

for David Hill and The Bach Choir  
in celebration of the 90th birthday of Sir David Willcocks

# The Rose in the Middle of Winter

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Lightly swinging ♩ = c.120

*p dolce*

SOPRANO 1  
SOPRANO 2

There's a rose in the mid-dle of win - ter, a rose which has no

*p dolce*

ALTO 1  
ALTO 2

There's a rose in the mid-dle of win - ter, a rose which has no

TENOR 1  
TENOR 2

BASS 1  
BASS 2

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*p dolce*

for rehearsal only

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S. 1  
S. 2

thorn, in - to the gar - den it comes, like a

thorn, no thorn, in - to the gar - den it comes, like a

A. 1  
A. 2

thorn, in - to the gar - den it comes,

thorn, no thorn, in - to the gar - den it comes, like a

*mp*

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7 child that is wait - ing to be born, \_\_\_\_\_  
 child that is wait - ing to be born, wait - ing. \_\_\_\_\_  
 child that is wait - ing to be born, wait - ing. \_\_\_\_\_

10 *unis. mp*  
 S. 1 While he waits \_\_\_\_\_ for the  
 S. 2  
 A. 1 *mp*  
 A. 2 While he waits \_\_\_\_\_ for the  
 T. 1 *mp*  
 T. 2 And while he waits \_\_\_\_\_ for the rose to bloom, \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. 1 *mp*  
 B. 2 While he waits \_\_\_\_\_ for the rose to bloom, \_\_\_\_\_

14 *mf* *f*

rose\_ to bloom, the gard'n - er sings: and the clouds all dance to his

*mf* *f*

rose\_ to bloom, the gard'n - er sings: clouds all dance, to his

*mf* *f* *unis.*

the gard'n - er sings: and the clouds, and the

*mf* *f*

the gard'n - er sings: clouds all dance to his

18

tune, and the clouds all dance to his tune, his

tune, and the clouds all dance to his tune, all

clouds all dance to his tune, and the clouds all dance to his

tune, and the clouds all dance to his tune, his

21 *dim.* *mp* "uhh"  
 tune. (3)  
*dim.* *mp*  
 dance to his tune, dance to his tune, his tune.  
*dim.* *mp* T. 1 *p*  
 tune, all dance to his tune. T. 2 (3) *p*  
*dim.* *mp* *p*  
 There's a  
 tune, his tune. There's a  
*dim.* *mp* *p*

25 *p*  
 A bird,  
*p*  
 A bird,  
 bird in the mid - dle of win - ter, a bird whose song is a  
 bird in the mid - dle of win - ter, a bird whose song is a

28 *mp*

a prayer, a prayer, like a

*mp*

a prayer, a prayer, like a

*mp*

prayer, in - to our dreams it comes, like a

*mp*

prayer, a prayer, in - to our dreams it comes, like a

31

child, a child. And

child, a child. And

child, like a child who is al - most here.

child, like a child who is al - most here, al - most here.

35

while he waits for the bird to sound,

while he waits for the bird to sound,

*mp* While he waits for the

*mp* While he waits for the

38

*mf* the gard'n - er sings: and the

*mf* the gard'n - er sings:

*mf* bird to sound, the gard'n - er sings: and the

*mf* bird to sound, the gard'n - er sings:

*mf*

41 *f*

stars all dance in a round, and the stars all dance in a  
stars all dance in a round, and the stars all dance in a  
stars, and the stars all dance in a round, and the  
stars all dance in a round, and the stars all dance in a

44 *dim.*

round, a round.  
round, all dance in a round, dance in a round, a  
stars all dance in a round, all dance in a  
round, a round, a

(3)

47 *mp* *p* S. 1 *p*  
 S. 2  
 There's a child in the mid-dle of win - ter, a  
 round. There's a child in the mid-dle of win - ter, a  
 round.  
 round.  
 round.

51 *mp*  
 S. 1 in - to our days\_ he  
 S. 2 child like a flower in the snow, the snow, in - to our days  
 A. 1 snow, in - to our days\_ he  
 A. 2 child like a flower in the snow, the snow, in - to our days

54 comes, like a child who is with us, with us now. —

— he comes, like a child who is with us, with us now,

comes,

— he comes, like a child who is with us, with us now,

57

S. 1 *unis. mp* with us now. — While he lis - tens —

S. 2 with us now. — While he lis - tens —

A. 1 *mp* with us now. — While he lis - tens —

A. 2 with us now. — While he lis - tens —

T. 1 *mp* And while he lis - tens — to the

T. 2 while he lis - tens — to the

B. 1 *mp* While he lis - tens — to the

B. 2 while he lis - tens — to the

61 *mf*  
 to the song of a rose, the gard'n - er  
*mf*  
 to the song of a rose, the gard'n - er  
*mf*  
 song of a rose, *unis.* the gard'n - er  
*mf*  
 song of a rose, the gard'n - er  
*mf*

64 *f*  
 sings: and the child is a dance in his soul, and the  
*f*  
 sings: child is a dance in his soul, and the  
*f*  
 sings: and the child, and the child is a dance in his  
*f*  
 sings: child is a dance in his soul, and the

67

and the child a dance in his *ff*

S. 1  
S. 2

child is a dance in his soul, \_\_\_\_\_ and the child is a dance in his

child is a dance in his soul, \_\_\_\_\_ and the child is a dance in his *ff*

soul, \_\_\_\_\_ and the child is a dance in his soul, \_\_\_\_\_ and the *ff*

child is a dance in his soul, \_\_\_\_\_ and the child is a dance in his *ff*

child is a dance in his soul, \_\_\_\_\_ and the child a dance in his *ff*

70

soul, \_\_\_\_\_ the child a dance in his soul, \_\_\_\_\_

soul, \_\_\_\_\_ and the child is a dance in his soul, \_\_\_\_\_ his

soul, \_\_\_\_\_ and the child is a dance in his soul, \_\_\_\_\_ a

child is a dance in his soul, \_\_\_\_\_ and the child is a dance in his

soul, \_\_\_\_\_ and the child is a dance in his soul, \_\_\_\_\_

soul, \_\_\_\_\_ the child a dance in his soul, \_\_\_\_\_ his

73 *dim.* *poco rit.*  
*mp*  
 soul.  
*dim.* *mp*  
 dance in his soul, dance in his soul, his soul.  
*dim.* *mp*  
 soul, a dance in his soul.  
*dim.* *mp*  
 soul, his soul.  
*poco rit.*  
*mp*

76 *Slower* *rit.*  
*P*  
 There's a rose in the mid - dle of win - ter.  
*P*  
 There's a rose in the mid - dle of win - ter.  
*p*  
 A rose.  
*p*  
 A rose.  
*Slower* *rit.*  
*P*