

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

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

mp

mf

mp

mf

13

S

A

T

B

Pno.

8

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

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

mp

17

S
A
T
B

Pno.

mf rit. a tempo p

21

S
A
T
B

Pno.

mp 3 In the fell clutch of cir - cum - stance I have not wined nor
mp 3 In the fell clutch of _____ cir - cum - stance I have not wined nor
mp cir - cum - stance
mp 3 I have not

rit. a tempo

mp

4

25 *mf*

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

Pno.
mf *mp*

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
mp My head is blood-y, but un - bowed, be - yond _____ *p*

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

Pno.
29 *p*

33 *p* *mp* *mf*

S be - yond _____ be - yond _____

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

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

B *mp* be - yond *mf* be - yond *f* Be - yond the

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

37 *mf*

S _____ *mf* And yet the men - ace

A _____ *mf* And yet the men - ace

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

B 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
How charged with pun-ish-ments the scroll,

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

T
8
It mat-ters not how strait the gate, —

B
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.

8

57 *mf*

S cap - tain of my soul, my

A cap - tain of my soul, my

T cap - tain of my soul, my

B cap - tain of my soul, my

Pno. *mf*

61 *mp*

S soul.

A soul.

T soul.

B soul.

Pno. *mp*