

Commissioned by my friend Ethan Sperry and The Portland State Chamber Choir

# THE HEAVENS' FLOCK

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Con espressione ♩ = 58-63

Ēriks EŠENVALDS  
(\*1977)

*mf* *mp*

S Ah Ah

A Ah Ah

T Ah Ah

B Ah Ah

*p*

7 Stars, you are the heav-ens' flock, tan-gling your pale wool a-cross the

S Oh the

A Oh the

T Oh the

B Oh the

4

*pp*

*mp*

10 night sky, a - cross the night sky.

S

night sky, a - cross the night... Stars, you're bits of oil - y

A

night sky, a - cross the night... Stars, you're bits of oil - y

night sky, a - cross the night sky.

T

night sky, a - cross the night sky.

B

night sky, a - cross the night sky.

13

*p*

S

fleece catch - ing on barbs of dark - ness to swirl in black wind, in

A

fleece catch - ing on barbs of dark - ness to swirl in black wind, in

T

catch - ing on barbs of dark - ness to swirl in black wind, in

B

catch - ing on barbs of dark - ness to swirl in black wind, in

21

poco rall.

Agitato ♩ = 80-84

16

*mf*

*p*

S  
black wind. You ap-pear, dis-ap-pear by thou - sands, scat-tered

A  
black wind. You ap-pear, dis-ap-pear by thou - sands, scat-tered

T  
black wind. You ap-pear, dis-ap-pear by thou - sands, scat-tered

B  
black wind. You ap-pear, dis-ap-pear by thou - sands, scat-tered

poco rall.

*ff*

20

S  
wide to graze but nev-er stray - ing. While I,

A  
wide to graze but nev-er stray - ing. While I,

T  
wide to graze but nev-er stray - ing. While I,

B  
wide to graze but nev-er stray - ing. While I,

28

6

$\text{♩} = 66$

*poco rit. (molto)*

25

*p*

S  
I, a mere shep - herd of these words, am lost.

A  
I, a mere shep - herd of these words, am lost.

T  
I, a mere shep - herd of these words, am lost, am lost.

B  
I, a mere shep - herd of these words, am lost, am lost.

*Sensible, rubato*  $\text{♩} = 60-66$

30 *p* (melody)

S  
What can I do but build a small blaze and

A  
What can I do but build a small blaze and

T  
What can I do but build a small blaze and

B  
What can I do but build a small blaze and

34 *mf* (melody)

S feed it with branch - es the trees let fall: that twig - gy clat - ter strewn a -

A feed it with branch - es the trees let fall: that twig - gy clat - ter strewn a -

T *mf* (melody) feed it with branch - es the trees let fall: that twig - gy clat - ter strewn a -

B feed it with branch - es the trees let fall: that twig - gy clat - ter strewn a -

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S *f* Ah long the ground. And li - chen crust - ing such dead limbs *glows*

A long the ground. And li - chen crust - ing such dead limbs *glows*

T *mf* (melody) long the ground. And li - chen crust - ing such dead limbs *glows*

B long the ground. And li - chen crust - ing such dead limbs *glows*

40 *mf*

S sil - ver, glows white. (melody) The earth-food for a fire so un-

A sil - ver, glows white. The earth-food for a fire so un-

T sil - ver, glows white. The earth-food for a fire so un-

B sil - ver, glows white. The earth-food for a fire so un-

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*f*

S like and like your own. Oh, what (melody) can I do but

A like and like your own. Oh, what can I do but

T (melody) like and like your own, your own. Oh, what (melody) can I do but

B like and like your own, your own. Oh, what can I do but



48

*ff*

S  
build a small blaze. Ah Ah

A  
build a small blaze. Ah Ah

T  
build a small blaze. Ah Ah

B  
build a small blaze. Ah Ah

53

S  
Oh Oh

A  
Oh Oh

T  
Oh Oh

B  
Oh Oh

58 *mp* *rit.* *pp*

S Oh Oh Mm

A Oh Oh Mm

T Oh Oh Mm

B Oh Oh Mm

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