

Captain of My Soul

SATB and piano
for my grandfather, 1921-2007

text: **William Ernest Henley**

music: **Benjamin Bolden**

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

Moderately, with rubato (♩ = c. 88)

mp

rit. *a tempo*

5

S

A

T

B

Pno.

mp 3

Out of the night that cov-ers me,

mp 3

Out of the night that cov-ers me,

rit. *a tempo*

2

S

A

T

B

Pno.

8

mf

mf

Black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank what - ev - er gods may be For

Black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank what - ev - er gods may be For

9

mf

13

S

A

T

B

Pno.

8

(tenors sing upper notes if lower notes are too low)

mf

mf

my un - conqu-'ra - ble soul, for my un - conqu-'ra - ble soul.

my un - conqu-'ra - ble soul, for my un - conqu-'ra - ble soul.

13

17

S

A

T

B

Pno.

17

rit. *a tempo*

p

21

S

A

T

B

mf 3

mf 3

In the fell clutch of cir - cum - stance I have not winced nor

In the fell clutch of _____ cir - cum - stance _____ I have not winced nor

_____ cir - cum - stance _____

Pno.

21

mp *mf*

rit. *a tempo*

I have not

25

S
 cried a - loud. Un - der the blud - geon - ings of chance _____ My

A
 cried a - loud. Un - der the blud - geon - ings of chance _____ My

T
 8
 Un - der the blud - geon - ings of chance _____

B
 cried a - loud. Un - der the blud - geon - ings of chance _____

Pno.
 25
f *mf*

29

S
 head is blood-y, but un - bowed, my head is blood-y, but un - bowed.

A
 head is blood-y, but un - bowed, my head is blood-y, but un - bowed. be -

T
 8
 My head is blood-y, but un - bowed, be - yond _____

B
 My head is un - bowed, my head is un - bowed. _____

Pno.
 29
mf *mp* *p*

33 *p* *mp*

S be - yond _____ be - yond _____

A yond *mp* be - yond be - yond _____

T *mp* *f* _____ Be - yond this place of

B *p* *mp* *f* _____ Be - yond the

Pno. *mp* *f* *rit.* *a tempo*

37 *mf*

S _____ And yet the men - ace

A _____ *mf* And yet the men - ace

T *mf* wrath and tears _____ Looms but the Hor - ror of the shade, _____

B *mf* wrath and tears _____ Looms but the Hor - ror of the shade, _____

Pno. *mf*

6

41

S
of the years _____ find _____ me un - a - fraid.

A
of the years _____ find _____ me _____ un - a - fraid.

T
8
Finds and shall find me un - a - fraid.

B
Finds and shall find me _____ un - a - fraid. _____

Pno.

45

S
mf
How charged with pun-ish-ments the scroll,

A
mf
How charged with pun-ish-ments the scroll,

T
mf
It mat-ters not how strait the gate, —

B
mf
It mat-ters not how strait the gate, —

Pno.

49

S I am the mas - ter I am the mas-ter of my fate

A I am the mas - ter of my fate; I am the mas - ter

T I am the mas - ter I am the mas-ter of my fate

B I am the mas - ter of my fate; I am mas - ter

Pno.

53

S I am cap - tain, the cap - - - - tain,

A I am the cap - tain, the cap - tain of my,

T I am cap - tain, the cap - tain of my, cap - tain of my,

B I am the cap - tain, the cap - - - - tain of my,

Pno.

