

WE NEVER WE KNOW

For Unaccompanied SATB Choir and Semi-Chorus

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Ritualistic (c. ♩=72)

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CHOIR

S. *fp* — *ff* Spring! — *fp* — *ff* Spring!

A. *fp* — *ff* Spring! — *fp* — *ff* Spring!

T. *fp* — *ff* Spring! — *fp* — *ff* Spring!

B. *fp* — *ff* Spring! — *fp* — *ff* Spring!

SEMI-CHORUS

S. *fp* — *ff* May

A. *fp* — *ff* May

T. *fp* — *ff* May

B. *fp* — *ff* May

CHOIR:

5 *p poco marc.* — *fp (senza cresc.)*

S. Spring, spring, spring, spring!*

A. Spring, spring, spring, spring, spring!*

T. Spring, spring, spring, spring!*

B. Spring, spring, spring, Spring!*

SEMI-CHORUS:

S. *p poco marc.* — *fp (senza cresc.)*

A. Spring, spring, spring, spring!*

T. Spring, spring, spring, spring!*

B. *p poco marc.* — *fp (senza cresc.)*

spring, spring, spring Spring!*

*) When marked *fp*, close onto the [ng] sound immediately.

9 10 *mf* *p* *sim.* *mp*

S. Spring, spring! Ev - 'ry -

A. Spring, may, spring! may E' - -

T. Spring, may, spring! may Ev - 'ry -

B. Spring, spring! Ev - 'ry -

13 *f* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

S. where's here, Spring! _____

A. where's here, Spring, may, spring! _____

T. where's here, Spring, may, spring! _____

B. where's here, Spring, may spring! _____

S. A. *f* (With a low high low and the bird on the

T. B. *f*

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S. *p* Spring, spring! *f* How? *p* why

A. *p* Spring, may, spring! *f* may How? *p* why

T. *p* Spring, may, spring! *f* may How? *p* why

B. *p* Spring, spring! *f* How? *p* why

S. *p* Why

A. *p* Why

T. *p* Why

B. *p* Why

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S. *p sotto voce* We ne - ver we know *gliss.*

A. *p sotto voce* We ne - ver we know *gliss.*

T. *p sotto voce* We ne - ver we know *gliss.*

B. *p sotto voce* We ne - ver we know *gliss.*

S. *f whispered* (So

A. *f whispered* (So

T. *f whispered* (So

B. *f whispered* (So

25 *pp*

S. Shy sweet ea - ger - ly, shy sweet

A. *pp* Shy ea - ger - ly, shy

T. *pp* Shy sweet ea - ger - ly, shy sweet

B. *pp* Shy sweet ea - ger - ly, shy sweet

S. *repeated independant whispers*

A. kiss me) ||: so kiss me :||

T. *repeated independant whispers*

B. *repeated independant whispers*

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S. ea - ger - ly, shy sweet ea - ger - ly my most

A. *f* ea - ger - ly, shy sweet ea - ger - ly my most

T. *f* ea - ger - ly, shy sweet ea - ger - ly my most

B. *f* ea - ger - ly, shy sweet ea - ger - ly my most

S. *(cont.)*

A. *(cont.)*

T. *(cont.)*

B. *(cont.)*

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CHOIR:

S. A.

dear

T. B.

dear

SEMI-CHORUS:

S. A.

Spring! may, Spring! may, Spring! may, Spring! may,

T. B.

Spring! Spring!

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S. A.

T. B.

S. A.

Die! live, die! live, die!

T. B.

f sub. mf mp p pp

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S. A.

The new is the true and to lose is to

T. B.

p mf

S. A.

live,

T. B.

fp

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S. *mp* _____ *f* _____ Live _____
have _____ die! _____ Live _____

A. *mp* _____ *f* _____ Live _____
have _____ die! _____ Live _____

T. *mp* _____ *f* _____ Live _____
have _____ die! _____ Live _____

B. *mp* _____ *f* _____ Live _____
have _____ die! _____

S. *mf* _____ How? Why? _____
Spring! may _____

A. _____ How? Why? _____
Spring! may _____

T. *mf* _____ How? Why? _____
Spring! may _____

B. _____ How? Why? _____
Spring! may _____

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S. _____ *p* _____
Live _____

A. _____ *p* _____
Live _____

T. _____ *p* _____
Live _____

B. _____ *p* _____
Live _____

S. *unis. mf* _____ *gliss.* _____
We ne - ver we know _____

A. _____ *gliss.* _____
We ne - ver we know _____

T. *unis. mf* _____ *gliss.* _____
We ne - ver we know _____

B. _____ *gliss.* _____
We ne - ver we know _____

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accel. Più mosso (c. ♩=92)

pp with excitement

S. *pp* with excitement
Brave, _____ brave, _____ brave, _____

A. *pp* with excitement
Brave, _____ brave, _____ brave, _____

T. *pp* with excitement
Brave, _____ brave, _____ brave, _____ brave, _____

B. *pp* with excitement
Brave, _____ brave, _____ brave, _____

S. *divisi. mp* The earth and the sky
mf The earth and the

A. *divisi. mp* The earth and the sky
mf The earth and the

T. *divisi. mp* The earth and the sky
mf The earth and the

B. *mf* The earth and the

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S. *p*
brave, _____ brave, _____ brave, _____

A. *p*
brave, _____ brave, _____ brave, _____

T. *p*
brave, _____ brave, _____ brave, _____

B. *mp mp*
brave, _____ brave, _____ brave, _____ brave, _____

S. sky are one to - day,

A. sky are one to - day,

T. sky are one to - day,

B. sky are one to - day,