

4. The Call of Spring

For SATB chorus, unaccompanied

Thaw drifted snow!
 Flee away yon frosty powers!
 Fairy souls await below
 Yearning to arise in flowers.
 Come feathered throngs on the southwind gaily winging
 And your newborn songs from each bough and meadow flinging
 Melt wintry heart!
 Leave your hardness, leave your breaking
 Take with all the world apart!
 Join the universal waking.

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Edwin Fissinger

With dramatic intensity (♩ = ca. 60)

Thaw, thaw, thaw, thaw, drift - ed, drifted, drifted

snow! Flee a-way flee a-way, flee a-way, yon

frost - y, frost - y, frost - y pow'rs! Fair - y souls a - wait, a - wait be -

*At divisi sections, balance sopranos/altos & tenor/basses in three parts as equally as possible.

low, Yearning, yearning to arise, arise in

flow'rs. Come, feath - ered throngs, on the south - wind, on

the south - wind gai - ly, gai - ly wing - ing, And, and your

thrill - ing, thrill - ing new - born songs. From, from each

bough, each bough and mead - ow fling - ing!

*(l) = lift, in which there should be an almost imperceptible cessation of tone, but no breath

f *rit.*

Melt, melt, melt, melt win - try, win-try, win-try

a tempo

heart! Leave your hard - ness, leave your break - ing,

a tempo *mp* *grad. cresc.*

(l) *rit.* *32 tenuto*

Take, take with all the world, all the world a - part! Join, join, join, join,

rit. *ff*

join the u - ni - ver - sal, the u - ni - ver - sal wak - ing.

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