

THREE SONGS

from 'THE HEART OF THE MATTER'

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BENJAMIN BRITTEN
(1913-1976)

Prologue

Freely

TENOR

HORN
(actual sounds)

PIANO

1 With movement

The first system of the musical score consists of five staves. The top two staves are empty. The third staff is the right hand of the piano, featuring a series of chords and triplets. The fourth staff is the left hand, with a melodic line. The fifth staff is the bass line. A dynamic marking of *p* is present. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#).

The second system of the musical score consists of five staves. The top two staves are empty. The third staff is the right hand of the piano, featuring a series of chords and triplets. The fourth staff is the left hand, with a melodic line. The fifth staff is the bass line. A dynamic marking of *p* is present. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#).

2 *f broadly*

Where _____ are the seeds _____ of the U - ni - ver - sal Fire _____ To burn the roots of

The third system of the musical score consists of five staves. The top staff is a vocal line starting with a square box containing the number 2. The second staff is empty. The third staff is the right hand of the piano, and the fourth and fifth staves are the left hand. A key signature change occurs in the piano accompaniment, moving from three sharps to two flats (Bb, Eb). A dynamic marking of *f* and the instruction *broadly* are present.

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Horn in F

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rall.

Voice: To burn the roots of Death in the world's cold heart?

p cresc.

fire, take fire, take fire, take

pp

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Epilogue

Freely

p *quietly*

1 With movement

Voice: break - ing out in the fields and

2 hedge-rows,

p *p*

3 Gently

Voice: O, the new tem- per - of - Christ,

[Freely]
muted

Pno

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