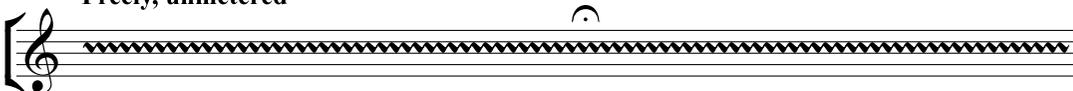


# PETRICHOR

for S.A.T.B. voices and piano\*

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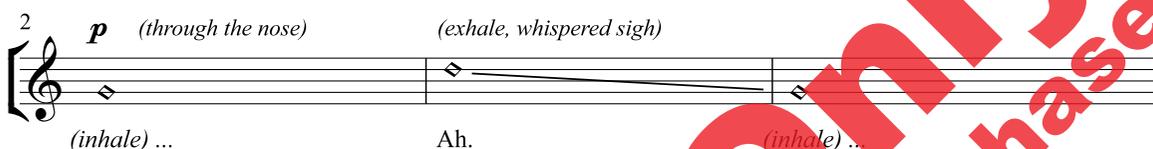
Freely, unmetered

ALL 

Create a rainstorm by gradually assembling finger snaps from one side of the choir to the other. If desired, shift to handclaps, leg pats, foot stomps, then perform in retrograde as the storm fades. (As an alternative, use a simple rainstick to create the effect of a storm.) When the effect ends, move ahead to measure 2, as singers detect the fragrant petrichor.

2 **p** (through the nose) (exhale, whispered sigh)

(inhale) ... Ah. (inhale) ...



5 **Tranquil, with rubato** (♩ = ca. 76)

**poco rit.** **a tempo** **mp** SOPRANO & ALTO

Ah. The au-tumn rain \_

PIANO

**mp** **poco rit.** **a tempo**

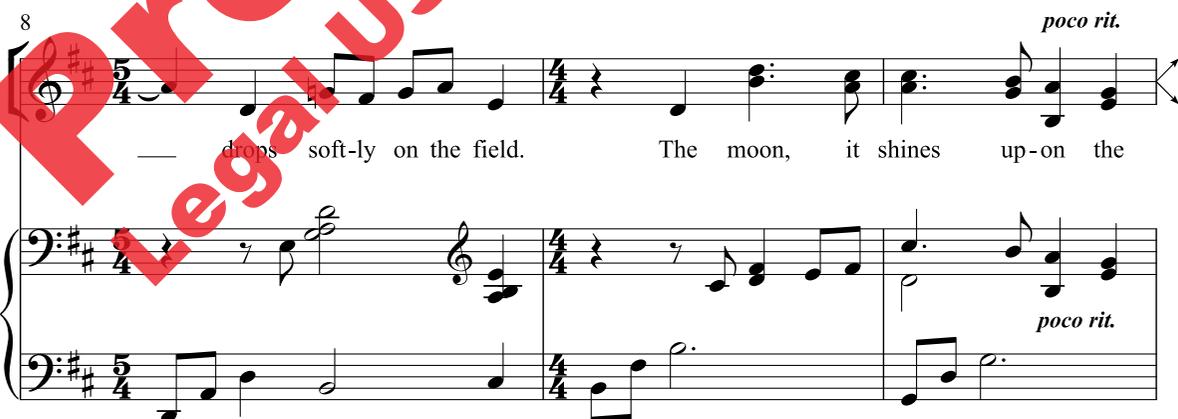
pedal harmonically



8 **poco rit.**

— drops soft-ly on the field. The moon, it shines up-on the

**poco rit.**



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11 S. *a tempo*  
 fall, \_\_\_\_\_ the fall. \_\_\_\_\_

A. *a tempo*  
 fall, \_\_\_\_\_ the fall. \_\_\_\_\_

T. *a tempo mp*  
 8 The fall, \_\_\_\_\_ the fall. \_\_\_\_\_

B. *a tempo mp*  
 The fall, \_\_\_\_\_ the fall. \_\_\_\_\_

*a tempo*

14 *poco rit.* 15 *a tempo mf*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ The tran-quil sound \_\_\_\_\_ of rain-fall fills the night.

*poco rit.* *a tempo mf*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ The tran-quil sound \_\_\_\_\_ of rain-fall fills the night.

