



# **A Song of Rest**

**H. Walford Davies**  
**(1869-1941)**

**Sir Henry Walford Davies** (1869-1941) was born in Oswestry on the England-Wales border. As a child, he learned to play many instruments in an informal band with his brothers, cousins and friends. He became a chorister at St. George's Chapel, Windsor; then entered the Royal College of Music, studying under Parry and Stanford. He taught at the Royal College of Music, Aberystwyth University, and Gresham College, with Leopold Stokowski among his notable students. He served as organist at numerous churches including St Anne's Church, Soho; Christ Church, Hampstead; and Temple Church. He became the first director of music to the Royal Air Force and organist at St. George's Chapel, Windsor. He was a well-known and popular radio personality through his broadcasts on classical music and held the title Master of the King's Musick from 1934 until his death.

Rest on the hills,  
Rest in the trees,  
Rest in the wandering, whispering breeze;

“Rest,” the sun cries,  
As he dies in the sky;  
“Rest to you all, for the darkness is nigh.”

Cloudless the heavens,  
Silent the earth,  
Come, peaceful Night, to approve the day’s worth;

“Rest,” the sun calls,  
As he falls out of night:  
Rest to us all through the darkness of night.

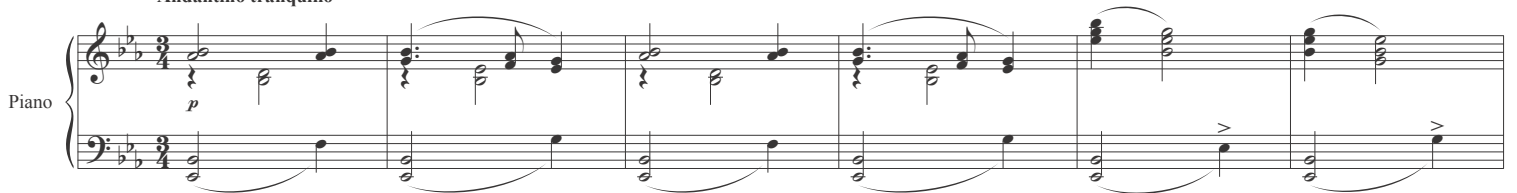
Anon.

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*Andantino tranquillo*

Piano



The piano introduction consists of six measures. The right hand features a melody of eighth notes with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

**SOPRANO**

S

7 Rest on the hills, Rest in the

Pno.




The vocal line begins at measure 7 with the lyrics "Rest on the hills, Rest in the". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes, maintaining the *Andantino tranquillo* tempo.

S

12 trees, Rest in the wan - der - ing, whis - per - ing breeze;

Pno.



The vocal line continues at measure 12 with the lyrics "trees, Rest in the wan - der - ing, whis - per - ing breeze;". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes.

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17

S Rest on the hills, Rest in the trees, Rest in the

A Rest, rest on the hills, Rest in the trees,

T Rest, rest on the hills, Rest in the trees,

B Rest, rest on the hills, Rest in the trees,

Pno. *p*

22

S wan - der - ing, whis - per - ing breeze;

A Rest in the wan - der - ing breeze;

T Rest in the wan - der - ing breeze;

B Rest in the wan - der - ing breeze;

Pno.

