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Autumn Gives Her Hand to Winter

For 2-part chorus, accompanied

Words & Music
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Andante, flowing $\text{♩} = 78$

mp

Parts I & II, unison mp

Leaves of gold, red and_

p

brown, glo - ries past, now lie_

down leav - ing branch - es bare to weep and_

4

10 moan, 11 watch - ing laugh - ing wa - ter turn to

12 stone. 13 14

f sim.

15 Part I f 16 Va - cant skies, rest - less_ 17

Part II f

Va - cant skies, rest - less_

mf

18 wind, si - lent birds hear with -
rest - less wind, si - lent birds hear with..

20 in ech - os from a sum - mer long since, —
hear with - in ech - os from a sum - mer long since —

22 long since gone; whis - pers of a call to fly have
gone; whis - pers of a call to fly have

24 come. Clouds of mourn - ing, clouds of tears
come. Clouds of mourn - ing, clouds of tears,

28 clouds of an - ger, clouds of fears. Sun and moon stare
clouds of an - ger, clouds of fears. Sun and moon stare

30 wist - ful - ly re - mem - ber - ing the pass - ing year, the
wist - ful - ly re - mem - ber - ing the pass - ing year, the

32

33 *rit.* 34 *f* 35 *a tempo*

pass - ing — year. Au - tumn lies down to —

rit. *a tempo f*

pass - ing, — pass - ing — year. Au - tumn lies —

rit. *a tempo* *mf*

36 37

rest, hav - ing shared all her —

— down to — rest, — hav - ing shared —

38 39

best, comes a soul and com - fort -

— all her best, — comes a - soul and

40 41

er. Au - tumn gives her hand to

com - fort - er. Au - tumn gives her hand to

42 *mp* 43 *Rubato* 44 *p* 45 *a tempo*

Win - ter. Au - tumn gives her hand to Win - ter. —

Win - ter. Au - tumn gives her hand to Win - ter. — *a tempo*

Rubato *p*

46 47 48 49