



Four Part-songs

Op. 53, No. 3

O Wild West Wind

Sir Edward Elgar

(1857-1934)

O Wild West Wind!

Make me thy lyre, even as the forest is:
What if my leaves are falling like its own!
The tumult of thy mighty harmonies

Will take from both a deep, autumnal tone,
Sweet though in sadness. Be thou, Spirit fierce,
My spirit! Be thou me, impetuous one!

Drive my dead thoughts over the universe
Like wither'd leaves to quicken a new birth!
And, by the incantation of this verse,

Scatter, as from an unextinguish'd hearth
Ashes and sparks, my words among mankind!
Be through my lips to unawaken'd earth

The trumpet of a prophecy! O Wind,
If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?

Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822)

O Wild West Wind

Edwards Elgar

Nobilmente (Allegro moderato) ♩ = 88

ff *allargando* *p* *f* *a tempo* *

S O Wild West Wind! *a tempo* *

A O Wild West Wind! *a tempo* * *f* 3 E'en as the

T O Wild West Wind! *a tempo* * *f* Make me thy lyre, E'en as the

B O Wild West Wind! *a tempo* * *f* Make me thy lyre, E'en as the

4 *f* 3 *sostenuto*

S Make me thy lyre, e - ven as the for - est is: *sostenuto* 3

A for - est is: *sf* 3 *sostenuto* 3 Make me thy lyre, make me thy lyre, as the for - est is:

T for - est is: *sf* 3 *sostenuto* 3 Make me thy lyre, make me thy lyre, as the for - est is:

B for - est is: *sf* 3 *sostenuto* e - ven as the for - est is:

* With the greatest animation but without hurry.

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6 *rf* *3*

S What if my leaves are fall - ing like its own, What if my leaves are

A What if my leaves are fall - ing, What if my leaves are

T What if my leaves are fall - ing like its own, What if my

B What if my leaves are fall - ing like its own,

8 *poco allargando* *a tempo*

S fall - ing like its own!

A fall - ing! *a tempo* *ff* Thy

T leaves are fall - ing like its own! *ff* The tu - mult of thy might y

B What if my leaves are fall - ing like its own! *ff* The tu - mult of thy might - y

11 *ff* *3* *>* *molto sostenuto* *dim. senza rall.*

S Thy might - y har - mo - nies Will take from both a deep, au - tum - nal tone,

A har - mo - nies, thy might - y har - mo - nies take from both a deep, au - tum - nal tone, *molto sostenuto* *3* *dim. senza rall.*

T har - mo - nies, thy might - y har - mo - nies take from both a deep, au - tum - nal tone, *molto sostenuto* *3* *dim. senza rall.*

B har - mo - nies, thy might - y har - mo - nies Will take a deep, au - tum - nal tone, *molto sostenuto* *3* *dim. senza rall.*

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S Sweet tho' in sad - ness, Sweet tho' in sad - ness, tho' in

A Sweet tho' in sad - ness, Sweet tho' in sad - ness, har - mo - nies, sweet tho' in sad - ness, tho' in

T Sweet tho' in sad - ness, Sweet tho' in sad - ness, har - mo - nies, sweet tho' in sad - ness, tho' in

B Sweet tho' in sad - ness, Sweet tho' in sad - ness, sweet tho' in sad - ness, tho' in

p *pp* *poco rit.* *dim.* *pp* *poco rit.* *dim.* *pp* *poco rit.* *dim.* *pp* *poco rit.* *dim.*

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S sad - ness. Be thou, Spir - it fierce, My spir - it! Be thou

A sad - ness. Be thou, Spir - it, My spir - it!

T sad - ness. Be thou, Spir - it fierce, My spir - it! Be thou

B sad - ness. Be thou, Spir - it, My spir - it!

f *a tempo* *f* *a tempo* *sf* *molto allargando* *f* *a tempo* *sf* *molto allargando* *f* *a tempo* *sf* *molto allargando* *f* *a tempo* *sf* *molto allargando*

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S me, me, thou me, im - pet - uous one! Drive my dead

A Be thou me, me, im - pet - uous one! Drive my dead

T me, me, thou me, im - pet - uous one! Drive my dead

B Be thou me, im - pet - uous one! Drive my dead

me, *me,* *sf* *fff* *accel.* *a tempo* *p* *sf* *fff* *accel.* *a tempo* *p* *me,* *me,* *sf* *fff* *accel.* *a tempo* *p* *sf* *fff* *accel.* *a tempo* *p*

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23 *stringendo* *cresc.* 3

S thoughts o - ver the u - ni - verse _____ Like with - er'd leaves to quick - en a

A thoughts o - ver the u - ni - verse _____ Like with - er'd leaves to quick - en a

T thoughts o - ver the u - ni - verse _____ Like with - er'd leaves to quick - en a

B thoughts o - ver the u - ni - verse _____ Like with - er'd leaves to quick - en a

