

**Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow (1807-1882)**

For my grandchildren

The Day is Done

SATB a cappella

**Jean Belmont Ford
(1939-)**

Molto espressivo ♩ = 96

Soprano Alto Tenor Bass

The day is done, and dark - ness

The day is done, is done, and dark - ness

The day is done, is done, and dark - ness

The day is done, is done, and dark - ness

The day is done, is done, and dark - ness

Molto espressivo ♩ = 96

*Piano (for rehearsal only)

5 falls from the wings of Night, of Night. Come,

falls from the wings of Night, of Night. Come,

falls from the wings of Night, of Night. Come,

falls from the wings of Night, of Night. Come,

poco rall. poco accel.

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A *a tempo*

9
read to me, read to me some po - em,
read to me, read to me some po - em,
read to me, read to me some po - em, some
read to me, read to me some po - em, some

A *a tempo*

14
some sim - ple and heart - felt lay, that shall
some sim - ple and heart - felt lay, that shall
po - em, some sim - ple and heart - felt lay, that shall
po - em, some sim - ple and heart - felt lay, that shall

18 **B** *cresc.*

soothe this rest - less feel - ing, and ban - ish the
cresc.

soothe this rest - less feel - ing, and ban - ish the
cresc.

soothe rest - less feel - ing, and ban - ish the
cresc.

soothe this rest - less feel - ing, and ban - ish the

B

cresc.

22 *poco rall. e decresc.*

poco accel.

thoughts of day. Come read, read, read to
decresc.

thoughts of day, of day. Come read, read, read to
decresc.

thoughts of day, of day. Come read, read, read to
decresc.

thoughts of day. Come read, read, read to

poco rall. e decresc.

poco accel.

26 *rall.* **f** **C Gently** $\text{♪} = 84$

me, read who heard
me, read to me from some hum-ble po - et, who heard in his
me, read to me from some hum-ble po - et, who heard in his
me, read to me from some hum-ble po - et, who heard
rall. **C Gently** $\text{♪} = 84$

cresc.
31 *accel. poco a poco*

— mu - sic of won - der-ful mel - o - dies, such
cresc.
soul the mu - sic of won - der-ful mel - o - dies, such
soul the mu - sic of won - der-ful mel - o - dies, such
cresc.
accel. poco a poco