

SLEEP NOW, Piontek
SBMP 1783

SSA(A)
piano with optional harp

Sleep Now

text by
James Joyce

music by
Joseph Piontek



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About the composer

Pianist and composer Joseph Piontek is the choral accompanist for Free State High School in Lawrence, Kansas, and is the church musician for the congregation of First Baptist Church of Topeka. Before arriving in Kansas, Mr. Piontek resided in Boulder County, Colorado. While there, in addition to completing his Masters degree in Piano Performance at the University of Colorado, he won prizes in international, regional, and local competitions such as the Colorado MTNA Young Artist Competition, and the Boulder International Chamber Music Competition. He also regularly collaborated with musicians of the Colorado Ballet Orchestra and the Boulder Philharmonic.



While Mr. Piontek's primary training has been on the piano, his professional life has inspired a love of composition, and he has so far produced works for choirs, bell choirs, and piano. His works have premiered at local festivals and at the 2023 KMEA in-service workshop.

In his personal life, Mr. Piontek enjoys exercising, finding fun new places to eat, and spending time with his wife and three cats.

Text

Sleep now, O sleep now,
O you unquiet heart!
A voice crying "Sleep now"
Is heard in my heart.

The voice of the winter
Is heard at the door.
O sleep, for the winter
Is crying "Sleep no more."

My kiss will give peace now
And quiet to your heart — -
Sleep on in peace now,
O you unquiet heart!

James Augustine Aloysius Joyce [1882-1941] was an Irish writer now more noted for his novels than his poems but who nevertheless achieved great success in both areas in his lifetime.

Ranges



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Dedicated to Stacy Miller, director, and the Bel Canto choir of Longmont High School

Sleep Now

James Joyce

Joseph Piontek

Restless ♩ = c. 124

Piano

mp

l.v.

play cue notes if no harp

4

8

a tempo

12

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A

15

mp

S
Sleep, sleep, O sleep now. O

mp

A
Sleep, O sleep now. O

19

S
sleep now, you un -

A
sleep now, O you un -

22

qui - et heart!

qui - et heart!

26 *mf*

S A voice cry - ing "Sleep

S A voice cry - ing "Sleep

A A voice cry - ing "Sleep

mf

30 *p*

now" I heard in my heart.

p

now" Is heard in my heart.

p

now" Is heard in my heart.

p cresc.

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38

41

rit.

p

B *a tempo, distressed*

play beat 1 as a sextuplet if no harp

44

p

S The voice of

S The voice of

A The voice of

46

win - ter is heard at the

win - ter is heard at the

win - ter is heard at the

The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand part with a melodic line and a left-hand part with a bass line featuring sixteenth-note patterns and a '6' fingering.

48

door.

door. The

door. The voice of

The piano accompaniment continues with similar patterns, including a bass clef part in measure 50.

omit bass clef part until m. 55 if no harp

50

voice of winter is
 winter is heard at the

52

The
 heard at the door. The
 door. The voice of

54 *mf*

voice of win - ter, the

mf

win - ter is heard

mf

win - ter is heard

6 3 3

PREVIEW

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3 3 3 3 3 3 3

65 *ff*

“Sleep no more.”

“Sleep no more.”

“Sleep no more.”

ff

D Mysterious, ethereal ♩ = c. 104

69 *pp*

ah

pp

ah

pp

ah

Mysterious, ethereal ♩ = c. 104

pp

75

Musical score for measures 75-79. It features two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal staves contain the lyrics "ah" and are marked with a fermata. The piano accompaniment consists of a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo is marked "rit." (ritardando).

80

Musical score for measures 80-84. It features two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal staves contain the lyrics "ah" and are marked with a fermata. The piano accompaniment consists of a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature changes to one sharp (F#) and one flat (Bb). The tempo is marked "rit." (ritardando).

85

E Lullaby ♩ = 96

p

— My kiss will give peace

p

— My kiss will give peace

p

— My kiss will give peace

Lullaby ♩ = 96

p

90

now, And qui - et to your heart

now, And qui - et to your heart

now, And qui - et to your heart



95

Sleep on in peace now O

99

Sleep,
sleep on in peace sleep on in

103

mf

— sleep on in peace — now, O

mf

peace — sleep on in peace — now, O

mf

peace sleep on in peace now, O

107

p *rit.* *pp*

you un - qui - et heart! O

p *pp*

you un - qui - et heart! O

p *pp*

you un - qui - et heart! O

rit.

p

Red. *

DO NOT PHOTOCOPY



F III

Freely ♩ = c. 60

sleep, _____ O sleep, _____ O

sleep, _____ O sleep, _____ O

sleep, _____ O sleep, _____ O

Freely ♩ = c. 60

pp

PREVIEW

115

you my heart! _____

you my heart! _____

you my heart! _____