

# *Stevie Smith Songs*

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Three settings of poems by Stevie Smith (1902-1971):

- "Not Waving but Drowning"
- "Company"
- "I Like to Play with Him"

Approximate Duration 9'

Instrumentation:

- Soprano Voice
- Clarinet in Bb
- Violin
- Cello
- Vibraphone/Marimba (1 Performer)

This score is in C. All instruments sound as written.

# Company

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Poem by Stevie Smith

Musical score for Clarinet in B-flat, Violin, Cello, and Marimba. The score consists of four staves, each with a different instrument. The Clarinet in B-flat staff is at the top, followed by the Violin, Cello, and Marimba. The Marimba staff is grouped with a brace. The music is in common time, with various key changes indicated by key signatures. Dynamic markings include *mf*, *f*, *p*, *< f*, *pp*, *ppp*, *pizz.*, *arco*, and *p*. Articulation marks like dots and dashes are also present. Measure numbers are indicated above the staves.

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Violin

Cello

Marimba

## Company

Musical score for strings and marimba, page 2, section Company.

The score consists of four staves:

- b Cl.** (Bass Clarinet) in G clef, 7/4 time. Dynamics: *mf*, *p*, *pp*.
- Vln.** (Violin) in G clef, 7/4 time. Dynamics: *pp*.
- Vlc.** (Double Bass) in F clef, 7/4 time. Dynamics: *p*, *mf*, *pp*.
- Mar.** (Marimba) in G clef, 7/4 time. Dynamics: *p*.

Measure 7: The b Cl. and Vln. play eighth-note patterns. The Vlc. plays eighth notes with slurs and dynamics *p* and *mf*. The Mar. plays eighth-note chords.

Measure 8: The b Cl. and Vln. continue their eighth-note patterns. The Vlc. plays eighth notes with slurs and dynamics *p* and *pp*. The Mar. continues eighth-note chords.

Measure 9: The b Cl. and Vln. continue their eighth-note patterns. The Vlc. plays eighth notes with slurs and dynamics *pp* and *arco*. The Mar. continues eighth-note chords.

Measure 10: The b Cl. and Vln. continue their eighth-note patterns. The Vlc. plays eighth notes with slurs and dynamics *pp*. The Mar. continues eighth-note chords.

## Company

3

12

S

12

b Cl.

12

Vln.

12

Vlc.

12

Mar.

A **f** — 3 —

Rise — from your bed of lan - gour!

pizz.

mf

f

pizz.

mf

mf

mf

mf

This musical score page shows a vocal part and five instrumental parts. The vocal part (Soprano) begins with a sustained note and then moves to a melodic line. The instrumental parts (Bassoon, Violin, Double Bass, Maracas) provide harmonic and rhythmic support. The vocal part concludes with the lyrics 'Rise — from your bed of lan - gour!'. Various dynamics (mf, f, pizz.) and performance instructions (grace notes, triplets) are indicated throughout the score.

## Company

17 S Rise \_\_\_\_\_ from your bed of \_\_\_\_\_ dis- may! \_\_\_\_\_ Your friends will not come to - - mor - - - - row,

17 b Cl. *mp* *pp*

17 Vln. *arco* *mp* *pp* *pizz.* *mp*

17 Vlc. *arco* *p*

17 Mar. *p* *mf*

This musical score page contains five staves. The first staff is for the Soprano (S) voice, which begins with a melodic line and then provides the lyrics for the vocal part. The second staff is for the Bassoon (b Cl.). The third staff is for the Violin (Vln.) and includes dynamic markings: 'arco' at the beginning, 'mp' in the middle, and 'pizz.' towards the end. The fourth staff is for the Cello (Vlc.) and also includes a dynamic marking 'arco'. The fifth staff is for the Maracas (Mar.) and includes dynamic markings 'p' and 'mf'. Measure numbers '17' are placed above each staff. The vocal line consists of several sustained notes with grace notes and a three-note group underlined with a bracket. The orchestra parts provide harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns.

## Company

5

22

S

as they did not come to - day.

b Cl.

Vln.

Vlc.

Mar.

*arco*

*pp*

*p*

*pizz.*

*mf*

*p*

*mf*

This musical score page contains five staves of music for orchestra and choir. The vocal part (Soprano) has lyrics: "as they did not come to - day." The instrumentation includes Bassoon, Violin, Cello/Bass, and Maracas. The score shows various musical techniques such as woodwind chords, bowed strings, and maracas. Dynamic markings include *pp*, *p*, *pizz.*, *mf*, and *arco*.

## Company

B

Soprano (S) 27 *mp* —— 3 —— You must re - ly on your-self, they said. *mf* —— 3 —— You must re-ly on your - self.

Bassoon (B Cl.) 27 *pp* *mf* *pp* *mp*

Violin (Vln.) 27 *pp* *mp* *mp* *arco*

Cello (Vlc.) 27 *mp*

Martinet (Mar.) 27 *mp*

## Company

7

Musical score for the piece "Company". The score includes parts for Soprano (S), Bassoon Clarinet (b.Cl.), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vlc.), and Maracas (Mar.). The vocal part (S) starts with a dynamic **f** and lyrics: "Oh but I find this pill so bitter". The bassoon clarinet part includes dynamics **mp**, **p**, **f**, and **sul D**. The violin part includes dynamics **mp**, **mf**, and **f**. The cello part includes dynamics **mp**, **p**, and **f**. The maracas part includes dynamics **mf**, **mf**, and **f**. Measure numbers 32 are indicated above each staff.

## Company

39

S

*ff*  $\overbrace{b\; b}$   $\boxed{C}$

Crying oh sweet death come to me Come to

39

$\flat$  Cl.

$p < mf$

39

Vln.

*mf*

$\overbrace{b\; b}$

39

Vlc.

*f*  $\overbrace{b\; b}$   $mf$

39

Mar.

*f*  $\overbrace{b\; b}$   $mf$

*f*

Detailed description: This is a page from a musical score. It features five staves: Soprano (S), Bassoon (Cl.), Violin (Vln.), Cello/Bass (Vlc.), and Maracas (Mar.). The vocal part (S) has lyrics: "Crying oh sweet death come to me Come to". The score includes dynamic markings such as *ff*, *p*, *f*, and *mf*. Performance instructions like "3", ">", and "<" are also present. Measure numbers 39 are indicated above each staff. The Maracas part is grouped by a brace.

## Company

9

45

S me — for — com - pa-ny ————— *mf* Sweet — death it is on - ly you

45 *mf* *p*

Vln. *mp*

Vlc. *ppp*

45 *p*

Mar.

## Company

53

S I can con - strain for com - pa-ny. *rit.*

b Cl. *ppp* *mp* *3* *rit.* *pp*

Vln. *ppp* *sul G*

Vlc. *rit.* *sul D* *ppp*

Mar. *ppp* *rit.* *ppp*

This musical score page shows a vocal line and parts for various instruments. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "I can con - strain for com - pa-ny." followed by a rest. The bassoon part consists of six measures starting with "ppp" and ending with "rit.". The violin part has two measures of "ppp" followed by "sul G". The cello part has two measures starting with "rit." and ending with "sul D". The maracas part has four measures starting with "ppp" and ending with "rit.". The entire section ends with a dynamic "ppp" and a ritardando.