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# trees

e. e. cummings

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♩ = 72

Double Quartet

2 S  
2 A  
2 T  
2 B

Barytone Solo

Chorus

S  
A  
T  
B

mp  
ppp  
mp  
ppp  
ppp  
p  
p  
pp  
pp  
mf

bla - ck a - gains - t fr -  
c b ch  
again - t  
c b ch  
c b ch

whir ...  
whir  
(non cresc.)  
(non cresc.)  
cbch  
cbch

ppe - d leaf a goes whir - ling whir -  
white sky trees which fr - om droppe - d leaf a

bla - ck again - t white sky trees which  
bla - ck

12

whir - ling

ling

black against white

black against white

ling black against white sky

goes whir - ling

fr - om droppe - d

against t whir - ling

goes whir - ling

16

whir - ling

whir - ling

ropped

on from dropped

rees which from dropped

trees

ling

ling

ling

om droppe - d leaf a goes whir - ling tree

tree

tree

21 *poco meno mosso* *a tempo*

*p* give give *pp* give give *p* give give *mp* give give *mf* give give *f* give you *p*

give give *pp* give give *p* give give *mp* give give *mf* give give *f* give you *p*

8 give give *pp* give give *p* give give *mp* give give *mf* give give *f* give give *f* give

*dolce* were in bud when to me *p* *mp*

*mp* give give *p*

give give *pp* bud

give give give *f* give *f* give *f* give

25

love *f*

love *f* *p*

love *f*

love *f*

love *f*

made for by love love said *f* *mf*

made for by love *p* *mf* *f*

made for by love *p* *mf* *f*

you made for by love *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

you made for by love *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

30

yes  
yes  
yes  
yes

did o no yes

yes

no

earth was in earth  
earth was in earth

35

earth was in  
earth was

live spring  
live live spring  
spring

was in spring

with all beau - ti - ful things

as in  
was in

live live spring  
live live spring

was in earth was in earth was in  
was in earth was in earth was in

spring  
spring

39

me you gave gave gave

me you gave gave

me you gave gave

me you gave

when to me you gave

me you

ti me

with all beau-ti-ful things when to

ve gave gave

*pp p mp mf mp*

*pp p mp mf*

*pp p mp mf*

*pp p mp mf*

*mp cresc*

*pp p mp*

*pp p*

*p ppp*

*mf mp*

*mf mp*

43

birds in

ling birds in

ling birds trees are

dar ling birds

birds are in trees are in

dar ling birds

dar ling birds

dar ling birds trees are

dar ling birds

dar ling birds

dar ling birds trees are

dar ling birds

*mp*

*mp*

*p*

*pp mp*

*mp*

*pp mp*

*pp mp*

*pp mp*

*pp mp*

*pp mp*

49 *poco meno mosso*

*I solo p* *f espr.* *a 2 p*

I'm born I'm

*I solo p* *f espr.* *a 2 p*

I'm born I'm

*I solo p* *f espr.* *a 2 p*

in I'm born

*(a 2) mf*

when to me you

*mf*

when to me you leap and I'm when

*ppp* *mf*

song

*ppp* *mf*

song

*ppp* *mf*

in song

*ppp* *mf*

song

*ppp* *mf*

song

nen I'm

I'm

I'm

I'm

54 *poco rit.*

*mf*

born

*mf*

born

*mf*

born

*mf*

born

bo

*poco rit.*

m

and I'm

when to me you leap and I'm

when to me you leap and I'm

*poco rit.* *mp*

*poco rit.* I'm

*f* *fp*

I'm born I'm

*f* *fp*

when to me you leap and I'm

*f* *fp*

I'm born I'm

when to me you leap and I'm

*f* *fp*

born I'm born

*mf* *f* *mf* *a 2* *mp*

when to me you leap and when to me you leap and when to me you leap and I'm

58 *mp* *pp*

*1 solo mp* *a 2 pp*

I'm sun - light of one - ness  
 I'm sun - light of one - ness  
 sun - light of one - ness  
 sun - light of one - ness  
 sun - light of

born we're sun - light of one - ness

I'm *pp*  
 I'm *pp*

(attacca)

62 ♩ = 88 (whisper)

sit - ting in sit - ting in a tree  
 sit sit - ting in a tree  
 sit - ting in a tree  
 sit - ting in a tree  
 sit - ting in a tree  
 o small you sit - ting in a tree sit - ting in a tree-top  
 sit - ting in a tree sit - ting in a tree  
 sit - ting in a tree sit - ting in a tree  
 sit - ting in a tree sit - ting in a tree  
 sit - ting in a tree sit - ting in a tree  
 sit - ting in a tree sit - ting in a tree

