

When Darkness Falls  
Nancy Raabe

CGA1802  
SAB with piano



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## **Composer's Note:**

The challenge of this setting for the singers will likely be where to breathe.

I recommend that you consider your pacing in the manner of medieval chant – that is, to cultivate a natural, speech-like ebb and flow so that the opportunity for breathing together becomes natural and even instinctive.

Rehearsing this by speaking the text alone might be a good way to begin.

PREVIEW

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Nancy Raabe  
Incorporating "Jesus, the Very Thought of You"  
attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153  
trans. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878

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Incorporating *ST. AGNES*  
John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

**Pensively, but with movement** (♩ = 72-76) *unis.*  
*p*

SA  
When dark-ness falls, when

B  
When dark-ness falls, when

**Pensively, but with movement** (♩ = 72-76)  
*p*

Piano

4  
hope has fled, and we can see no light a - head, when  
hope has fled, and we can see no light a - head, when

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Eat and be nour - ished at the

Eat \_\_\_\_\_ and be nour - ished at the

17

ta - ble of the Lord. When

ta - ble of the Lord.

*mp*

*mp*

20

suf - f'ings come, we seek your grace, and bear them in your

23

sweet em - brace.

*mp*

Our great - est gains we count as loss, and

26

O,

in that los - ing find the cross. O,

28 *mf*

bread come down from heav - en, bring - ing

*mf*

bread \_\_\_\_\_ come down from heav - en, \_\_\_\_\_ bring - ing

39

con - trite soul, O Joy of

con - trite soul, O Joy of

42

all the meek, how kind you

all the meek, how kind you

45

are to those who fall!

are to those who fall!

57 *unis.*

world in need. Both now and in the

world in need. Both now and in the

59

days to come, we place our trust in

days to come, — we — place our trust in

61 *div.*

God a - lone. O, — bread — come down from

God a - lone.

63

heav - en, bring - ing life to the world.

66

*rit.* *mp*

Eat, and be nour - ished, at the

Eat, and be nour - ished, nour - ished at the

*rit.* *mp*

69

ta - ble of the Lord.

ta - ble of the Lord.



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Mark A. Miller and Lindy Thompson

SATB with piano

CGA1719

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Adam Miller

SATB with piano

CGA1764

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arr. Craig Curry

SATB with piano

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arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

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Laura Farnell

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