

# The Snow

## Three-Part Song for Female Voices

Edward Elgar (Op. 26, No. 1)

**Andantino** ♩ = 66

**A**

**1st Soprano**  
O snow, — which sinks so

**2nd Soprano**  
O snow, — which sinks so

**Contralto**  
O snow, — which sinks so

**Violin I**  
*p* *ten.* *dim.*

**Violin II**  
*p* *ten.* *dim.*

**Piano**  
*p* *dim.*

**Spr. 1**  
light, Brown earth — is hid from sight,

**Spr. 2**  
light, Brown earth — is hid, is hid — from sight, *espress.* O

**C.a.**  
light, Brown earth — is hid, is hid — from sight, *espress.* O soul, be thou as white,

**Vln. I**  
*pp* *espress. V.*

**Vln. II**  
*pp* *pizz.* *arco* *espress. V.*

**Pno.**

Reo. \* Reo. \* Reo. \*

**B**

*f* *espress.* *allargando dim.*

Spr. 1 Be thou As white as snow, as snow,

Spr. 2 *cresc.* *f* soul, be thou as white, As white, be thou As white as snow, as snow,

C.a. *cresc.* *f* O soul, be thou as white, be thou As white as snow, as snow, O soul, be thou as white as

Vln. I *cresc.* *sf* *f* *dim.* *p*

Vln. II *cresc.* *sf* *f* *dim.* *p*

Pno. *cresc.* *p*

*rit.* **Più lento**  $\text{♩} = 52$  *p dolce* *poco cresc.*

Spr. 1 O snow, which falls so slow, Dear earth quite warm be-low; O heart, O

Spr. 2 *pp dolce* *fp* O snow, which falls so slow, O heart, so

C.a. *p* *pp dolce* *fp* snow, O snow, which falls so slow, O heart, so

Vln. I *pp* *dolce* *fp*

Vln. II *pp* *dolce* *fp*

Pno. *dim.* *pp* *poco cresc.*

*Leg.* \*

C Tempo I<sup>mo</sup>

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*dim. e poco rit. pp*

Spr. 1 heart, so keep thy glow Be - neath the snow, the snow.

*dim. e poco rit. pp*

Spr. 2 keep thy glow Be - neath the snow.

*dim. e poco rit. pp*

C.a. keep thy glow Be - neath the snow the snow.

Vln. I *dim. e poco rit. p* *ten.*

Vln. II *dim. e poco rit. p* *ten.*

Pno. *dim. e poco rit. p*

Reo. \* Reo. \*

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*p*

Spr. 1 O snow, in thy soft grave Sad flow'rs, sad flow'rs the win - ter brave;

*p*

Spr. 2 O snow, in thy soft grave Sad flow'rs, sad flow'rs the win - ter brave; *espress.* O heart,

*p*

C.a. O snow, in thy soft grave Sad flow'rs, sad flow'rs the win - ter brave;

Vln. I *pp* *pizz.* *mp* *cresc.*

Vln. II *pp* *arco* *mp cresc.*

Pno. *pp*

Reo. \* Reo. \*

**D Più mosso** ♩ = 96

*stringendo*

**f**

Spr. 1 The snow must melt, must

Spr. 2 *cresc.* so soothe and save, so soothe, as does the snow. **f** The snow must

C.a. *cresc.* O heart, so soothe and save, as does the snow. **f** The snow must melt, must