65 *mp* sit-ting in a tree-top *a 2 p semplice* ri - ding on a gree - nest

*mp* sit-ting in a tree-top *a 2 p semplice* ri - ding on a gree - nest

ri - ding on a gree - nest

*p* greenest *p* greenest

nest greenest greenest greenest

69 *mf imitating* sitting in a tree

*mf imitating* sitting in a tree

g on a gree - nest

ri - ding on a gree - nest

*mf childish ad lib* sitting in a tree o

*mf imitating* sitting in a tree

*mf imitating* sitting in a tree

gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest

ri - ding ri - ding ri - ding ri - ding ri - ding ri - ding

*p* ride on ride on ride on ride on ride on ride on ride on



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o small you sit-ting in a tree sit-ting in a tree-top

o small you sit-ting in a tree sit-ting in a tree-tr

mf sit-ting in a tree

mf sit-ting in a tree

small you sit-ting in a tree sit-ting in

o small you sit-ting in a tree -top

o small you sit-ting in a tree , in a tree-top

gree-nest gree-nest gree - nest gree-nest gree-nest gree-nest gree - nest

ri - ding ri - ding ri - ding ri -

ride on ride on ride .e on ride on

75

ri-ding on a gr

ridir

ri-ding on a greener

riding on a greener

nest

on a greenest

riding on a greener o litt-le I riding on a leaf

riding on a greenest

riding on a greener

riding on a greenest

riding on a greener

ree-nest gree-nest gree - nest gree-nest gree - nest gree-nest gree-nest gree-nest gree-nest gree-nest gree-nest gree-nest

ri - ding ri - ding ri - ding ri - ding ri - ding

ride on ride on ride on ride on ride on ride on

78

*mf* litt-le I ri-ding on a leaf o least who

*mf* litt-le I ri-ding on a leaf o least who

*pp* ri-ding on a leaf

*mf* ri-ding on a leaf o least who

o least who

litt-le I ri-ding on a leaf

litt-le I ri-ding on a leaf

gree-nest gree-nest gree-nest gree-nest gree-nest gr ee-nest gree-nest gree-nest

ri - ding ri - ding ri - ding

ride on ride on on ride on ride on

81

sing small thing

*f* dance litt-le joy shine most

*f* dance litt-le joy shine most

shine most

*f* dance little joy shine most

*f* dance little joy shine most

all thing dance little joy shine most

*p* sing small thing dance little joy shine most

*f* gree-nest gree-nest gree-nest gree-nest gree-nest gree-nest gree-nest gree-nest shine most

ri - ding ri - ding ri - ding ri - ding ride shine most

ride on ride on ride on ride on ride shine most

85

prayer sitting in a tree o small you

prayer sitting in a tree o sma<sup>i</sup>

prayer sit - ting in a tree o small you

prayer sitting in a tree

prayer sit - ting in a tree

prayer in a tree

prayer in a tree all you

gree - nest greenest gree-nest gree - nest gree-nest gree - nest gree - nest gree-nest

dance litt - le joy dance litt - le joy dance

y dance litt - le joy dance litt - le joy

88

sit - ting in a tree - top

sit-ting in a tree - top

sit - ting in a tree

sit - ting in a tree - top

a tree o small you small

in a tree o small you small

ree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest

dance litt - le joy dance litt - le joy dance litt - le joy dance litt - le joy

90

ri-ding on a greenest

riding on a greener

riding on a greenest

riding on a greener

ri-ding on a gree - nest

ri - ding on a gree

riding in a greenest

ri - ding on a gree - nest

ri - ding on a gree - ner

you on a gree - nest

ner

you on a gree - nest

ner

gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest

nest gree - nest

dance litt - le joy dance litt - le joy

joy dance litt - le joy

92

ri - ding on a leaf

ri - ding on a leaf

ri - ding on a leaf

ri - ding on a leaf

o little I

ri - ding on a leaf

o litt - le I

ri - ding

o litt - le I

ri - ding

gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest gree - nest

dance litt - le joy dance litt - le joy dance litt - le joy dance litt - le joy

94

dance little joy shine most prayer

sing small thing dance little joy shine most prayer

sing small thing dance little joy shine most prayer

o least who sing small thing dance little joy shine most pr

o least who sing small thing dance little joy shine

o least who sing small thing dance little joy shine

o sing dance shine

grec-nest grec-nest grec - nest

mp

dance litt - le joy

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greenest greenest greenest greenest greenest greenest greenest greenest greenest greenest

ppp

dance litt - le joy dance litt - le joy dance litt - le joy dance litt - le joy dance litt - le joy dance litt - le joy

