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Tears

for SATB Chorus

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Tears

Tears! tears! tears!
In the night, in solitude, tears;
On the white shore dripping, dripping, suck'd in by the sand;
Tears--not a star shining--all dark and desolate;
Moist tears from the eyes of a muffled head:
--O who is that ghost?--that form in the dark, with tears?
What shapeless lump is that, bent, crouch'd there on the sand?
Streaming tears--sobbing tears--throes, choked with wild cries;
O storm, embodied, rising, careering, with swift steps along the
beach;
O wild and dismal night storm, with wind! O belching and
desperate!
O shade, so sedate and decorous by day, with calm countenance and
regulated pace;
But away, at night, as you fly, none looking--O then the unloosen'd
ocean,
Of tears! tears! tears!

Walt Whitman
(1819-1892)

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for SATB Chorus unaccompanied

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Liberamente ♩ = 60 ***mf*** , **In strict time (like a ticking clock)** ***p***

Soprano
Tears! tears! tears! Tears! tears! tears! in sol - i - tude,

Alto
Tears! tears! tears! Tears! tears! tears! In the nig - In the night,

Tenor
Tears! tears! tears! tears! tears! tears!

Bass
Tears! tears! tears! Tears! tears! tears! ***n***

Keyboard
(for rehearsal only)

Liberamente ♩ = 60 **In strict time**

4 ***poco a poco cresc.***

in sol in sol-i-tude, in sol-i-tude, in sol - i tude, ***poco a poco cresc.***

In the nig In the nig In the night, In the night, In the night, In the night, ***poco a poco cresc.***

Tears! tears! tears! Tears! tears! tears! Tears! ***poco a poco cresc.***

Tears! tears! tears! Tears! tears! tears! Tears!

allargando , *f* , *Con anima* ♩=60 , *mf* *poco string.*

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in sol - i - tude, Tears! tears! tears! , On the white shore drip - ping,

— In the night, Tears! tears! tears! , On the white shore —

tears! tears! tears! tears! tears! , On the white shore

tears! tears! Tears! tears! tears! , On the white

allargando , *Con anima* ♩=60 *poco string.*

ritenuto *p* , *sf* , *mf* *poco string.*

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drip - ping, suck'd in by the sand; Tears not a star shin - ing

shore suck'd in by the sand; Tears not a star shine —

drip - ping, drip - ping, — sand; Tears not a star —

shore drip - ping, — sand; Tears not a star

ritenuto , *poco string.*

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17 *ritenuto* *p* *p* Tempo ♩=60

shin - ing all dark and des - o - late; , Moist tears from the

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ritenuto *p* *p* Tempo ♩=60

22 *mf* *f* *allargando*

eyes of a muf - fled head: O who is that ghost? that form

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eyes of a muf - fled head: O who is that ghost? that form

mf *f* *allargando*

26 *mp* , *p* Tempo ♩=60 *mf*

in the dark, with tears? What shape-less lump is that, bent, crouch'd there

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Tempo ♩=60

30 *f* *mf* , *p* *sotto voce*

on the sand? Stream-ing tears Stream-ing sob-bing tears Stream-ing

on the sand? Stream-ing tears sob-bing tears

on the sand?

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tears Stream-ing sob-bing tears Stream-ing tears sob-bing Stream-ing wild cries;

Stream-ing tears sob-bing tears Stream-ing tears wild cries;

mp

throes, choked with wild cries;

mp

throes, choked with wild cries;

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Tears! tears! tears! O storm, em-bod-ied, ris-ing, ca-reer-ing,

mf *p* *pp* *p*

Tears! tears! tears! O storm, em-bod-ied, ris-ing, ca-reer-ing,

mf *p* *pp* *p*

Tears! tears! tears! O storm, em-bod-ied, ris-ing, ca-reer-ing,

mf *p* *pp* *p*

Tears! tears! tears! O storm, em-bod-ied, ris-ing ca-reer-ing,

mf *p* *pp* *p*

Lontano; deliberamente ♩=55

*non-divisi. Take "C" only if Eb is unobtainable by section, never both.

43 *poco dim.* *rit.* ♩=60 (in strict time) *pp* *mp*

with swift steps a - long the beach; O wild night storm, with

poco dim. *pp* *mp*

with swift steps a - long the beach; O wild night storm, with

poco dim. *pp* *mp*

with swift steps a - long the beach; O wild and dis - mal night storm, with

poco dim. *pp* *mp*

with swift steps a - long the beach; O wild and dis - mal night storm, with

rit. ♩=60 (in strict time)

48 *f* *allargando* *rit.*

wind! O belch - ing and des - per - ate! O shade, — so se - date and dec - o - rous by

f *allargando* *rit.*

wind! O belch - ing and des - per - ate! O shade, — so se - date and dec - o - rous by

f *allargando* *rit.*

wind! O belch - ing and des - per - ate! O shade, so se - date and dec - o - rous by

f *allargando* *rit.*

wind! O belch - ing and des - per - ate! O shade, so se - date and dec - o - rous by

53 *mf*, *mp* Tempo ♩=60 **Lontano (l'istesso tempo)** *p* *n*

day, with calm coun- te - nance and reg - u - lat - ed pace; _____

day, with calm coun- te - nance and reg - u - lat - ed pace; _____

day, with calm coun- te - nance and reg - u - lat - ed pace; _____ the night, — In the night, —

day, with calm coun- te - nance and reg - u - lat - ed pace; _____ In the night, —

Tempo ♩=60 **Lontano (l'istesso tempo)**

57 *p* *mp* *n* *mp*

at night, as you fly, _____ O then the

But a way _____ none look - ing O _____

In the night, — In the night, _____

In the night, — In the night, _____

freely ***mf*** **In strict time** ***mp*** , *poco a poco dim.*

un-loos-en'd o-cean, Of Tears! in sol-i-tude, in sol-i-tude, in sol-i-tude,

n ***mp*** *poco a poco dim.*

In the night, In the night, In the night, In the night,

n ***mp*** *poco a poco dim.*

Tears! tears! tears! Tears! tears!

n ***mp*** *poco a poco dim.*

freely **In strict time**

Tears! tears! tears! Tears! tears!

60

in sol-i-tude, in sol-i-tude, In tears!

In the night, In the night, In the night, In tears!

tears! Tears! tears! tears! tears!

tears! Tears! tears! tears! tears!

rit.

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