for Helen Hutchinson

First Snows

Martyn Halsall

Martin Johnson

Soprano

mp

all

Alto

pp *mp*

fall a-mong swans, all

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pp *mp*

fall a-mong swans, all

Tenor

p

The first fea-thers of the snow fall a-mong swans,

Bass

p

The first fea- thers of the snow fall a-mong swans,

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year they have guar-ded such white-ness to them - selves.

year they have guar-ded such white-ness to them - selves. *mp* Now, on

year they have guar - ded such white-ness to them- selves. *mp* Now, on

mp

Now, on

mp

Now, on

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through stone ar - ches of bran - ches,

ir - on wa- ter,___ through stone ar - ches of bran - ches, *pp* flocked cloud,

ir - on wa- ter,___ through stone ar___ ches of bran - ches,

ir - on wa- ter,___ through stone ar - ches of bran - ches, *pp* flocked cloud,

ir - on wa- ter,___ through stone ar - ches of bran - ches, *pp* flocked cloud,

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mp in the com-ing of win - ter *cresc.* are the snow - birds_

mp in the com-ing of win - ter *cresc.* are the snow - birds_

in the com-ing of win - - ter *cresc.* are the snow- birds_

mp in the com-ing of win - ter *cresc.* are the snow- birds_

in the com-ing of win - ter_____ *cresc.* are the snow- birds_

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mf

re - born.

mf poco meno mosso *pp*

re - born. Mis-ted first, fine as driz zle, o - ver pew-ter mask of

mf *pp*

re - born. Mis-ted first, fine as driz zle, o - ver pew-ter mask of

mf *pp*

re - born. Mis-ted first, fine as driz zle, o - ver pew-ter mask of

mf

re - born. o - ver pew-ter mask of

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tempo primo *mp* *mf*

snow har-ries fur - row, And the hard

mp *mf*

ri- ver, snow har-ries fur - row, en - am-elled brack - en. And the hard

mp *mf*

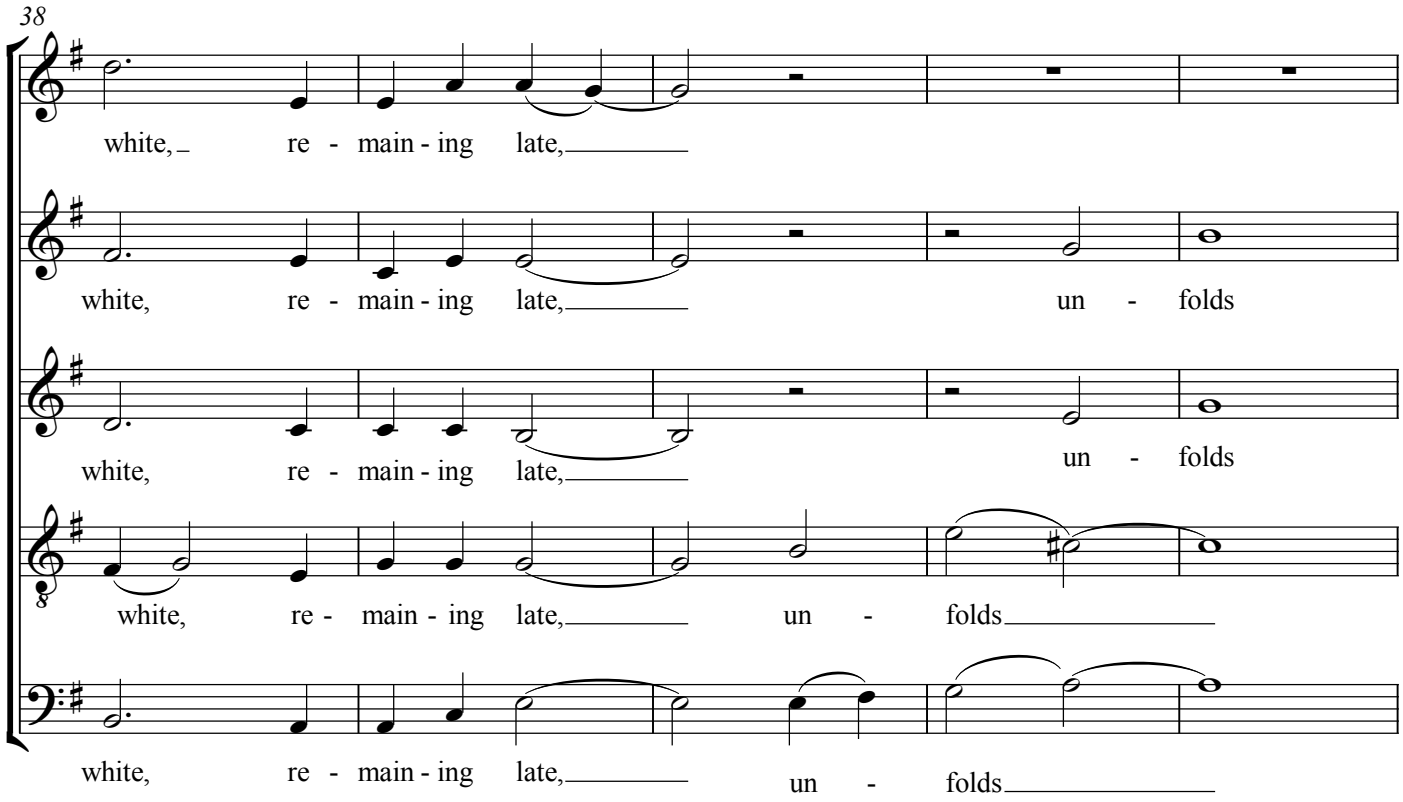
ri- ver, snow har-ries fur - row, en - am-elled brack - en. And the hard

