

SATB divisi, solo
a cappella

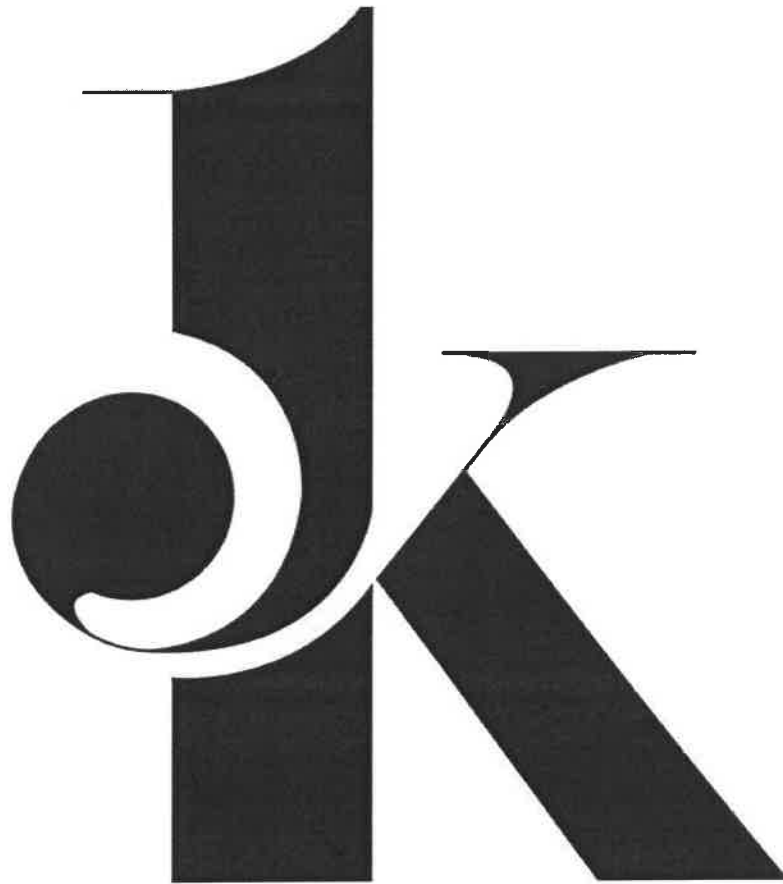
Do not stand at my grave and weep

Poetry by

Mary Elizabeth Frye (1905-2004)

Music by

James W. Knox



INSPIRE AND SING

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.

Mary Elizabeth Frye (1905-2004)

The poem that Mary had written in 1932 depicts the story of a young Jewish girl, Margaret Schwarzkopf, who had been staying at the Frye's household and was unable to visit her dying grandmother in Germany due to anti-Semitic unrest. Mary Frye made several copies of the poem and circulated them privately and among her friends. She never published or copyrighted the poem and so it remained unknown until Frye revealed that she had written it. Her claim was confirmed in 1998 after research by Abigail Van Buren.

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$\text{♩} = 46$ senza rubato

Voice

Do not stand ___ at my grave

Soprano

Oo

Oo

Alto

Oo

Oo

Tenor

Oo

Oo

Bass

Oo

Oo

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and weep _____ I am not there. I

S

A

T

B

Do not stand at my grave and weep

♩ = 56

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rit.

do not sleep, I do not sleep.

Loo loo loo

Loo loo loo

Loo ___ loo

Loo

14

I am a thousand winds that

Loo loo loo Loo loo loo Loo loo loo

Loo loo loo Loo loo loo Loo loo loo

Loo ___ loo Loo ___ loo Loo ___ loo

Loo Loo Loo

Do not stand at my grave and weep

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blow _____ I am the glints on snow. _____ I

S Loo loo loo Loo loo loo Loo loo loo Loo loo loo

A Loo loo loo Loo loo loo Loo loo loo #Loo loo loo

T Loo loo Loo loo Loo loo loo Loo loo loo

B Loo Loo Loo Loo

21

am the sun light on ri pened grain. I am the gen tle au tumn rain.

S Ah _____ Ah _____

A Ah _____ Ah _____

T Ah _____ Ah _____

B Ah _____ Ah _____

Do not stand at my grave and weep

25

$\text{♩} = 50$ a little slower

When you a wak en in the morn _____ ing's hush.

S Ah _____ I am _____ the swift un -

A Ah _____ I am _____ the swift un -

T Ah _____ I am the swift un -

B Ah _____ I am the swift un -

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S lift ing rush. Of _____ qui et birds of cir cled flight.

A lift ing rush. Of _____ qui et birds of cir cled flight.

T lift ing rush. Of qui - et birds of cir cled flight.

B lift ing rush Of qui et birds of cir cled flight.