

For Barbara Clelland Branner Ciarniello, in memory of Nana.
Commissioned by Elektra Women's Choir, by Maureen Ciarniello.



Heather

Robert Macfarlane

from The Lost Words Book

Carmen Braden

♩ = 90 gently

S1 S2 *p* *p* *p* *p* *p*

heh hoh hah oo

A1 A2 *p* *mp* *pp*

heh Hea-ther is ne-ver c neh hea-ther, as moor is ne-ver mer - ely moor. E-ver

X note heads unpitched, whispered, breathy "h" sound.

Pno *mp*

8

S1 S2 *p* *mp* *mf*

lain down, hea-ther; hea-ther mea-sure, mea-sure sh sh shares its

A1 A2 *mf*

la' in hea-ther, got its meas - ure, seen how it shares its wea-ther, it shares its

Pno *pp*

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A decisively

13

S1 S2 *(mf)*
wea-ther with As - pho-del and bil - ber-ry, crow - ber-ry and cot-ton grass,

A1 A2 *(mf)*
wea-ther with As - pho-del and bil - ber-ry, crow - ber-ry and cot-ton grass,

Pno *mf* *mp* *sub p* *echo*

16

S1 S2 *mp* *mf* *sub p*
grows, grows, grows to - ge - ther with Tor - men-til's flo - wer, moss - 's

A1 A2 *mp* *mf* *sub p*
grows, grows, grows. her with Tor - men-til's flo - wer, moss - 's

Pno *mp* *mf* *sub p*

19

S1 S2 *p*
cu li - chen's fea-ther? heh

A1 A2 *mf* *p*
shion, li - chen's fea-ther? heh

Pno *f* *p*

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B warmly

22 *mp*

S1 S2 Hold a heart - ful of hea-ther, ne - ver, ne - ver let it wi-ther, ev - en

A1 A2 *mp tutti* Hold a heart - ful of hea-ther, ne - ver, ne - it wi-ther, ev - en

Pno *mp*

27

S1 S2 as you tra-vel far, el far from crag and

A1 A2 as you tra-vel far tra-vel far from crag and

Pno *f*

31 **C** $\text{♩} = 80$ wistfully

S1 S2 *ri'* *f* *pp* *p* *mp* ri - ver. Re - mem-ber heh hea-ther re-mem-ber

A1 A2 *ppp* *pp* *p* *mp* ver. Oo Re - mem-ber heh hea-ther,

Pno *mp* *p* *p* *ppp* *mp*

an echo

38

S1
S2

re-mem - ber

A1
A2

p *mp* *p*

hea - ther, the com - pa - ny it keeps, its trea - sure...

Pno

p *pp*



When the most recent edition of the Oxford Junior Dictionary - widely used in schools around the world - was published, a sharp-eyed reader soon noticed that around forty common words considered to be common words considered to have been dropped. The words were no longer being used enough by children to merit their place in the dictionary. The list of these "lost words" included acorn, arbutus, bell, dandelion, fern, heron, kingfisher, newt, otter, and willow. Among the words that have since earned their place were attachment, blog, broadband, bullet-point, cut-and-paste, e-mail. The news of these substitutions - the outdoor and natural being displaced by indoor and virtual - became seen by many as a powerful sign of the growing disconnect between childhood and the natural world.

In response, Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris set out to make a "spell book" that would track twenty of these lost words, and the beings they name, from acorn to wr...

...undson, Elektra Women's Choir director, decided to commission 10 composers - 20 compositions each - to set the poetry of Robert Macfarlane - a fabulous concert program was born (premiered in 2022). These pieces are available monthly and also as a complete book. They can be performed with piano alone or with instrumentation: flute/piccolo, violin, cello, clarinet/bass clarinet and marimba/percussion.

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