

Bernard Hughes

Perhaps

for SATB choir



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duration 4'

scoring: SATB choir

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Perhaps (To R.A.L.)

Perhaps one day the sun will shine again,
And I shall see that still the skies are blue,
And feel once more I do not live in vain,
Although bereft of You.

Perhaps the golden meadows at my feet
Will make the sunny hours of spring seem gay,
And I shall find the white May-blossoms sweet,
Though You have passed away.

Perhaps the summer woods will shimmer bright,
And crimson roses once again be fair,
And autumn harvest fields a rich delight,
Although You are not there.

Perhaps some day I shall not shrink in pain
To see the passing of the dying year,
And listen to Christmas songs again,
Although You cannot hear.

But though kind Time may many joys renew,
There is one greatest joy I shall not know
Again, because my heart for loss of You
Was broken, long ago.

Vera Brittain

for Tom Hammond, in memoriam

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words
Vera Brittain

music
Bernard Hughes

Andante ♩ = 66

p [optional solo]

Soprano

Per - haps one day the sun will shine a - gain, And I shall see that still the skies are blue, And

5

S feel once more I do not live in vain, Al - though be - reft of You, al - though be - reft of

10

[tutti] *p* **A**

S You. Per - haps the gol - den mea - dows at my feet Will make the sun - ny hours of Spring seem

p

A Per - haps the gol - den mea - dows at my feet Will make the sun - ny hours of Spring seem

14

S gay, And I shall find the white May blos - soms sweet, Though you have passed a - way, though

A gay, And I shall find the white May blos - soms sweet, Though you have passed a - way, though

19

mp **B**

S You have passed a - way. Per - haps the sum - mer woods will shim - mer bright, And

mp

A You have passed a - way. Per - haps the sum - mer woods will shim - mer bright, And

mp

T Per - haps the sum - mer woods will shim - mer bright, And

mp

B Per - haps the sum - mer woods will shim - mer bright, And

23

mf *mp*

S crim - son ro - ses once a - gain be fair, And au - tumn har - vest fields a rich de - light,

mf *mp*

A crim - son ro - ses once a - gain be fair, And au - tumn har - vest fields a rich de - light,

mf *mp*

T crim - son ro - ses once a - gain be fair, And au - tumn har - vest fields a rich de - light,

mf *mp*

B crim - son ro - ses once a - gain be fair, And au - tumn fields a rich de - light,

27

mf *p* *mp*

S Al - though you are not there, al - though you are not there. Per -

mf *p* *mp*

A Al - though you are not there, al - though you are not there. Per -

mf *p* *mp*

T Al - though you are not there, al - though you are not there. Per -

mf *p*

B Al - though you are not there, al - though you are not there.

31 **C**

mf *poco f*

S - haps some day I shall not shrink in pain To see the pas - sing of the dy - ing year, And

mf *poco f*

A - haps some day I shall not shrink in pain To see the pas - sing of the dy - ing year, And

mf *poco f*

T - haps some day I shall not shrink in pain To see the pas - sing of the dy - ing year, And

mp *mf* *poco f*

B I shall not shrink in pain To see the pas - ing of the dy - ing year, And

35

S *p*
lis - en to the Christ - mas songs a - gain, Al - though you can - not hear. *mf*

A *p*
lis - en to the Christ - mas songs a - gain, Al - though you can - not hear. But, *mf*

T *p*
lis - en to the Christ - mas songs a - gain, Al - though you can - not hear. But, *mf*

B *p*
lis - ten to the Christ - mas songs a - gain, Al - though you can - not hear. But,

39 **D** *mf* *f* *mf*

S May joys re - new, There is one grea - test joy I shall not know A - *f* *mf*

A though kind Time may ma - ny joys re - new, There is one grea - test joy I shall not know A - *f* *mf*

T though kind Time may ma - ny joys re - new, There is one grea - test joy I shall not know A - *f* *mf*

B though kind Time may ma - ny joys re - new, I shall not know *f*

43 *f* *poco rall.* *p sub.* *Tempo I mp*

S -gain, be - cause my heart for loss of You Was bro - ken long a - go. Per - *f* *p sub.*

A -gain, be - cause my heart for loss of You Was bro - ken long a - go. *f* *p sub.*

T -gain, be - cause my heart for loss of You Was bro - ken long a - go. *mf* *f* *p*

B be - cause my heart for loss of You long a - go. *mf* *f* *p*

55

S

though be - ref't of You.

A

though be - ref't of You.

T

though be - ref't of You.

B

- though be - ref't of You.

