

When You Are Old

William Butler Yeats, 1865-1939

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Soprano
oo oo oo oo down this book

Alto
oo oo oo oo down this book

Tenor
When you are old and gray and full of sleep And nod - ding by the fire, take down this book, And slow - ly

Bass
oo oo oo oo down this book

Piano

S
And slow - ly read and dream look and of their sha - dows deep;

A
read dream look of their deep deep of their sha - dows deep;

T
read, read and dream of the soft look your eyes had once deep

B
read dream look deep deep

Pno.

S
oo loved ah ah false or true the pil-grim

A
oo and loved your beau-ty with love false or true loved

T
How ma-ny loved your mo-ments of glad grace ah ah ah false or true But one man loved

B
oo loved ah ah false or true loved

Pno.

S
soul in you sor-rows of your face oo

A
soul you and loved the sor-rows of your chan-ging face oo

T
soul you in you oo oo And ben-ding down be-side the

B
soul you oo oo oo

Pno.

S
oo oo oo mur-mur oo oo ah ah ah mur-mur paced

A
oo oo mur mur oo oo ah ah ah mur mur paced

T
glow-ing bars mur-mur a lit-tle sad-ly how love fled mur-mur and paced u-pon the

B
oo mur-mur oo oo ah ah ah mur-mur paced

Pno.

S
ah ah ah the stars.

A
ah ah ah ah the stars.

T
moun - tains ov - er - head and hid his face a - mid a crowd of stars.

B
ah ah ah ah the stars.

Pno.

The musical score is for a vocal quartet (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The Soprano and Alto parts have lyrics "ah ah ah the stars." The Tenor part has lyrics "moun - tains ov - er - head and hid his face a - mid a crowd of stars." The Bass part has lyrics "ah ah ah ah the stars." The piano accompaniment consists of chords and melodic lines in both hands.