mf

ri- ver, en - am-elled brack - en. And the hard

mf

ri- ver, en - am-elled brack - en. And the hard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white, re - main - ing late,
white, re - main - ing late, un - folds
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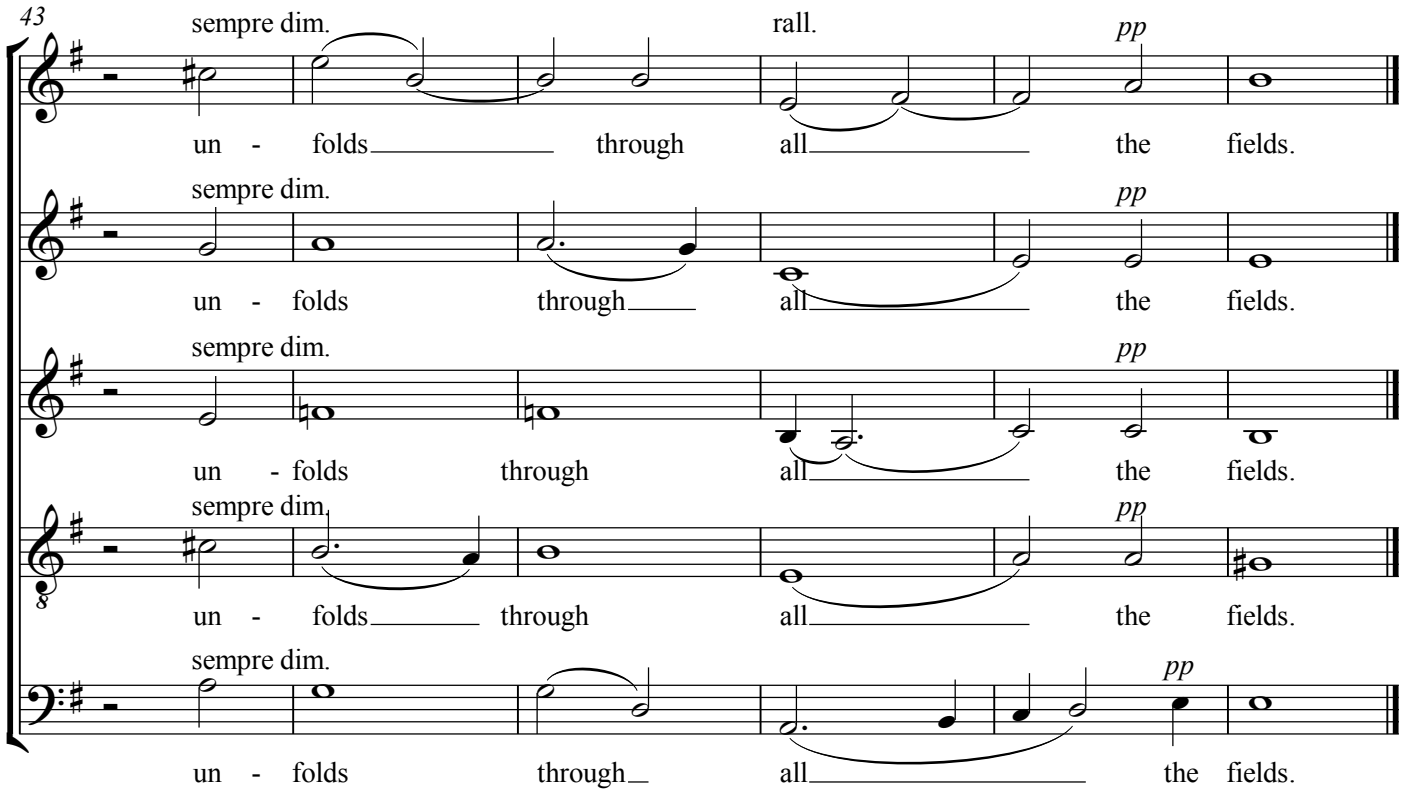
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sempre dim.
rall.
pp
un - folds through all the fields.
sempre dim.
pp
un - folds through all the fields.
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