

The Snow

Three-Part Song for Female Voices

Edward Elgar (Op. 26, No. 1)

Andantino ♩ = 66 **A**

4 *p*

O snow, which sinks so light, Brown earth — is hid from

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sight,

hid — from sight, *espress.* O soul, *cresc.* be thou as

hid — from sight, *espress.* O soul, *cresc.* be thou as white, O soul,

B

12 *f espress.* *allargando dim.*

Be thou As white as snow, as snow,

white, As white, be thou As white as snow, as snow,

be thou as white, be thou As white as snow, as snow, O — soul, be thou as white as

16 *rit.* **Più lento** ♩ = 52 *p dolce*

O snow, which falls so slow, Dear earth — quite warm be-low;
 O snow, which falls so slow, O
 snow, O snow, which falls so slow, O

21 *poco cresc.* *dim. e poco rit.* **C** **Tempo I^{mo}** *pp*

O heart, O heart, so keep thy glow Be-neath the snow, — the snow.
 heart, so keep thy glow Be - neath the snow.
 heart, so keep thy glow Be-neath the snow — the snow.

26 *p*

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

31 *stringendo* *f*

espress. *cresc.* *f*

O heart, so soothe and save, so soothe, as does the snow. The

cresc. *f*

O heart, so soothe and save, as does the snow. The

D *Più mosso* ♩ = 96

snow must melt, must melt, must go, Fast, fast, fast, fast as

f

The snow must melt, must go, Fast, fast, fast, fast - as

snow must melt, must melt, must go, Fast, fast, fast, fast as

41 *accel.* *mf*

wa - ter flow Not

mf *cresc.*

wa - ter flow. Not thus, my soul, not thus, my soul, O

mf

wa - ter flow Not thus, my soul,

E **Maestoso**

46 *cresc.* *f* *allargando ff* *a tempo*

thus, my soul, O sow Thy gifts to fade like snow, Not thus, not
sow Thy gifts to fade, thy gifts to fade like snow, Not thus, not
Thy gifts to fade like snow, thy gifts to fade like snow, Not thus, not

52 *p* *dim. e rit.* *al*

thus, O sow not thus thy gifts to fade, to fade like snow
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F **Tempo I^{mo}**

O snow, thou'rt white no more, Thy spark - ling too, is o'er;
O snow, thou'rt white no more, Thy spark - ling, spark-ling too is o'er;
O snow, thou'rt white no more, Thy spark - ling, spark-ling too is o'er; O soul,

64 *f espress.*

Be as be-fore, Was

espress. *cresc.* *f*

O soul, be as be-fore, Was bright, Be as be-fore, Was

cresc. *f*

be as be-fore, O soul, be as be-fore, be as be-fore, Was

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

bright the snow, Then as the

bright the snow.

p

bright the snow. O soul, be as be-fore, Was bright the snow.

72 *poco cresc.*

snow all pure, O heart be, but en-dure; Through all the years full sure, Not

pp dolce *fp*

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

pp dolce *fp*

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

A tempo, più lento

77 *dim. e rit.* **pp** *molto rit.* **pp**

as the snow, not as the snow, not as the snow.
Not as the snow, as the snow, not as the snow.
Not as the snow, as the snow, not as the snow.

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