

# *The Human Seasons*

for

TTBB Choir

by

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HARVEY MUSIC EDITIONS

Based on the poem by John Keats (1795-1821)

Four Seasons fill the measure of the year;  
There are four seasons in the mind of man:

He has his lusty Spring, when fancy clear  
Takes in all beauty with an easy span.

He has his Summer,  
To ruminant, and by dreaming high  
Is nearest unto heaven.

His soul has in its Autumn, when his wings  
He furleth close.

He has his Winter too of pale misfeature,  
Or else he would forego his mortal nature.

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*Andantemente con rubato*

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Music score for *The Human Seasons* by Justin Henry Rubin.

The score consists of five systems of music:

- System 1:** Four vocal parts (Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass 1, Bass 2) and a piano part. The vocal parts sing "Four seasons fill the measure of the year;". The piano part provides harmonic support.
- System 2:** Continuation of the vocal parts singing "There are four seasons in the mind".
- System 3:** Continuation of the vocal parts singing "There are four seasons in the mind".
- System 4:** Continuation of the vocal parts singing "There are four seasons in the mind".
- System 5:** Continuation of the vocal parts singing "There are four seasons in the mind".

**Performance Instructions:**

- Andantemente con rubato**: The tempo is slow and expressive, with rubato (variations in rhythm).
- mf**: Mezzo-forte (medium forte).

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T 1  
T 2  
B 1  
B 2  
Pno.

There are four sea - sons in the mind of man, the mind, the  
mind of man, in the mind of man, the mind, the  
in the  
of man, in the mind, in the mind, the  
in the

17 *Rit.*

*mp poco meno mosso*

Spring and Summer

T 1  
T 2  
B 1  
B 2  
Pno.

mind of man: He has his lus-ty Spring, when fancy  
mind of man: Aah...  
mind of man: Aah...  
mind of man: Aah...  
mind of man: Aah...

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T 1

clear He has his Summer to ru - mi nate, Takes in all beau - ty,

T 2

B 1

B 2

Pno.

Takes in all

Takes all

Takes all

30 *pressando*

Rit.

T 1

with an ea - sy, with an ea - sy, with an ea - sy span. and by drea - ming

T 2

B 1

B 2

with an ea - sy, with an ea - sy, with an ea - sy span. drea - ming

with an ea - - sy, ea - - sy span. Takes

with an ea - - sy, ea - - sy span. Takes

Pno.

30

35

*pressando*

*Rit.*

T 1      high      drea-ming high Is      near-est un-to      hea-ven, un-to      hea - ven.

T 2      high      drea-ming high Is      near-est un-to      hea-ven, un-to      hea - ven.

B 1      beau - ty      with an ea - sy, ea - - sy      hea - ven.

B 2      beau - ty      with an ea - sy, ea - - sy      hea - ven.

Pno.

40      *pressando e dim.*

*tutti:*      *ppp*

T 1      Takes an ea-sy, Takes in beau-ty ru-mi-nate and drea-ming un-to hea - - - ven.

T 2      Takes an ea-sy, Takes in beau-ty ru-mi-nate and drea-ming un-to hea - ven.

B 1      with a lus - ty Spring Takes hea - - - ven.

B 2      with a lus - ty Spring Takes hea - - - ven.

Pno.

*a tempo primo*

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T 1      **p** Four sea-sons fill the mea-sure of the year;

T 2      **p** Four sea-sons fill the mea-sure of the year;

B 1      **p** Four sea-sons fill the mea-sure of the year;

B 2      **p** Four sea-sons fill the mea-sure of the year;

Pno.

52

T 1      There are four sea - sons in the mind of man,

T 2      There are four sea - sons in the mind of man,

B 1      —

B 2      There are four sea - sons in the mind of man,

Pno.

58

*Rit.*

T 1

sea - sons in the mind of man, the mind, the mind of man:

T 2

in the mind of man, mind, the mind of man:

B 1

— — — — — in the mind of man:

B 2

in the mind, in the mind, the mind of man:

Pno.

64

**Autumn and Winter**  
*poco meno mosso*

T 1

*p* Au - - - - - tumn, when

T 2

*p* Au - - - - - tumn, when

B 1

*p* Au - - - - - tumn, when

B 2

*mp* His soul has in its Aut - - - umn, when his

Pno.

70

T 1      wings      close...      Win - - - - ter      too      pale

T 2      wings      close...      Win - - - - ter      too      pale

B 1      wings      close...      Win - - - - ter      too      pale

B 2      wings He fur-leth      close...      *mf* He has his Wi - nter      too of pale mis -

Pno.

76

tutti: *dim.*

Molto rit.

T 1      Or      mor - - - tal      na - ture,      na - ture,      na - ture.

T 2      Or      mor - - - tal      na - ture,      na - ture,      na - ture.

B 1      Or      mor - - - tal      na - ture,      na - ture,      na - ture.

B 2      fea - ture,      Or he wouldfore - go his mor-tal      nat -ure,      na - ture,      na - ture.

Pno.

82 *a tempo primo*

T 1      Four sea-sons fill the mea-sure of the year;

T 2      Four sea-sons fill the mea-sure of the year;

B 1      Four sea-sons fill the mea-sure of the year;

B 2      Four sea-sons fill the mea-sure of the year;

Pno.

88

T 1      There are four

T 2      There are four sea - sons in the mind of man,

B 1

B 2      There are four sea - sons in the mind of man,

Pno.

94

T 1

sea - sons in the mind of man, the mind, the mind of man:

T 2

B 1

B 2

Pno.

Rit.

100

T 1

the mind of man.

T 2

B 1

B 2

Pno.