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*poco rit.* *a tempo mf*

17

*poco rit.* *f* **18** *a tempo*

It soars, \_\_\_\_\_ as each new rain-drop trick-les down

*poco rit.* *a tempo* *mf*

It soars, \_\_\_\_\_ and

*poco rit.* *a tempo*

It soars, \_\_\_\_\_

*poco rit.* *a tempo*

It soars, \_\_\_\_\_

*poco rit.* *a tempo* *f*

19

takes a place up - on the ground.

*mf*

as each new rain - drop trick - les down

*mf*

and

*8va*

*mf delicato*

21

*p*  
From its

*p*  
From its

*p*  
From its

takes a place up - on the ground. From its

*decresc.*

24

low rest - ing place comes a fra - grance all a -

low rest - ing place comes a fra - grance all a -

low rest - ing place comes a fra - grance all a -

low rest - ing place comes a fra - grance all a -

*8va*

*p*

round: *mp*

round: *mp*

round: *mp* Fresh earth, fresh wa-ter, fresh

round: *mp* Fresh earth, fresh wa-ter, fresh

(8)

*mp*

Fresh earth, fresh wa-ter, fresh earth,

*mp*

Fresh earth, fresh wa-ter, fresh earth,

earth, fresh wa-ter, fresh earth, fresh

earth, fresh wa-ter, fresh earth, fresh

33

fresh wa - ter, fresh earth, fresh  
 fresh wa - ter, fresh earth, fresh wa - ter,  
 wa - ter, fresh earth, fresh wa - ter, fresh  
 wa - ter, fresh earth, fresh wa - ter, fresh

36

*cresc. poco a poco*  
 wa - ter, fresh earth, fresh wa -  
*cresc. poco a poco*  
 fresh earth, fresh wa - ter,  
*cresc. poco a poco* *building*  
 earth, fresh wa - ter, fresh earth, fresh  
*cresc. poco a poco*  
 earth, fresh wa - ter, fresh earth,  
*cresc. poco a poco* *building*

, building

ter, fresh earth, fresh

fresh earth, fresh wa-ter, fresh earth, fresh wa - ter.

wa - ter, fresh wa - ter.

fresh wa - ter,

*f* *cresc.*

*ff*

wa - ter. Ah! It o-ver-

wa - ter. Ah! It o-ver-

wa - ter. Ah! It o-ver-

fresh wa - ter. Ah! It o-ver-

*f* *cresc.* *ff*

45

whelms me.

*decresc.* *mp*

whelms me, it o - ver-whelms me and

*decresc.*

whelms me, it o - ver-whelms me.

*decresc.*

whelms me, it o - ver-whelms me.

*decresc.*

48

*freely, conducted*

(inhale) ... Ah.

fills my soul with de - light. (inhale) ... Ah.

(inhale) ... Ah.

(inhale) ... Ah.

*mp delicato*

*freely, conducted*

52 Tranquil, with rubato ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 76$ )

Musical score for measures 52-54, featuring four staves (treble and bass clefs) with rests.

Tranquil, with rubato ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 76$ )

15<sup>ma</sup>----- 15<sup>ma</sup>---

*p*

Musical score for measures 55-56, featuring piano accompaniment with dynamics and articulation.

## 55

*p* The au - tumn rain \_\_\_\_

Musical score for measures 55-56, featuring vocal lines and piano accompaniment.

(15)-----

Musical score for measures 57-58, featuring piano accompaniment.

57

— drops soft-ly on the field. It comes so quick-ly, it

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— drops soft-ly on the field. It comes so quick-ly, it

— drops soft-ly on the field. It comes so quick-ly, it

60

62

goes too soon. The mem-ry re-mains as I

63

*rit.*

wait for the fra - grance of that once fa - mil - iar

*rit.*

wait for the fra - grance of that once fa - mil - iar

*rit.*

wait for the fra - grance of that once fa - mil - iar

*rit.*

wait for the fra - grance of that once fa - mil - iar

*rit.*

65

Resolved (♩ = ca. 64)

*freely, conducted*

tune. (inhale) ... Ah.

tune. (inhale) ... Ah.

tune. (inhale) ... Ah.

tune. (inhale) ... Ah.

Resolved (♩ = ca. 64)

*freely, conducted*

*pp*

8<sup>vb</sup>

15<sup>ma</sup>