Vln. I

Vln. II **f**

Pno. *cresc.* **f**

*accel.*

Spr. 1 melt, must go, Fast, fast, fast, fast as wa - ter flow

Spr. 2 melt, must go, Fast, fast, fast, fast - as wa - ter flow. **mf** Not

C.a. melt, must go, Fast, fast, fast, fast as wa - ter flow

Vln. I **f** *3* *3*

Vln. II **f** *3* *3*

Pno. **f**

43

Spr. 1 *mf* *cresc.* Not thus, my soul, O

Spr. 2 *cresc.* thus, my soul, not thus, my soul, O sow

C.a. *mf* *cresc.* Not thus, my soul, Thy

Vln. I *p* *cresc.*

Vln. II *p* *cresc.*

Pno. *p* *cresc.*

47

Spr. 1 *f* *allargando* *ff* sow Thy gifts to fade like snow, Not

Spr. 2 *f* *ff* Thy gifts to fade, thy gifts to fade like snow, Not

C.a. *f* *ff* gifts to fade like snow, thy gifts to fade like snow, Not

Vln. I *mf* *f* *sul G* *V*

Vln. II *mf* *f* *sul G* *V*

Pno. *f*

**E** **Maestoso**  
*a tempo*

Spr. 1  
thus, not thus, O sow not thus thy *p*

Spr. 2  
thus, not thus, O sow not thus thy *p*

C.a.  
thus, not thus, O sow not thus thy *p*

Vln. I  
51 *ff* sul D

Vln. II  
51 *ff* sul D

Pno.  
51 *ff*

Spr. 1  
55 *dim. e rit.* gifts to fade, to fade like snow *al*

Spr. 2  
55 *dim. e rit.* gifts to fade, to fade like snow *al*

C.a.  
55 *dim. e rit.* gifts to fade, to fade like snow *al*

Vln. I  
55 *p* *dim. e rit.* *pp* *al*

Vln. II  
55 *p* *dim. e rit.* *pp* *al*

Pno.  
55 *p* *dim. e rit.* *pp* *al*

sonore

**F** Tempo I<sup>mo</sup>

Spr. 1  
O snow, \_\_\_\_\_ thou'rt white no more, \_\_\_\_\_ Thy spark - ling too, is

Spr. 2  
O snow, \_\_\_\_\_ thou'rt white no more, \_\_\_\_\_ Thy spark - ling, spark - ling

C.a.  
O snow, \_\_\_\_\_ thou'rt white no more, \_\_\_\_\_ Thy spark - ling, spark - ling

Vln. I  
59

Vln. II  
59

Pno.  
59  
*p*

Reo. \* Reo. \* Reo. \*

Spr. 1  
62  
o'er;

Spr. 2  
too \_\_\_\_\_ is o'er; *espress.* O

C.a.  
too \_\_\_\_\_ is o'er; *espress.* O soul, be as be - fore,

Vln. I  
62

Vln. II  
62

Pno.  
62

65

Spr. 1 *f* *espress.* Be as be-fore, Was bright the snow, \_\_\_\_\_

Spr. 2 *cresc.* *f* soul, be as be-fore, Was bright, Be as be-fore, Was bright the snow.

C.a. *cresc.* *f* O soul, be as be-fore, be as be-fore, Was bright the snow. O \_\_\_\_\_

Vln. I *cresc.* *f* *dim.*

Vln. II *cresc.* *f* *dim.*

Pno. *f* *p*

69 *allargando* *dim.* *rit.* **G** *Più lento* *pp dolce*

Spr. 1 Then as the snow all pure, O heart be, but en-dure;

Spr. 2 *pp dolce* Then as the snow all pure, O \_\_\_\_\_

C.a. *p* *pp dolce* soul, be as be-fore, Was bright the snow. Then as the snow all pure, O \_\_\_\_\_

Vln. I *pp* *dolce* *dim.*

Vln. II *pp* *dolce* *dim.*

Pno. *pp dolce* *dim.*

*Reo.*

**A tempo, più lento**

75 *poco cresc.* *dim. e rit.* *pp*

Spr. 1 Through all the years full sure, — Not as the snow, not as the snow,

Spr. 2 *fp* heart, be, but en - dure; — Not as the snow,

C.a. *fp* heart, be, but en - dure; — Not as the snow, as the snow,

Vln. I *rit.* *pp* *dim.* sul D

Vln. II *fp* *rit.* *pp* *dim.*

Pno. *poco cresc.* *dim. e rit.* *pp*

Reo. \*

81 *molto rit.* *pp*

Spr. 1 not as the snow.

Spr. 2 *pp* not as the snow.

C.a. *pp* not as the snow.

Vln. I *sul G*

Vln. II

Pno. *Reo.* \*