

To my dear friend Guy Richardson, in celebration...

HOLDING THE STARS

for unaccompanied mixed voice choir

Words & music by
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p With wonderment (♩=c.48) *pp* *mp*

Soprano
Now on this night of won - der, now on this night of won - der of

Alto
Now on this night of won - der, now on this night of won - der

Tenor
Now on this night of won - der now on this night of won - der

Bass
Now on this night of won - der now on this night of won - der

Piano
p *pp* *mp*

5 *mf* *mf* *mp* *mf* *mf*

moon - beam shad - ows long, love - li - ness I know will steal my self when day is

of shad - ows long love - li - ness I know will steal when day is

of moon - beam shad - ows long... I know will steal when day is

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p strong. Love-li-ness will steal my self. *mf* The new sun throws down his

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f crown, all is life, all is one. As sum - mer, as sum - mer air stills the

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poco rit. *slower* *mp* *p*

earth _____ souls are free, hearts are won. _____ As sum-mer stills the earth _____ our

earth _____ souls are free, _____ hearts are won. _____ As sum-mer stills the earth _____ our

earth _____ souls are free, hearts are won _____ Souls are free, our

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poco rit. *slower* *mp* *p*

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$(\text{♩} = c.48)$
tempo primo
pp

l. _____ are _____ won. Lost in this night of shad - ows, lost in this night of

hearts are _____ won. _____ lost in this night of shad - ows, lost in this night of

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tempo primo *pp*

30 *mp*

shad - ows I wan - der a - lone in thought - ful - ness and qui - et,

mp

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still lost in dreams, still lost in dreams I wan - der, but hold - ing the stars,

wan - der, still lost in dreams I wan - der, but hold - ing the stars,

wan - der still lost in dreams I wan - der, but hold - ing the stars,

qui - et, still lost I wan - der, but hold - ing the stars,

41 *p* *mp cresc.*

hold - ing the stars, hold - ing stars, hold - ing stars I

p *mp cresc.*

hold - ing the stars, hold - ing star: hold - ing stars I

p *mp cresc.*

hold - ing the stars, hold - ing stars hold - ing stars I

p *mp cresc.*

hold - ing the stars, hold - ing stars, hold - ing stars I

46 *f* *p poco rit.*

wan - der, I wan - der hold - ing the stars Still lost in dreams I

f *p*

wan - der, I wan - der hold - ing the stars. Still lost in dreams I

f *p*

wan - der, I wan - der hold - ing the stars. Still lost in dreams I

f *p*

wan - der, I wan - der hold - ing the stars. Still lost in dreams I

poco rit.

a little slower (♩=c.40)

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wan - der, I wan - der, still lost in

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wan - der, I wan - der, still lost in

a little slower (♩=c.40)

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dreams but hold - ing, hold - ing, the stars.

dreams, but hold - ing hold - ing, the stars.

dreams, but hold - ing, hold - ing, the stars.

dreams, but hold - ing, hold - ing, the stars.

rall.

rall.