

Commissioned for the Fond du Lac High School Concert Choir
Cory Schneider, Director

Invitation to Love

SATB and piano

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♩ = 66

SA

TB

Piano

mf pedal freely throughout

mp

SA

TB

Come when the nights are bright with stars Or

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mp

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SA
come when the moon is mel - low,

TB
Come when the sun his

mp

10

SA

TB
gol - den hours Drop on the hay - field yel - low, -

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13 *p*

S Come in the twi - light soft and gray,

A Come in the twi - light soft and gray,

T *mp* come in the night or come

B *mp* come in the night or come

p *mp*

16 *mf* *poco rit.*

S come, o come where - e'er you

A come, o come where - e'er you

T in the day, come, o come where - e'er you

B in the day, come, o come, where - e'er you

mf *poco rit.*

19 *mp* *a tempo* *poco a poco cresc.*

S may, And you are wel - come, wel-come,

A may, And you are wel - come, wel-come,

T may, wel - come, wel -

B may, wel - come, wel -

mp *poco a poco cresc.*

mp *poco a poco cresc.*

a tempo

22 *f*

S wel - come, you are wel - come. _

A wel - come, you are wel - come, _

T come, wel - come, _ you are wel - come. _

B come, wel - come, _ you are wel - come. _

f

f

25

SA

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SA

TB

mp

Come when my heart is full of grief, or when my heart is

mp

31

SA

TB

mp

Come with the fall - ing of the leaf.

mer - ry,

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SA or with the redd' - ning cher-ry, —

TB

come when the blos-som grows,

p

subito p

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SA

TB when sum-mer gleams and glows, come to my heart and give it rest,

mp

mp

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40

SA when au-tumn winds do blow, with win-ters drift-ing snow, come to my heart,

TB

p

mp

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43

rit.

S
come, — you are

A
come, — you are

T
mf come to my heart, come, — you,

B
mf come to my heart, come, you,

mf

rit.

The piano accompaniment for measures 43-44 features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The right hand has a melodic line with some grace notes, while the left hand provides a steady bass accompaniment. The tempo is marked *rit.* (ritardando).

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a tempo

S
wel - come. *mf* you — are wel - come,

A
wel - come. *mf* you are wel - come,

T
f come when the nights are bright with stars, and come when the moon is

B
f come when the nights are bright with stars, and come when the moon is

a tempo

f

The piano accompaniment for measures 45-46 features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The right hand has a melodic line with some grace notes, while the left hand provides a steady bass accompaniment. The tempo is marked *a tempo* and the dynamics are *f* (forte).

48

S come _____ to my heart, you are wel - come,

A come _____ to my heart, you are wel - come,

T mel - low, — come _____ when the sun his gol - den hours

B mel - low, — come _____ when the sun his gol - den hours

Piano accompaniment for measures 48-50, featuring chords and melodic lines in both hands.

51

S Ah, _____ *f* come to my

A Ah, _____ *f* come to my

T Drop on the hay - field yel - low, — *ff* come to my heart,

B Drop on the hay - field yel - low, — *ff* come to my heart,

Piano accompaniment for measures 51-53, including a double bar line and repeat sign at the end.

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S heart, come to my heart, come, — come,

A heart, come to my heart, come, — come,

T come to my heart, come to my heart, come to my heart.

B come to my heart, come to my heart, come to my heart.

57

S you are wel - come. —

A you are wel - come. —

T you are wel - come. —

B you are wel - come. —