

Father the Tree

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Andante (♩ = 60 - 72)

Soprano
Fa-ther the tree leaned so far o-ver the road

Alto
Fa-ther the tree leaned so far o-ver the road it fell

Tenor
Fa-ther the tree leaned so far o-ver the road it fell

Bass
Fa-ther the tree leaned so far o-ver the road fell this win-ter;

Reduction

A

S
they've cleared the road no-thing left etc. but up-turned roots on one

A
they've cleared the road no-thing left etc. but up-turned roots on one

T
no-thing left etc. but up-turned roots on one side

B
no-thing left etc. but up-turned roots on one side

Red.

Dynamic markings: *f*, *pp*, *mp*, *p*. Performance instructions: *etc.*, *3*, *8*, *4*, *3/4*, *4/4*, *3/8*, *8/8*.

7 B

S
side hacked - off limbs on the o-ther.

A
side hacked - off limbs on the o-ther. (dully) *p* Your old shoes have

T
8 hacked - off limbs on the o-ther.

B
hacked - off limbs on the o-ther.

Red.
(dully) *p*

10 *p*

S
Go.

A
3 no - where to go. Your old shoes have no - where to go. *p*

T
8 Go. *p*

B
(dully) *p* Your old shoes have no - where to go. 3

Red.
(dully) *p* 3

poco rit. C Poco meno mosso

S Oh.

A Oh.

T Oh. All your tools wait,

B Oh. All your tools, all your tools wait,

Red. *p* *pp* (hollow) *pp* (hollow)

(Intensifying)

S

A All your tools wait in the base-ment,

T all your tools wait in the base-ment, all your

B all your tools wait in the base-ment, all your tools

Red. *pp* (hollow) *p*

poco mosso
marcato

19 *p* *cresc.* 3 3

S All your tools wait in the base-ment with the look of your strength worn in - to the

A *p* *cresc.* 3 3 (*marcato*) 3
all your tools wait in the base-ment with the look of your strength worn in - to the

T 8 *cresc.* 3 3 (*marcato*) 3
tools wait in the base-ment with the look of your strength worn in - to the

B wait in the base-ment with the look of your strength worn in - to the

Red. *cresc.* 3 3 (*marcato*) 3

22 *f* 3 // **D** (*Mosso*) *p*

S han - dles. *dolce* As for the rest, I see you rise to take the view,

A *f* *dolce* *p*
han - dles. *dolce* As for the rest, I see you rise take view,

T 8 *f* *p*
han - dles. *dolce* rest, I see you rise take view,

B *f* *p*
han - dles. *dolce* see you rise take view.

Red. *f* *dolce* // (*Mosso*) *p*

25 *> pp*

S place more wood on the fire, your smoke part of the

A place more wood on the fire, your smoke part of the

T place more wood on the fire, your smoke part of the

B place more wood on the fire, your smoke part of the

Red. *> pp*

28 *Solo*

S haze that tin - ges sun - set.

A haze tin - ges sun - set.

T haze tin - ges sun - set.

B haze tin - ges sun - set.

Red. *dim.*

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31 *ppp* *luminous* [E] *[solo tacet]* *p*

S You burned a lot of

A You burned a lot of

T You burned a lot of

B You burned a lot of

Red. *ppp* *p*

34 *sfp* *Ritenuito* *pp*

S trees in nine - - - ty years.

A trees in nine - - - ty years.

T trees in nine - - - ty years.

B trees in nine - - - ty years.

Red. *sfp* *pp*