

DAWN

Three-Part Mixed Voices with Piano

Jacob Narverud

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Ranges:

Part 1  Part 2 
Part 3 

Language: English
Use: General/Festival
Time: Approx. 3:33
*Difficulty: Moderate

The Poem

Dawn

Quiet miles of golden sky,
 And in my heart a sudden flower.
 I want to clap my hands and *sigh*
 For Beauty in her secret bower.
 Quiet golden miles of dawn—
 Smiling all the East along;
 And in my heart nigh fully blown,
 A little rose-bud of a song.

—From “Last Songs” by Francis Ledwidge

*Dawn, radiant dawn!
 When morning comes my fears are gone.
 Daylight breaks, my soul awakes!
 And songs of Love sing on.*

—Additional text by Jacob Narverud

About the Poet

Francis Ledwidge (1887-1917) was an Irish poet from Slane, County Meath. Ledwidge started writing at an early age and was first published in a local newspaper when he was fourteen years old. Ledwidge left the local national school shortly after and worked as a farm hand, road surface mender, and copper miner at Beupark Mine near Slane. Ledwidge became friends with a local landowner, the writer Lord Dunsany, who gave him a workspace in the library of Dunsany Castle and introduced him to literary figures, including William Butler Yeats and Katherine Tynan. Some of Ledwidge’s manuscripts are held in the National Library of Ireland. The main surviving collection, including his early works and personal letters, are in the archives of Dunsany Castle.

About the Composer

Jacob Narverud (b.1986) is an American Composer, Arranger, and Conductor. A native Kansan, Jake is the Founding Artistic Director of the Tallgrass Chamber Choir, a professional ensemble of musicians from across the Great Plains. Dr. Narverud is a frequent guest lecturer at universities and conferences and is the Editor of Santa Barbara Music Publishing, Inc. As a sought-after composer, Jake has been commissioned to write new works for over fifty choral organizations nationwide, as well as ensembles in Australia and Japan. Many of Narverud's pieces are publisher Best Sellers and are performed worldwide by choirs of all levels.

Website: jnarverud.com

YouTube & Spotify: [jacobnar](https://www.youtube.com/jacobnar)

17 Parts 1, 2 *mp*

I want to clap, clap my hands and sigh for

Part 3 *mp*

I want to clap, clap my hands and sigh for

21

Beau - ty in her se - cret bow - er.*

Beau - ty in her se - cret bow - er.*

mp

25

Miles of

mf

Qui - et gold - en miles of dawn,

mf molto legato, espr.

* Bower: a pleasant shady place under trees or climbing plants in a garden.

29 *mp*

dawn, smil - ing all the East a - long;

smil - ing all the East a - long;

33 *mp*

And in my heart, nigh* ful - ly grown,

And in my heart, nigh* ful - ly grown,

mp

37 *mf*

a lit - tle rose - bud of a song: _____

a lit - tle rose - bud of a song: _____

mf *mp*

* Nigh: near, almost.

41 **Optional Descant (Sing 2nd time only)**

p Dawn, *mp* dawn, *mf* ra - diant dawn! *mp* When

Parts 1, 2
p Dawn, *mp* dawn, *mf* ra - diant dawn!

Part 3
p Dawn, *mp* dawn, *mf* ra - diant dawn!

8va

p *mp* *mf*

45

morn - ing comes my fears are gone.

mp

When morn - ing comes my fears are gone.

mp

When morn - ing comes my fears are gone.

8va

mp

49

mf Day-light breaks, my soul a - wakes! *f* And *mf*

mf Day-light breaks, my soul a - wakes! *f* And *mf*

mf Day-light breaks, my soul a - wakes! *f* And *mf*

53

1. songs of Love sing on.

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57 rit. Freely

2. *mp*

songs of Love sing on. _____

songs of Love sing on. _____ Songs of

songs of Love sing on. _____ Songs of

2. rit. Freely

mp

62 rit. *mf*

Songs of Love, sing on! _____

Love, _____ sing on! _____

Love, _____ sing on! _____

rit. *mf*

rit. *mf*

8va-1

Ped. _____

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