A Dirge for Two Veterans

Walt Whitman (1819 - 1892)

Gustav Holst (1874 - 1934)

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Andante mesto ( \( \text{d} = \text{c.60} \) )

The last sun-beam Light-ly falls from the fin-ished Sab-bath, On the pav-ement here, and there be-yond it is look-ing Down a new-made
double grave. Lo, the moon as-cend-ing, Up from the east the

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silver round moon  Beautiful over the house-tops, ghastly, phantom moon,

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Immensely and silent moon.

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Tpt. 1 & 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn.
Tba.
And I hear the sound of coming full-keyed
see a sad procession And I hear the sound of coming full-keyed

bu-gles, All the channels of the city streets they're
bu-gles, All the channels of the city streets they're
flood- ing, As with voices and with tears, I

flood- ing, As with voices and with tears,
And every blow of the great convulsive drums Strikes me through and through.

blow of the great convulsive drums

blow of the great convulsive drums

For the unison

through.

through.
son is brought with the father, (In the foremost ranks of the

fierce assault they fell, Two veterans son and father dropt to-

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Poco animato

geth-er, And the dou-ble grave a-waits them.

near-er blow the bu-gles, And the drums strike more con-

vul-sive, And the day-light o'er the pavement quite has fad-ed,

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And the strong dead march en-

And the strong dead march, and the strong dead march en-
Tempo I

ff O strong dead march you please me!

O
moon immense with your sil-ver-y face you soothe me!

O my sol-diers twain! O my vet-er-ans pass-ing to
What I have, I also give you.

The moon gives you light, And the bugles and the drums give you music, And my heart, O my soldiers, my veterans,
My heart gives you love.

My heart gives you love.