

92 The Evening Primrose

Ars Cantandi

B. Britten

Andante tranquillo

Sopraan *pp*
When once the sun sinks _____ in the west,

Alt *pp*
When once the sun sinks _____ in the west,

Tenor *pp*
When once the sun sinks _____ in the west,

Bas *pp*
When once the sun sinks _____ in the west,

S *p*
And dew-drops pearl the eve-ning's breast; Al-most as pale___ as moon -

A
And dew-drops pearl the eve-ning's breast;

T
And dew-drops pearl the eve-ning's breast;

B
And dew-drops pearl the eve-ning's breast;

S *pp*
beams are, _____ as moon-beams are, The eve - ning prim-rose

A *p*
Or its com-pan-ion - a-ble star, The eve - ning prim-rose

T *pp*
The eve - ning prim-rose

B *pp*
The eve - ning prim-rose

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S opes a - new _____ Its blos - soms _____ *ppp*

A opes a - new _____ Its blos - soms _____ *ppp*

T opes a - new *p* Its del - i - cate blos - soms to the dew

B opes a - new _____ Its blos - soms _____ *ppp*

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S *pp* And, her - mit-like, shun - ning the light, *cresc.* Wastes its fair bloom up -

A *pp* And, her - mit-like, shun - ning the light, *cresc.* Wastes its fair bloom up -

T *pp* And, her - mit-like, shun - ning the light, *cresc.* Wastes its fair bloom up -

B *pp* And, her - mit-like, shun - ning the light, *cresc.* Wastes its fair bloom up -

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S on the night; *pp* Who, blind - fold to its fond ca -

A on the night; *pp* Who, blind - fold

T on the night;

B on the night;

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S res - ses, ca - res - ses *ppp*

A to its fond ca - res - ses, ca - res - ses *ppp*

T

B 8 *pp* Knows not the beau-ty he pos-ses - ses. *pp*

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S *cresc.* Thus its blooms on while night is by;— *f* When day looks out

A *cresc.* Thus its blooms on while night is by;— *f* When day looks out

T *cresc.* Thus its blooms on while night is by;— *f* When day looks out

B 8 *cresc.* Thus its blooms on while night is by;— *f* When day looks out

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S *mf* with o - pen eye, 'Bashed at the gaze it *p* *dim.*

A *mf* with o - pen eye, 'Bashed at the gaze it *p* *dim.*

T *mf* with o - pen eye, 'Bashed at the gaze it *p* *dim.*

B 8 *mf* with o - pen eye, 'Bashed at the gaze it *p* *dim.*

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S can - not shun, *pp* It faints and wi - thers and

A can - not shun,

T 8 can - not shun, *pp* It faints and wi - thers

B can - not shun,

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S is gone It faints and wi - thers and

A *pp* It faints and wi - thers and is gone

T 8 and is gone It faints and wi - thers

B *pp* It faints and wi - thers and is gone

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S is gone, and *(ppp)* is gone.

A It faints and wi - thers and is gone.

T 8 and is gone, It faints and is gone.

B It faints and wi - thers and is gone.