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101 *Meno mosso* ♩ = 48

solo *pp* now  
*pp* now this tree  
*a 2 pp*  
*mf*  
*pp* have  
*pp*

now all the fin - gers of this tree  
 now all the fin - gers of this tree

*ppp*  
 (tr.)  
 dar - ling  
 whisper)  
 dar - ling

105

hands  
 hands  
 hands  
 hands  
 hands  
 hands

more — each — par - ti - cu - lar per - son is  
 and par - ti - cu - lar per - son is  
 more — each — par - ti - cu - lar per - son is  
 and par - ti - cu - lar per - son

and all the hands have people  
 unis. *mp*  
 and all the hands have people  
 hands  
 hands  
 hands hands

109

my love a - live than eve - ry world can un - der - sta (nd)  
 my love a - live than eve - ry world can un - der - stand  
 my love a - live than eve - ry world can un - der - sta (nd)  
 my love a - live than eve - ry world can un - der - s'

my love a - live  
 my love a  
 my love a

113

mys - te - ry which will nev - er  
 and I am now and we're a mys - te - ry  
 a mys - te - ry  
 a mys - te - ry  
 mys - te - ry  
 mys - te - ry

118

nev-er be-fore shi -

nev-er hap-pen a - gain nev-er be-fore shi

a - gain a - gain nev-er be-fore

hap-pen a - gain, a mir-a-cle which has nev-er hap-pened be-fore

hap-pen a - gain

hap-pen nev-er hap-pen a - gain shi -

hap-pen a - gain shi -

hap-pen -er be-fore shi -

hap-pen nev-er be-fore shi -

mf 3 p (whisper) 3 mf

mf > p (whisper) 3 mf

mf > p (whisper) 3 mf

mf pp mf > pp (whi

mf pp mf 3 p

mf pp mf > pp

mf pp mf > pp

mf pp mf > pp

122

ning — this our now

ning — this c

ning .

to then our

ust come our

ow — must come — to then our then shall be some darkness

his our now — must come — to then

ning — this our now — must come — to then

our our

ning — this our now — must come — to then

ning — this our now — must come — to then

pp (if possible)

ppp 3 3 cresc. . .

p with increasing desparation cresc. . .

ppp our 3 3 cresc. . .



128

and I have no you:—

*p* *cresc. ...* *ff*  
our shall

*cresc. ...* *ff*  
our shall

our shall

our

during which fingers are without hands

our

*cresc. ...*  
our

*p* *cresc. ...*  
our

our

our shall  
(unis.)  
and I have no you:—

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*(portamento)*  
and all trees are

*(gliss)*  
its si - lent in for - ev - e - ring snow

*(gliss)*  
its si - lent in for - ev - e - ring snow

*(b)*  
its si - lent in for - ev - e - ring snow

*f* *f* *f*  
are a - ny - more than each leafless its si - lent in for - ev - e - ring snow

*mp subito* *(whisper)*  
trees are its si - for - ev - e - ring snow

*mp subito* *(whisper)*  
be for - ev - e - ring snow

*mp subito* *(whisper)*  
be for - ev - e - ring snow

*(portamento)* *f* *(whisper)*  
and all trees are its si - for - ev - e - ring snow

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*poco rit.*

my beau - ti - ful, my blos - soming blossoming

ne (ver) my beau - ti - ful my blossoming

my blos - soming

(spoken calmly) *mp* but nev - er fear my own, my beau - ti - ful, my blos - som

my own beau(tiful)

my own beau(tif

my own .ny blossoming

my own

my own

142

*a tempo*

I'm born I'm

I'm born I'm

I'm born when to me you leap and I'm

when to me you leap and I'm

n's un-til

then's uh-til

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born when to me you leap and I I'm born I'm  
 born when to me you leap and I I'm born I'm  
 born I'm born I'm  
 I'm born when to me you leap and I'm when to me yr  
 I'm I'm I'm I'm I'm I'm I'm I'm I'm I'm  
 when I'm

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born I'm  
 born you leap and I'm  
 born when to me you leap and I'm I'm  
 when to me you leap and I'm I'm  
 I'm born I'm  
 when to me you leap and I'm I'm  
 I'm born when to me you leap and I'm I'm  
 born I'm born  
 when to me you leap and when to me you leap and when to me you leap and I'm

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*mp*  
I'm \_\_\_\_\_ we're sun - light of one - ness

*I solo mp*  
I'm \_\_\_\_\_ we're sun - light of one - ness

*mp*  
born \_\_\_\_\_ we're sun - light of one - ness

*mp*  
we're sun - light of one - ness we're sun - light

*ppp*  
we're sun - ' .e - ness

*ppp*  
of one - ness

*ppp*  
sun - light of one - ness

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