

In Silence

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I The Silence of the Forest

The score is written for three parts: TM (Tenor Male), VC (Voice), and Trp. (Trumpet). The music is in 9/8 time and consists of three systems of staves.

System 1:

- TM:** Lyrics: "The sha-dows fall the stars ap - pear". Dynamics: *p* (piano), *ppp* (pianississimo).
- VC:** Lyrics: "fall [II] the". Dynamics: *p*, *N* (normal), *pp*.
- Trp. in C:** Dynamics: *tr* (trill), *pp*.

System 2:

- TM:** Lyrics: "the birds be - gin to sleep". Dynamics: *ppp*.
- VC:** Lyrics: "sha-dows fall [II] sleep". Dynamics: *tr*, *ppp*.
- Trp.:** Dynamics: *pp*, *breath sound*, *mp* (mezzo-piano).

System 3:

- TM:** Lyrics: "of the earth ap -". Dynamics: *p*, *pp*, *[n]* (nasal), *tr*.
- VC:** Lyrics: "Night em-bra-ces the si - lent half earth the stars ap -". Dynamics: *tr*, *pp*.
- Trp.:** Dynamics: *tr*, *pp*.

* optional, improvising instrument