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Title of Piece _____

Composer _____

Order Number _____

When the Earth Stands Still

Come listen in the silence of the moment before rain comes down.
There's a deep sigh in the quiet of the forest and the tall tree's crown.

Now hold me.
Will you take the time to hold me and embrace the chill?
Or miss me.
Will you take the time to miss me when the earth stands still?

'Cause there's no use running
'cause the storm's still coming
and you've been running for so many years.

Come listen in the silence of the moment before shadows fall.
Feel the tremor of your heartbeat matching heartbeat as we both dissolve.

Now hold me.
Will you take the time to hold me and embrace the chill?
Or miss me.
Will you take the time to miss me when the earth stands still?

'Cause there's no use running
'cause the storm's still coming
and you've been running for so many years.

So stay with me, held in my arms.
Like branches of a tree,
they'll shelter you for many years.

—Don Macdonald

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When the Earth Stands Still

for SATB Chorus unaccompanied

*Music and Words by
Don Macdonald*

♩. = 47 *pp*

Soprano
Come lis - ten in the si - lence _ of the mo - ment _ be - fore rain comes

pp

Alto
Come lis - ten in the si - lence _ of the mo - ment _ be - fore rain comes

pp

Tenor
Come lis - ten in the si - lence _ of the mo - ment _ be - fore rain comes

pp

Bass
Come lis - ten in the si - lence _ of the mo - ment _ be - fore rain comes

♩. = 47

Keyboard
(for rehearsal only)

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down. There's a deep sigh in the qui - et ___ of the for - est ___ and the tall tree's

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down. There's a deep sigh in the qui - et ___ of the for - est ___ and the tall tree's

down. There's a deep sigh in the qui - et ___ of the for - est ___ and the tall tree's

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A *< p*

crown. Now hold me. Will you take the time to hold me ___ and embrace the chill? Or

crown. Now hold me. Will you take the time to hold me ___ and embrace the chill? Or

crown. hold me. Will you take the time to hold me ___ and embrace the chill?

crown. hold me. Will you take the time to hold me ___ and embrace the chill?

A

17 *mp*

miss me. Will you take the time to miss me — when the earth stands still? 'Cause there's

mp

miss me. Will you take the time to miss me — when the earth stands still?

mp

miss me. Will you take the time to miss me — when the earth stands still? 'Cause there's

mp

miss me. Will you take the time to miss me — when the earth stands still?

B 22 *mf*

no use run - ning 'cause the storm's still com - ing — and — you've been

mf

no use run - ning 'cause the storm's still com - ing and you've been

mf

no use run - ning 'cause the storm's still com - ing — and you've been

mf

B no use run - ning 'cause the storm's still com - ing and you've been

27

run - ning _ for so ma - ny years, _ _ _ _ _ for so ma - ny years. _ _ _ _ _

run - ning _ for so ma - ny years, _ _ _ _ _ for so ma - ny years. _ _ _ _ _

run - ning _ for so ma - ny years, _ _ _ _ _ for so ma - ny years. _ _ _ _ _

run - ning _ for so ma - ny years, _ _ _ _ _ for so ma - ny years. _ _ _ _ _

33

C

Come lis - ten in the si - lence _ of the mo - ment _ be - fore sha - dows

Come lis - ten in the si - lence _ of the mo - ment _ be - fore sha - dows

Come lis - ten in the si - lence _ of the mo - ment _ be - fore sha - dows

Come lis - ten in the si - lence _ of the mo - ment _ be - fore sha - dows

C

38

fall. Feel the tre - mor of your heart - beat _ match - ing heart - beat _ as we

fall. Feel the tre - mor of your heart - beat _ match - ing heart - beat _ as we

fall. Feel the tre - mor of your heart - beat _ match - ing heart - beat _ as we

fall. Feel the tre - mor of your heart - beat _ match - ing heart - beat _ as we

42

both dis - solve. Now hold me. Will you take the time to hold me _ and em-

both dis - solve. Now hold me. Will you take the time to hold me _ and em-

both dis - solve. hold me, hold _ me, _ hold me _ and em-

both dis - solve. hold me. Will you take the time to hold me _ and em-

47

brace the chill? Or miss me. Will you take the time to miss me ___ when the

brace the chill? Or miss me, miss ___ me, ___ time to miss me ___ when the

brace the chill? miss me, miss ___ me, ___ time to miss me ___ when the

brace the chill? miss me. Will you take the time to miss me ___ when the

52

E *mf*

earth stands still? 'Cause there's no use run - ning 'cause the storm's still

earth stands _ still? no use run - ning 'cause the storm's still

earth stand still? 'Cause there's no use run - ning 'cause the storm's still

earth stands still? no use run - ning 'cause the storm's still

E *mf*

57

com - ing and you've been run - ning for so ma - ny years. So

com - ing and you've been run - ning for so ma - ny years. So

com - ing and you've been run - ning for so ma - ny years. So

com - ing and you've been run - ning for so ma - ny years. So

[F]

62

f cresc poco a poco

ah, —

stay with me, held in my arms. Like branch-es of a tree, they'll

stay with me, held in my arms. Like branch-es of a tree, they'll

stay with me, held in my arms. Like branch-es of a tree, they'll

stay with me, held in my arms. Like branch-es of a tree, they'll

[F]

ff

67 shel - ter — you for ma - ny years, — so — ma - ny years, —

shel - ter — you for ma - ny years, — so — ma - ny years. —

ff **mf**

shel - ter — you for ma - ny years, — for — so — ma - ny years. —

ff **mf**

8 shel - ter — you for ma - ny years, — so ma - ny

ff **mf**

shel - ter — you for ma - ny years, — so ma - ny

rit. al fine

71 oh, — so ma - ny years. — Stay with me. **pp**

Stay with me. **pp**

mp **pp**

Stay with me. **pp**

mp **pp**

years. Stay with me. **pp**

mp **pp**

years. Stay with me. **pp**

rit. al fine