

Meadows of Heaven

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
based on a quotation for "Evangeline: A Tale of Acadie"

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d=48 Lightly, with an ethereal mood

S1

S2 *pp*
Si - lent - ly, Si - lent - ly, Si - lent - ly, Si - lent - ly,

A1 *pp*
Si - lent - ly, Si - lent - ly, ent - ly, Si - lent - ly,

A2 *pp*
Si - - - lent .y.,

rehearsal only

S.1 5
- - - lent - - - ly,

S.2 *mp*
Si - lent - Si - lent - ly, Si - lent - ly, Si - lent - ly,

A.1 *mp*
- - - lent - - - ly, Si - lent - ly, Si - lent - ly, Si - lent - ly,

A.2 - - - lent - - - ly,

Pno.

9

S.1 *mf*

S.2 *mf*

A.1 *mf*

A.2 *mf*

Pno.

Si - lent - ly, Si - lent - ly, Si - lent - ly,

Si - lent - ly, Si - lent - ly, Si - lent - ly,

Si - lent

ly,

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12

S.1 *mp*

S.2 *mp*

A.1 *mp*

A.2 *mp*

Pno.

ly, Si - lent - ly.

Si - lent - ly, Si - lent - ly, Si - lent - ly.

Si - lent - ly, Si - lent - ly, Si - lent - ly.

Si - ly.

B ♩ =80 *playfully*

S.1 ♩ 15 **p** Mea-dows of hea - ven, — Mea-dows of hea - ven, —

S.2 ♩ **p** Mea-dows of hea - ven, — Mea - hea - ven, —

A.1 ♩ **p** Mea-dows of hea - ven, — Mea-dows of hea - ven, —

A.2 ♩ **p** Hea - ven. — Hea -

Pno. ♩ **B**

19 ♩ **mf** Mea-dows of hea - ven, — Mea-dows of hea - ven, —

S.1 ♩ Mea-dows of hea - ven, — Mea-dows of hea - ven, —

S.2 ♩ Mea-dows of hea - ven, — Mea-dows of hea - ven, —

A.1 ♩ **mf** Mea-dows of hea - ven, — Mea-dows of hea - ven, —

A.2 ♩ **mf** Hea - ven. — Hea - ven. — Hea -

Pno. ♩

rall.

S.1 *Meadows of heaven, infinite,*

S.2 *Meadows of heaven, infinite,*

A.1 *Meadows of heaven,*

A.2 *ven.*

Pno.

C ♩.=80 Can be sung or started to bar 32

S.1 *Silently, silently, silently, silently,*

S.2 *Silently, silently, silently, silently,*

A.1 *one, by one, silently,*

A.2 *One, by one, silently,*

Pno.

All singers

32

S.1 *mp*
Si - lent - ly, si - lent - ly, si - lent - ly, si - lent - ly

S.2 *mp*
Si - lent - ly, si - lent - ly, si - lent - ly, si -

A.1 *mp*
One _____ by _____ one, _____ Si - lent - ly,

A.2 *mp*
One _____ by _____ one, _____ Si - lent - ly,

Pno.

37

S.1 *mf*
Hea - ven. Hea -

S.2 *mp*
Mea-d ea - ven, Mea-dows of hea - ven,

A.1 *mp*
Mea-dows of hea - ven, Mea-dows of hea - ven,

A.2 *mp*
Mea-dows of hea - ven, Mea-dows of hea - ven,

Pno.

41

S.1 - ven. *f* Hea - - - ven.

S.2 Mea - dows of hea - ven, *mf* N - - - of hea - - - ven,

A.1 Mea - dows of hea - ven, *mf* *f* Mea - dows of

A.2 Mea - dows of hea - ven, *mf*

Pno.

D $\text{♩} = 48$ sense of awe

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S.1 Hea - - - ven, In - fi - nite

S.2 Hea - - - ven, In - fi - nite

A.1 - ven, Hea - - - ven, In - fi - nite

A.2 Mea - dows of hea - ven, In - fi - nite

Pno.

