, wrapt in their blan-kets;  
em - i - grants sleep, they sleep, wrapt in their blan-kets;  
em - i - grants sleep, they sleep, wrapt in their blan-kets;

## Moving forward

15 16 17 18 19 20  
 while the fire burns low. I walk by my - self... I stand and  
 while the fire burns low. I walk by my-self... I  
 while the fire burns low. I stand and  
 while the fire burns low. I stand and

21 22 23  
 look at the stars, which I think now I  
 stand and look at the stars, which I think now I  
 look, I look at the stars, which I think now I  
 look, I look at the stars, which I think now that I have

## Tempo Primo

24 25 26 27 28 29  
 nev - er re - a-lized be - fore; while the fire burns low.  
 nev - er re - a-lized be - fore; while the fire burns low.  
 nev - er re - a-lized be - fore; while the fire burns low.  
 nev - er re - a-lized be - fore; while the fire burns low. And  
 nev - er re - a-lized be - fore; while the fire burns low.

## Moving forward

30 31 32 33 34  
 Now I ab - sorb im - mor - tal - i - ty, and al - so  
 Now I ab - sorb im - mor - tal - i - ty, and al - so  
 Now I ab - sorb im - mor - tal - i - ty, and al - so  
 now I ab - sorb im - mor - tal - i - ty, and al - so

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Moving forward

35                   36                   37                   38 *poco a poco cresc.*

peace, al - so peace. I was—  
 peace, and al - so peace. I was  
 peace, al - so peace, and al - so peace. I was  
 peace,— and al - so peace. And I was

39                   40                   41                   42 ,  
 — think-ing the day most splen - did till I saw, saw what the  
 think - ing the day most splen-did till I saw, saw what the  
 think - ing the day most splen-did till I saw, saw what the  
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Tempo Primo

43                   44                   45                   46 *sempe poco a poco cresc.*

not - day ex - hib - it - ed, I was— think-in this globe e -  
 not - day ex - hib - it - ed, I was think - ing this globe e -  
 not - day ex - hib - it - ed, I was think - ing this globe e -  
 not - day ex - hib - it - ed, I was think - ing this globe e -

47                   48                   49                   50  
 nough till there sprang out so noise - less a -  
 nough till there sprang out, sprang out, so noise - less a -  
 nough till there sprang out, sprang out so noise - less a -  
 nough till there sprang out so noise - less a -

round me myr - i - ads of oth - er globes.  
molto cresc., 3 3 ff  
round me myr - i - ads of oth - er globes.  
molto cresc., 3 3 ff  
round me myr - i - ads of oth - er globes.  
molto cresc., 3 3 ff  
round me myr - i - ads of oth - er globes.

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Now while thoughts of space, great thoughts of c - ter - ni - ty fill  
Now while thoughts of space, great thoughts of e - ter - ni - ty fill  
Now while thoughts of space, great thoughts of c - ter - ni - ty fill  
Now while thoughts of space, great thoughts of e - ter - ni - ty fill

me, I will meas - ure my - self by them, And now touched by  
me, I will meas - ure my - self by them, And now touched by  
me, I will meas - ure my - self by them, And now touched by  
me, I will meas - ure my - self by them, And now touched by  
me, I will meas - ure my - self by them, And now touched by

lives of oth - er globes as far a - long as earth,  
lives of oth - er globes as far a - long as earth, as earth,  
lives of oth - er globes as far a - long as earth, as earth,  
lives of oth - er globes as far a - long as earth, as earth,  
lives of oth - er globes as far a - long as earth,

*cresc.*

I hence-forth no more ig - nore, I no more ig - nore them than  
*cresc.* I hence-forth no more ig - nore, I no more ig - nore them than  
*cresc.* I hence-forth no more ig - nore, I no more ig - nore than  
*cresc.* I hence-forth no more ig - nore, I no more ig - nore than  
*cresc.* I would ig - nore my own life or the lives of the earth ar -  
*cresc.* I would ig - nore my own life or the lives of the earth ar -  
*cresc.* I would ig - nore my own life or the lives of the earth ar -  
*cresc.* I would ig - nore my own life or the lives of the earth ar -

Moving forward

rived as far as mine. I see now that life, that life can -  
*mp* rived as far as mine. I see now that life can -  
*mp* rived as far as mine. O! Life can -  
*mp* rived as far as mine. O! Life can -  
*mp*

a tempo

not ex - hab - it all to me as the day can - not,  
*mp* not ex - hab - it all to me as the day can - not, the  
*mp* not ex - hab - it all to me as the day can - not,  
*mp* not ex - hab - it all to me as the day can - not, the

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slight rit.

85 - 86 87 88

day can - not ex - hib - it all to me.  
 day can - not ex - hib - it all to me.  
 day can - not ex - hib - it all to me.  
 day can - not ex - hib - it all to me.

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89 mp 90 91 92 93

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