

*Prairie Waters*  
*by Night*

for  
soprano & piano

Dedicated to Anna Alyce Tarver

Text by  
Carl Sandburg

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*Prairie Waters by Night* was composed for my friend, Anna Alyce Tarver. I started composing the piece in piece in the Fall of 2016 and completed it in the following spring. The text was by the great American poet, Carl Sandburg (1878–1967) and comes from his 1918 collection, *Cornhuskers*.

Accidentals only apply to the line, or space on which they are written.

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Andante ♩ = 72

Soprano

Piano

*legato*

*mp*

5

*mf* (A)

Chat - ter of birds two by two

*mp*

9

raise-s a night song join-ing a lit - a - ny of run - ning

*mf*

*p*

13

wa - ter \_\_\_\_\_ sheer

*mp*

17

wa - ters \_\_\_\_\_ 3 show - ing the rus - set \_\_\_\_\_ of old stones \_\_\_\_\_ re - mem - ber - ing \_\_\_\_\_ man - y \_\_\_\_\_ rains.

*p*

21

(B)

And long wil - lows \_\_\_\_\_ drowse on the

*mp* *mp*

25

shoul - ders of the run - ning \_\_\_\_\_ wa - ter, \_\_\_\_\_

*mf*

28

and sleep from much mu - sic;

32

joined songs of day - end, feath - er - y throats and sto - ney wa - ter

36

in a cho - ir chan - ting new psalms.

39

(C)

It is too much for the long

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43

wil - lows when laugh - ter of a

*mf*

46

red moon comes down and the wil - lows drowse

*p*

50

and sleep on the shoul - ders of the run - ning wa - ter.

53

*rit.*

*mp*

The composer welcomes any questions concerning *Prairie Waters by Night* and would greatly appreciate hearing about performances. Inquires and programs should be sent to:

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