

Dedicated to Cynthia Damer (Soprano and Music Director), Bill Sorensen (Tenor), and Loren Evarts (Pianist)
and the congregation of the First Congregational Church of North Guilford, Connecticut

The Peace of Wild Things

Duet for Soprano, Tenor and Piano

Wendell Berry (1934 -)

Gwyneth Walker

Peacefully ♩ = 108 *poco accel.*

Piano *p* as a bird in flight

5 *rit.*, *a tempo* *rit.*, *a tempo*

9 *p* **A**

S When des - pair for the world grows in the _____

dim. *pp*

13 *LH*

S _____ and I wake in the night at the least sound _____

(*Reo.*)

16

S

T

p *mf*

in fear of what my life and my chil - dren's lives may

(Ped.)

19

S

T

(p) *p*

I go, I go, I go,

be, I

(Ped.)

22

S

T

mf cantabile *mf cantabile*

I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beau-ty on the

go, I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beau-ty on the

(Ped.)

26 *rit.*

S wa - ter, _____ and the great her-on feeds, -

T wa - ter, _____ the great her-ons feeds. *p*

rit.

30 **C** *a tempo* *mf*

S I come in-to the peace of wild things who

T I come in-to the peace of wild things who

C *a tempo* *(p)*

34

S do not tax their lives with fore-thought of grief. I

T do not tax their lives with fore-thought of grief.

36 **D**

S come in - to the pres ence of still wa - ter. _____

T _____ still _____ wa - - -

D

And.

39

S _____ And I feel a - bove me the day - blind

T _____ ter. _____ And I feel a - bove me the day - blind

(And.)

42

S stars wait-ing with their light. _____ For a

T stars wait-ing with their light. _____ For a

rit. **Slower** , *p*

rit. **Slower**

And.

45 **E** *a tempo* (♩ = 108)

S time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

T time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

E *a tempo* (♩ = 108)

Ped. *mf*

49

S

T

mf

Ped.

52 **F** *mf*

S I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beau-ty on the

T I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beau-ty on the

F *p*

55 *rit.* **Slower** (*mf*) *cantabile*

S wa - ter. I rest in the grace of the

T wa - ter, on the wa - ter. I

rit. **Slower** *8va--*

ped.

58 *p*

S world, and am free.

T rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

p

ped.

61 *a tempo* (♩ = 108) *rit.*

S

T

a tempo (♩ = 108) *rit.* *8va--*

(p) as a bird in flight

ped.