25 *ff* *mf* *cresc.* 3

S new birth! _____ Drive my dead thoughts o - ver the

A new _____ birth! _____ Drive my dead thoughts o - ver the

T new _____ birth! _____ Drive my dead thoughts o - ver the

B new _____ birth! _____ Drive my dead thoughts o - ver the

27 *f* *ff* *Div.*

S u - ni - verse Like with - er'd leaves to quick - en a new birth! _____

A u - ni - verse Like with - er'd leaves to quick - en a new _____ birth! _____

T u - ni - verse Like with - er'd leaves to quick - en a new _____ birth! _____

B u - ni - verse Like with - er'd leaves to quick - en a new _____ birth! _____

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30 *f stringendo* *dolciss.*

S And, by the in - can - ta - tion of this verse,

A *f stringendo* *dolciss.* *mf*
By the in - can - ta - tion, by the in - can -

T *f stringendo* *dolciss.* *mf*
And, by the in - can - ta - tion, by the in - can - ta - tion

B1 *f stringendo* *dolciss.* *mf*
By the in - can - ta - tion, by the in - can -

B2 *f stringendo* *dolciss.* *mf*
Be the in - can - ta - tion, by the

33 *sempre stringendo* *molto rit.*

S *molto rit.*

A *sempre stringendo* *molto rit.*
ta - tion of this verse,

T *sempre stringendo* *cresc.* *f* *molto rit.*
of this verse, by the in - can - ta - tion of this

B1 *sempre stringendo* *f* *molto rit.* Unis.
ta - tion of this verse, of this

B2 *sempre stringendo* *cresc.* *f* *molto rit.* Unis.
in - can - ta - tion, by the in - can - ta - tion of this

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36 *Tempo 1 animato*

S *f* Scat - ter, as from an un - ex - tin - guish'd hearth *rf* Ash - es and sparks, my

A *f* Scat - ter, as from a hearth *rf* Ash - es and sparks, _____

T *f* verse, Scat - ter, as from an un - ex - tin - guish'd hearth *rf* Ash - es and

B *f* verse, Scat - ter, as from an un - ex - tin - guish'd hearth

38 *allargando e molto grandioso*

S words a - mong man - kind! *ff* Be through my lips to un - a -

A a - mong man - kind! *ff* Through my lips to un - a -

T sparks, my words a - mong man - kind! *ff* Be through my lips to un - a -

B Ash - es and sparks, my words a - mong man - kind! *ff* Be through, be through my lips The

41 *sf ten.* *a tempo* *sf*

S wak - en'd earth The trum - pet of a proph - e - cy!

A wak - en'd earth Drive my dead thoughts o'er the u - ni - verse, O

T wak - en'd earth The trum - pet Scat - ter my words o'er the earth,

B trum - pet. O Wind, O wild West Wind! O

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43 *poco stringendo* *sf* *3* *ff* *sf* *presto* *> a tempo* *p* *espress.*

S Drive my dead thoughts o'er the u - ni - verse, The trum-pet of a proph - e - cy! — 0

A wild West Wind! Be thro' my lips The trum-pet of a proph - e - cy! — 0

T Drive my dead thoughts o'er the u - ni - verse, The trum-pet of a proph - e - cy! — 0

B wild West Wind! Be thro' my lips The trum-pet of a proph - e - cy! — 0

46 *poco più lento* *pp* *dolciss.* *a tempo* *ff*

S Wind, O Wind, — If Win - ter comes, can Spring be far be - hind? 0

A wind, O wind, O wind, If Win - ter comes, can Spring be far be - hind? 0

T wind, O wind, O wind, If Win - ter comes, can Spring be far be - hind? 0

B wind, O wind, If Win - ter comes, can Spring be far be - hind? 0 Div.

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sf > *teneramente* *p*

S Wind, — wild — West Wind! — If Win - ter comes, can Spring be far be -

A Wind, — wild West Wind! If Win - ter

T Wind, — wild — West Wind!

B1 Wind, — wild West Wind! If Win - ter

B2 Wind, — wild West Wind! If Win - ter

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cresc. *f*

S hind? can Spring — be far be - hind? If

A comes, *teneramente* if Win - ter comes, if Win - ter comes, can

T If Win - ter comes, can Spring be far, — If Win - ter comes, can Spring be far,

B1 comes, can Spring be far, If Win - ter comes, can

B2 comes, can Spring be far be - hind? If

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S Win - ter comes, _____ can Spring be far, be far be -
A Spring, can Spring be far be - hind? _____ can Spring be far, be far be -
T can Spring be far be-hind, If Win - ter comes, can Spring be far, be far be -
B Spring be far, can Spring, can Spring be far, far be - hind? can

ff *p* *accel. e cresc. molto*

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S hind? can Spring be far, _____ can Spring be far be - hind?
A hind? can Spring be far, _____ can Spring be far be - hind?
T hind? can Spring be far, _____ can Spring be far be - hind?
B Spring, can Spring be far, _____ can Spring be far be - hind?

f *poco rit.* *p* *ff* *allargando*

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