

# I Shall Not Care

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Poem by Sara Teasdale (1884-1933)

F. 139

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***Instrumentation***

*SATB (a cappella)*

***Performance Time***

*approximately 2'35"*

**I Shall Not Care**

*Sara Teasdale (1884-1933)*

When I am dead and over me bright April  
Shakes out her rain-drenched hair,  
Through you should lean above me broken-hearted,  
I shall not care.

I shall have peace, as leafy trees are peaceful  
When rain bends down the bough;  
And I shall be more silent and cold-hearted  
Than you are now.

# I Shall Not Care

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Freely, peacefully (♩ = 126)

*p legato*

S  
When I am dead and o'er me bright A - pril shakes out her rain - drenched hair,

A  
When I am dead and o'er me bright A - pril shakes out her rain - drenched hair,

7  
Though you should lean a - bove me bro - ken heart - ed, I shall not care.

Though you should lean a - bove me bro - ken heart - ed, I shall not care.

13  
I shall have peace, as leaf - y trees are peace - ful.

I shall have peace, as leaf - y trees are peace - ful.

18  
I shall have peace, as leaf - y trees are peace - ful when rain bends down the bough;

I shall have peace, as leaf - y trees are peace - ful when rain bends down the bough;

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25 **Slower** (♩ = 120)  
*mp*

S. When I am dead and o'er me bright A - pril shakes

A. When I am dead and o'er me bright A - pril shakes out her

T. When I am dead and o'er me bright A - pril shakes

B. When I am dead and o'er me bright A - pril shakes

29

*Removed for security purposes.  
Thank you for your understanding.*

out her rain - drenched hair, Though you should lean a -

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bove me bro - ken heart - ed, I shall not care.

bove me bro - ken heart - ed, I shall not care.

bove me bro - ken heart - ed, I shall not care.

bove me bro - ken heart - ed, I shall not care.

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I shall have peace, as leaf - y trees. are peace - ful.

I shall have peace, as leaf - y trees are peace - ful.

I shall have peace, as leaf - y trees are peace - ful.

I shall have peace, as leaf - y trees.

43

*Removed for security purposes.  
Thank you for your understanding.*

— I shall have peace, as leaf - y trees are peace - ful when—

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rain bends down the bough, when rain bends down the bough;

rain bends down the bough, when rain bends down the bough;

rain bends down the bough, when rain bends down the bough;

rain bends down the bough, when rain bends down the bough;

Slower (♩ = 112)

54 *mp, with growing anger*

And I shall be, shall be more si - lent and cold - heart - ed, more

*mp, with growing anger*

and I shall be more si - lent and cold - heart - ed, more

*mp, with growing anger*

And I shall be more si - lent and cold - heart - ed, more

*mp, with growing anger*

And I shall be more si - lent and cold - heart - ed, more

59 *sfz*

si - lent and cold - heart - ed than you are now.

*sfz*

si - lent and cold - heart - ed than you are now.

*sfz*

si - lent and cold - heart - ed than you are now.

*sfz*

si - lent and cold - heart - ed than you are now.

64 *p, peacefully* *rit.* *ppp* 2'45"

When I am dead, When I am dead, When I am dead.

*p, peacefully* *ppp*

When I am dead, When I am dead, When I am dead.

*p, peacefully* *ppp*

When I am dead, When I am dead, When I am dead.

*p, peacefully* *ppp* *df Sep '05*

When I am dead, When I am dead, When I am dead. (Dead.)