E

49

S.1 *p* *mp*
 mea - dows, Blossomed the love - ly stars,

S.2 *mf* *p* *mp*
 mea - dows, Blossomed th - ly stars,

A.1 *mf* *p* *mp*
 mea - - dows, Love - ly stars,

A.2 *mf* *p* *mp*
 mea - - dows, Love - ly

Pno.

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54

S.1 The for - get - me - nots of the an - gels $\frac{6}{8}$

S.2 The for - get - me - nots of the an - gels $\frac{6}{8}$

A.1 *mp* ly stars, $\frac{6}{8}$

A.2 Love - ly stars, $\frac{6}{8}$

Pno.

57

S.1 *mp*
Blos-som the love - ly stars, 9
8

S.2 *mp*
Love - ly stars, 9
8

A.1 *mp*
Love - ly stars, 9
8

A.2 *mp*
Love - ly stars, 9
8

Pno.

61

S.1 *mf*
The for - - notes of the an - - gels

S.2 *mf*

A.1 *mf*

A.2 *mf*

Pno.

64 $\text{♩} = 72$

S.1 Mea-dows of hea - ven, — Mea-dows of hea - ven, —

S.2 Mea-dows of hea - ven, — Mea-dows of

A.1 Mea-dows of hea - —

A.2 Mea-dows of ven, —

Pno.

F Enter randomly and freely chant "one by one" for 8 - 12 seconds. In bar 70, singers end on "one" with a cue from the conductor.

67 pp 8-12'

S.1 One by one... one. —

S.2 hea - — One by one... one. —

A.1 -dows of hea - ven, — One by one... one. —

A.2 Mea-dows of hea - ven, — One by one... one. —

Pno.

G $\text{♩} = 80$ Optional SSAA quartet first time sung *p* and all singers, the second time *mp*.

S.1 *p-mp*
 Si - lent - ly, si - lent - ly, si - lent - ly, si - lent - ly,

S.2 *p-mp*
 Si - lent - ly, si - lent - ly, si - lent - ly, si -

A.1 *p-mp*
 One by one, Si - lent - ly,

A.2 *p-mp*
 One by one Si - lent - ly,

Pno. **G**

$\text{♩} = 60$

H

S.1 *mp* — — — *p* — — —
 One by one Si - - - - - lent - -

S.2 *mp* — — — *p* — — —
 One by one Si - lent - ly, Si - lent -

A.1 *mf* — — — *p* — — —
 by one Si - lent - ly, Si - lent -

A.2 *p* — — — *p* — — —
 One by one Si - - - - -

Pno.

H

82

S.1

S.2

A.1

A.2

Pno.

ly

ly, _____ Si - lent - ly, _____ Si - lent - ly,

ly, _____ Si - lent - ly, _____ Si - ' ,

- lent - - -

pp

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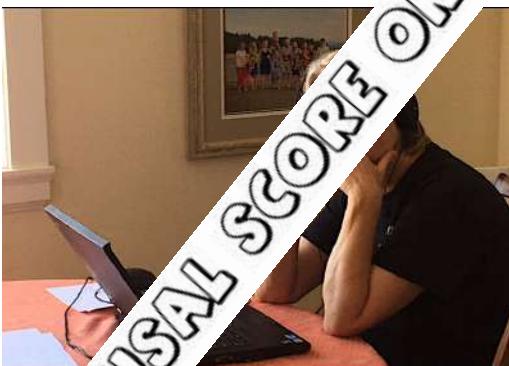
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"Silently, one by one, in the infinite meadows of heaven, Blossomed the lovely stars, the forget-me-nots of the angels."

Quotation by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807 - 1882)



In 2^r this past summer (2023), I spent time at Cape Egmont, Prince Edward Island and became fascinated with Acadian history and writing. One poem that I loved learning about was "Evangeline" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Although Longfellow is not Acadian, this epic poem is one of his most famous pieces. It depicts the separation and lifelong search of Evangeline Bellefontaine for her beloved Gabriel Lajeunesse after they were separated during the Acadian deportation known as the Great Expulsion. The narrative follows Evangeline's journey and unwavering hope as she travels across North America, ultimately finding Gabriel on his deathbed. The quotation I used, from Longfellow's poem, paints a picture of stars blossoming in the celestial expanse - "meadows of heaven."