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The Last Post

(They Shall Grow Not Old)

from *The Great War Symphony*

for SATB choir, soprano and orchestra
(2018)

words by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869–1943)

Duration: *circa* 2 minutes

Note from the Composer

The Last Post (They Shall Grow Not Old) originally appeared as part of the fourth and final movement of *The Great War Symphony* written to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. It fuses the words of the iconic poem by Laurence Binyon with the bugle (or trumpet) playing the Last Post. The choir must strive above all else to blend with the timbre of the soprano soloist, ensuring that their dynamic level never interferes with her piano singing. The choral phrases must be as legato as possible with pure, focused vowel sounds.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Words: 'For The Fallen' (excerpt), Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

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Affettuoso ♩ = c.84
pp relaxed and free

SOPRANO SOLO

They shall grow not old, — as we

SOPRANO ALTO

TENOR BASS

Cornet in Bb

p

PIANO

5

S. solo

that are — left grow old: —

rit.

Cnt. (Bb)

Solemnly $\text{♩} = c. 66$

9

S./A. *pp*

Age shall not wear - y them, _____ nor the years con - demn. _____

T./B. *pp*

Cnt. (Bb)

pp

14

S. solo *pp* *poco cresc.* *p*

At the go - ing down of the sun _____ and in the

S./A. *ppp*

At the go - - - ing down, _____

T./B. *ppp*

At the go - - - ing down, _____

Cnt. (Bb)

ppp

18

pp < *p*

mor - ning _____ We will re - mem - ber

sempre ppp

we will re - mem - ber

sempre ppp

sempre ppp

22

them, _____ we _____ will _____ re -

them, _____ we will _____ re -

26

- mem - - ber _____ them. _____

- mem - - ber _____ them. _____

pp

30

for perusal only

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