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Duration: 4 minutes

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TEXT

I stood on a tower in the wet,
And New Year and Old Year met,
And winds were roaring and blowing;
And I said, "O years, that meet in tears,
Have ye aught that is worth the knowing?
Science enough and exploring,
Wanderers coming and going,
Matter enough for deploring,
But aught that is worth the knowing?"
Seas at my feet were flowing,
Waves on the shingle pouring,
Old year roaring and blowing,
And New Year blowing and roaring.

Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809 – 1892)

PROGRAMME NOTE

I Stood on a Tower is a simple setting of the Alfred Lord Tennyson poem for SATB unaccompanied choir. The chord of a minor ninth is the harmonic colouring that binds the work together, enhancing the melancholy of Tennyson's poem.

PAC

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Andante sostenuto (♩ = c.76)

pp espress. *p*

Soprano
I stood I stood I stood on a to'wer in the

Alto
pp espress. *p*
I stood I stood on a to'wer in the

Tenor
pp espress. *p*
I stood on a to'wer in the

Bass
pp espress. *p*
I stood on a to'wer in the

Piano (rehearsal only)
pp *p*

5 *pp* *p* *pp* *pp* **A**

wet and New Year and Old Year met, I

pp *p* *pp* *pp*
wet and New Year and Old Year met, I

pp *p* *pp* *pp*
wet and New Year and Old Year met, I

pp *p* *pp* ✓
wet and New Year and Old Year met, I stood I

pp *p* *pp*

B

10 *p* *pp* *mp*

stood on a to - wer in the wet and winds were roar - ing were

stood on a to'wer in the wet roar - ing

stood on a to'wer in the wet roar - ing

stood on a to'wer in the wet

p *pp* *mp*

p *pp* *mp*

p *pp* *mp*

pp *mp*

15 *p* *pp*

roar - ing and blow - ing;

p *pp* *mp* *p* *pp*

roar - ing roar - ing roar - ing

p *pp* *mp* *p* *pp*

roar - ing roar - ing roar - ing

pp *mp* *p*

and winds were roar - ing were roar - ing and

p *pp* *mp* *p*

20 **C**

p *mf* *mp*

And I said "O years that meet in tears have you aught that is

p *mf* *mp*

And I said "O years that meet in tears have you aught that is

p *mf* *mp*

And I said "O years that meet in tears have you aught that is

pp *mf* *mp*

blow - ing "O years that meet in tears have you aught that is

pp *mf* *mp*

24 **D**

poco rit. *meno mosso; liberamente* (♩ = c.66)

Tenor Solo *p espress. lontano*

Sci - ence e - nough and ex - plor - ing,

worth the know - ing? (hmm)* (hmm)

worth the know - ing? (hmm)* (hmm)

worth the know - ing? (hmm)* (hmm)

worth the know - ing? (hmm)* (hmm)

pp *ppp sempre*

pp *ppp sempre*

pp *ppp sempre*

pp *ppp sempre*

pp *p*

ppp

*(breathe regularly, though independently to sustain note)

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seas at my feet were flo - wing, the waves on the shin - gle

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pour - ing, I stood on a to - wer in the wet and

pour - ing, I stood on a to'wer in the wet

pour - ing, I stood on a to'wer in the wet

pour - ing, I stood on a to'wer in the wet

48 *mp* *p* *pp* ✓

Old year roar - ing and roar - ing and blow - ing, and New year

mp *p* *pp*

roar - ing roar - ing

mp *p* *pp*

roar - ing roar - ing

mp *p* *pp*

roar - ing roar - ing

mp *p* *pp*

roar - ing roar - ing

rit. al fine. - - - - -

53 *mf* *mp* *p* *pp dim.*

blow - ing and blow - ing and blow - ing and roar - ing

mf *mp* *p* *pp dim.*

blow - ing blow - ing blow - ing roar - ing

mf *mp* *p* *pp dim.*

blow - ing blow - ing blow - ing roar - ing

mf *mp* *p* *pp dim.*

blow - ing blow - ing blow - ing roar - ing

mf *mp* *p* *pp*

57

roar - ing roar - ing

roar - ing roar - ing

roar - ing roar - ing

roar - ing roar - ing

roar - ing roar - ing

ppp

ppp

ppp

ppp

lunga

lunga

lunga

lunga

ppp