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26

S *mf* "Rest," the sun cries, As he dies in the

A *mf* "Rest, rest," the sun cries, As he

T *mf* "Rest," the sun cries, As he dies in the

B *mf* "Rest," the sun cries, "Rest,

Pno. *mf*

29

S *f* sky; "Rest to you all, *pp* for the

A *f* dies in the sky; "Rest to all, *pp* for the

T *f* sky; "Rest to you all, *pp* for the

B *f* rest to you all, *pp* for the

Pno. *f* *pp e rit.*

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34

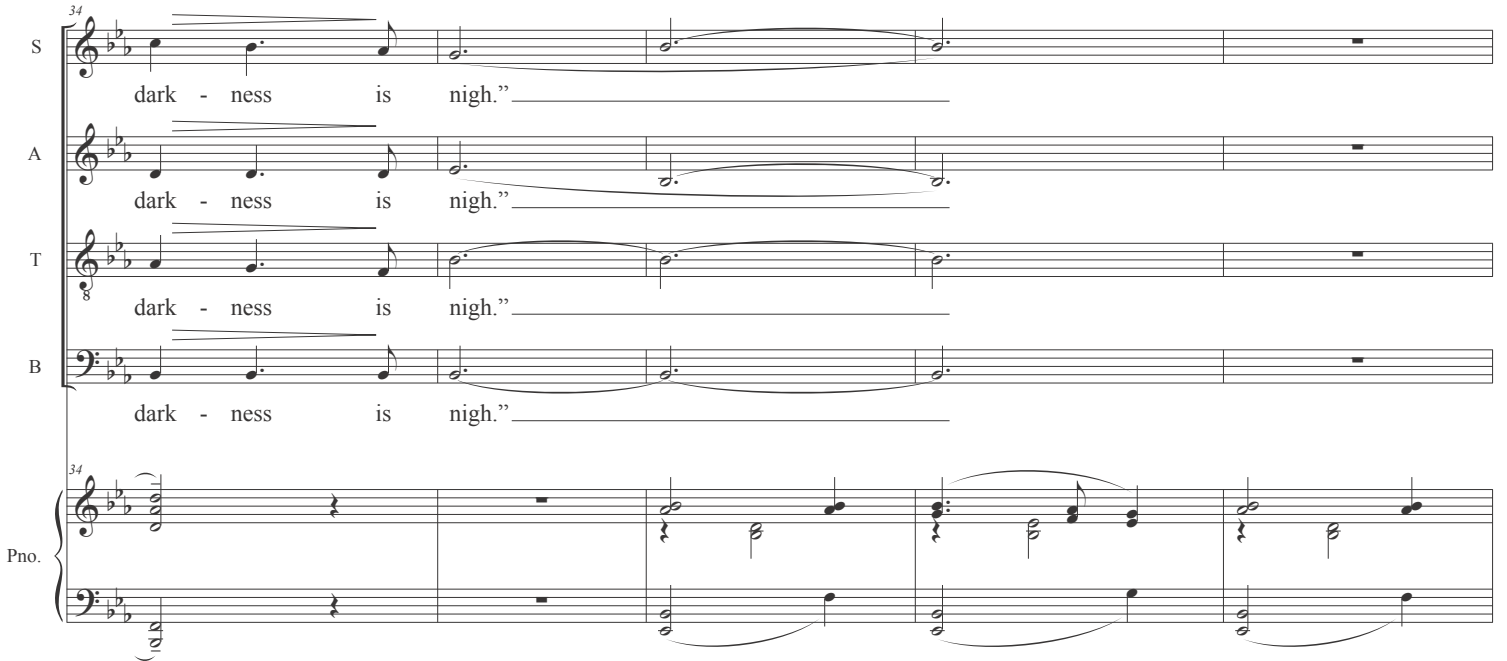
S  
dark - ness is nigh."

A  
dark - ness is nigh."

T  
dark - ness is nigh."

B  
dark - ness is nigh."

Pno.



39

Pno.



**SOPRANO**

44 *pp*  
S  
Cloud - less the heavens, Si - lent the earth,

44 *pp*  
Pno.



*ped. sempre*

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48

S  
Come, peace - ful Night, to ap - prove the day's worth;

Pno.

52

S  
Cloud - less the heavens, Si - lent the earth,

A  
Cloud - less, cloud - less the heavens, Si - lent the

T  
Cloud - less, cloud - less the heavens, Si - lent the

B  
Cloud - less, cloud - less the heavens, Si - lent the

Pno.



# A Song of Rest

56

S Come, peace - ful Night, to ap - prove the day's worth;

A earth, Night is ap - proach - - -

T earth, Night is ap - proach - - -

B earth, Night is ap - proach - - -

Pno.

60

S "Rest," the sun calls, As he falls out of

A ing, "Rest, rest," the sun calls, As he

T ing, "Rest," the sun calls, As he falls out of

B ing, "Rest," the sun calls, Rest,

Pno.

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64

S night: Rest to us all

A falls out of night: Rest to all

T night: Rest to us all

B rest to us all

Pno. *f*

68

S *pp e rit.* through the dark - ness of night. *pp*

A *pp e rit.* through the dark - ness of night. *pp*

T *pp e rit.* through the dark - ness of night. *pp*

B *pp e rit.* through the dark - ness of night. *pp*

Pno. *pp e rit.* *dolce ed a tempo*

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Pno.

73

*pp*

*ped.*

Pno.

77

*pp*

*ped.*

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