



**Douglas Coombes** (above) composed this song for the award-winning Lindley Junior School Choir, Huddersfield, W. Yorkshire, UK shortly after their outstanding performance in the Barnardo's National Choir Competition in 2016 at the Royal Festival Hall, London. This was the first of three consecutive winning performances in that competition, a competition that was founded at the instigation of Douglas Coombes. *Shadow March* lends itself to highly expressive and imaginative singing, assisted by a 'spooky' piano accompaniment.

Definition of 'Bogies' (see bar 23 )  
A 'bogey' is an evil or mischievous spirit, ghost, spectre or phantom

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Dedicated to Alison North and Lindley Junior School Choir,  
Winners of Barnardo's National Choir Competition - Junior Section - 2016

# SHADOW MARCH

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MUSIC: DOUGLAS COOMBES

**Moderato misterioso** (♩=100)

*(Intense whisper)*

I  
Sha-dow, Sha-dow, Sha-dow,

II  
*(Intense whisper)*  
Sha-dow, Sha-dow, Sha-dow,

Piano  
*pp*

I  
Sha-dow, Sha-dow, Sha-dow, Sha-dow.

II  
Sha-dow, Sha-dow, Sha-dow, Sha-dow.

Pno.  
*p*

Pno.  
*p*

9 *p* *distinto*

Tutti

All round the house is the jet - black night; It

Pno. *p*

11 *mf* *div.*

Tutti

stares through the win - dow pane; It

Pno. *mf*

13 *mf* *div.* *unis.*

Tutti

crawls in the cor ners, hid - ing from the light, And it

Pno. *mf*

15 *p* *mf* *div.*

Tutti

moves with the mov - ing flame. \_\_\_\_\_

Pno. *p* *mf* *p*

Tutti

Pno.

Tutti

21 unis. *p* div. *mf*

Now my lit-tle heart goes a-beat-ing like a drum, With the breath of the Bo-gies in my

Pno.

*p* *mf*

Tutti

24 hair; unis. *p*

hair, in my hair; And

Pno.

*p*

Tutti

27

all a-round the can - dle and the crook-ed sha-dows come, And go

Pno.

*p*

29 *div.*  
 Tutti *march - ing a - long up the stair.*

Pno.

31 *(Intense whisper)*  
 I *Sha - dow, Sha - dow, Sha - dow,*

II *(Intense whisper)*  
*Sha - dow, Sha - dow, Sha - dow,*

Pno. *pp*

34  
 I *Sha - dow, Sha - dow, Sha - dow, Sha - dow.*

II *Sha - dow, Sha - dow, Sha - dow, Sha - dow.*

Pno. *p*

36 unis. *p*

Tutti 

Pno. 

The

39 *p*

Tutti 

sha-dow of the ba-lu- sters, the sha-dow of the lamp, The

Pno. 

41 div.

Tutti 

sha-dow of the child that goes to bed.

Pno. 

43 *mf* *sub.p*

I All the wick - ed sha - dows com - ing tramp, tramp, tramp, tramp, With the

II All the wick - ed sha - dows com - ing tramp, tramp, tramp, tramp,

Pno. *mf*

45 *p* *p* *p*

I black night o - ver - head, With the black night o - ver -

II With the black night o - ver - head, With the

Pno. *pp*

48

I head.

II black night o - ver - head.

Pno. *pp*

51 *(Intense whisper)* **pp**

I  
Sha- dow, Sha- dow, Sha- dow, **pp**

II  
*(Intense whisper)*  
Sha- dow, Sha- dow, Sha- dow, **pp**

Pno. **ppp**