

# Requiescat

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Poem by Oscar Wilde (1856-1900)

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***Instrumentation***  
*Tenor Solo, SATB (a cappella)*

***Performance Time***  
*approximately 3'10"*

## **Requiescat**

Tread lightly, she is near  
Under the snow,  
Speak gently, she can hear  
The daisies grow.

All her bright golden hair  
Tarnished with rust,  
She that was young and fair  
Fallen to dust.

Lily-like, white as snow,  
She hardly knew  
She was a woman, so  
Sweetly she grew.

Coffin-board, heavy stone,  
Lie on her breast;  
I vex my heart alone,  
She is at rest.

Peace, peace; she cannot hear  
Lyre or sonnet;  
All my life's buried here,  
Heap earth upon it.

—*Oscar Wilde (1856-1900)*

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Oscar Wilde (1856-1900)

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Recit, Grave (♩ = 54)

Tenor solo  
Tread light-ly, she is near un-der the snow,

S.  
Mmm

A.  
Mmm

T.  
Mmm

B.  
Mmm

9  
Speak gent-ly she can hear the dais-ies grow.

S.  
Mmm

A.  
Mmm

T.  
Mmm

B.  
Mmm

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17 *f*

All her bright gold - en hair tarn - ished with

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20 *mp*

rust, she that was young and so fair, fall - en to dust.

Mmm

Mmm

Mmm

Mmm

Grave (♩ = 54)

24

*p* Tread light - ly, she is near un - der the snow,

*p* Tread light - ly, she is near un - der the, un - der the snow,

*p* Tread light - ly, she is near un - der the snow,

*p* Tread light - ly, she is near un - der the, un - der the snow,

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

Speak gent - ly she can hear the dais - ies grow.

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*f* All her bright gold<sup>3</sup> - en hair tarn-ished with rust, she that was

*f* All her bright gold - en hair tarn-ished with rust, she that was

*f* All her bright gold<sup>3</sup> - en hair tarn-ished with rust, she that was

*f* All her bright gold - en hair tarn-ished with rust, she that was

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*mp* young and so fair fall - en to dust. *pp*

*mp* young and so fair fall - en to dust. *pp*

*mp* young and so fair fall - en to dust. *pp*

*mp* young and so fair fall - en to dust. *pp*

40 *pp*

Lil - y - like, white as snow, she hard - ly knew she was a wo - man, so

*pp*  
Lil - y - like, white as snow, Oh

*pp*  
Lil - y - like, white as snow, Oh

*pp*  
Lil - y - like, white as snow, Oh

*pp*  
Lil - y - like, white as snow, Oh

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gent - ly she grew.

gent - ly grew. Cof - fin - board, heav - y stone, lie on her breast;

*f*

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

53 *mf*

I vex my heart, I vex my heart a-lone: She is at

*p* Ah

*p* Ah

*p* Ah

*p* Ah

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58 **Slightly Faster**

rest.

*p* Peace, peace; she can-not hear ly-re or son-net;

*p* Peace, peace; she can-not hear ly-re or son-net;

*p* Peace, peace; she can-not hear ly-re or son-net;

*p* Peace, peace; she can-not hear ly-re or son-net;



63 *Slower*  
*mf* *p*

All my life is bur - ied here, Ah heap earth up - on it,  
Ah heap earth up - on it,  
Ah heap earth up - on it,  
Ah heap earth up - on it,

69 *3'15"*

heap earth up - on it. Mmm  
Mmm  
Mmm  
Mmm

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