

Vanity of Vanities

Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11

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$\text{♩} = 48$

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

Tenor

Bass 1

Bass 2

Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11

Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.
 What profit hath a man of all his labor which he taketh under the sun?
 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.
 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose.
 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually,
 and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.
 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full: unto the place from whence the rivers come,
 thither they return again.
 All things are full of labor; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled
 with hearing.
 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be
 done: and there is no new thing under the sun.
 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which
 was before us.
 There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that
 are to come with those that shall come after.

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S1

pp ————— *f* —————

Van - i - ty of van - i-ties; all is van - i -

f —————

S2

pp ————— *f* —————

Van - i - ty of van - i-ties; all is van - i -

f —————

A

pp ————— *f* —————

Van - i - ty of van - i-ties; all is van - i -

f —————

T

pp ————— *f* —————

Van - i - ty of van - i-ties; all is van - i -

f —————

B1

pp ————— *f* —————

Van - i - ty of van - i-ties; all is van - i -

f —————

B2

pp ————— *f* —————

Van - i - ty of van - i-ties; all is van - i -

f —————

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solo m ***ppp***

S1 8 ty. What pro-fit hath a man of all his

solo m ***ppp***

S2 8 ty. ***pp*** ***ppp*** m

solo m ***ppp***

A 8 ty. ***pp*** ***ppp*** m

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T 8 ty. Van - i - ty,

ppp

B1 8 ty. Van - i - ty,

ppp

B2 8 ty. Van - i - ty,

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S1
van - i - ties; all _____ is van - i -

S2
van - i - ties; all _____ is van - i -

A
van - i - ties; all _____ is van - i -

T
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van - i - ties; all _____ is van - i -

B1
van - i - ties; all _____ is van - i -

B2
van - i - ties; all _____ is van - i -

17

solo m *ppp* *accel.*

S1: ty.

solo m *ppp*

S2: ty.

solo m *ppp*

A: ty. *pp*

T: ty.

B1: ty. *pp*

B2: ty. *pp*

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♩ = 72 rit.

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S1 *pp* —————— *f*
 pas-seth a - way _____ and an - oth - er _____ gen-er -

S2 *pp* —————— *f*
 pas-seth a-way, pas-seth a - way _____ and an - oth - er _____ gen-er -

A 3 3 3 *f*
 way pas-seth a-way, pas-seth a - way _____ and an - oth - er _____ gen-er -

T *pp* —————— *f*
 One gen - er - a - tion pas-seth a - way _____ and an - oth - er _____ gen-er -

B1 3 3 3 *f*
 ra - tion pas-seth a-way, pas-seth a - way _____ and an - oth - er _____ gen-er -

B2 3 3 3 *f*
 way pas-seth a-way, pas-seth a - way _____ and an - oth - er _____ gen-er -

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2I *pp*

S1 

S2 *pp*



A *pp*



T *pp*


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B1 *pp*



B2 *pp*



accel.

 $\text{♩} = 72$ rit.

23 *mp* ————— *pp* *pp* ————— *f* —————

S1 bid-eth for-ev - er. The sun_ al - so a - ri - seth and the

S2 bid-eth for-ev - er. The sun_ al - so a - ri - seth and the

A bid-eth for-ev - er. The sun_ al - so a - ri - seth and the

T *pp* ————— *f* —————

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B1 bid-eth for-ev - er. The sun_ al - so a - ri - seth and the

B2 bid-eth for-ev - er. The sun_ al - so a - ri - seth and the

$\text{♩} = 48$ *pp**mp*

26

S1

sun goeth down,
and hasteth to his place
where he a - rose

*pp**mp*

S2

sun goeth down,
and hasteth to his place
where he a - rose

*pp**mp*

A

sun goeth down,
and hasteth to his place
where he a - rose

T

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sun goeth down,
and hasteth to his place
where he a - rose

*pp**mp*

B1

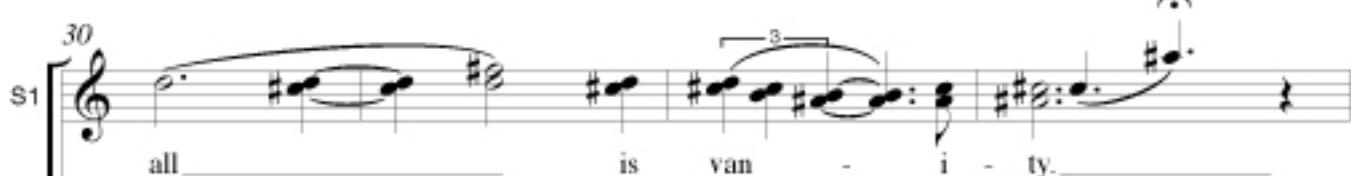
sun goeth down,
and hasteth to his place
where he a - rose

*pp**mp*

B2

sun goeth down,
and hasteth to his place
where he a - rose

ppp ————— *f* ————— *solo m* ————— *ppp*

30
 S1 
 all is van - i - ty.

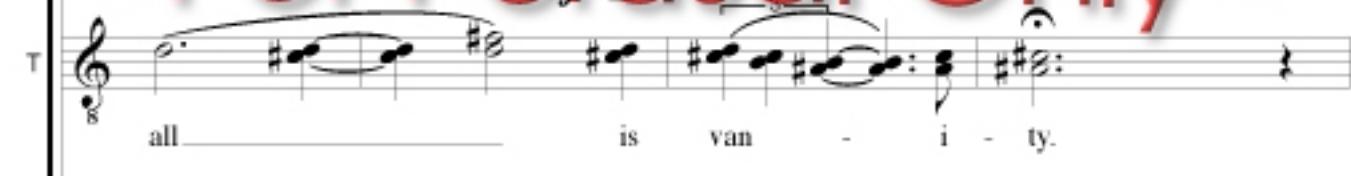
ppp ————— *f* ————— *solo m* ————— *ppp*

S2 
 all is van - i - ty.

ppp ————— *f* ————— *solo m* ————— *ppp*

A 
 all is van - i - ty.

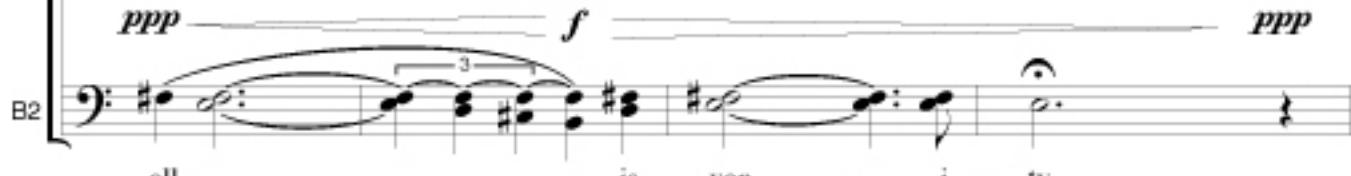
ppp **For Perusal Only** *ppp*

T 
 all is van - i - ty.

ppp ————— *f* ————— *ppp*

B1 
 all is van - i - ty.

ppp ————— *f* ————— *ppp*

B2 
 all is van - i - ty.

accel. poco a poco

pp cresc. poco a poco

34 S1 The wind goeth toward the south and tur-neth a - bout in - to the

pp cresc. poco a poco

S2 The wind goeth toward the south and tur-neth a -

pp cresc. poco a poco

A The wind goeth toward the south

T **pp** **p** **mp**
8 m

B1 **p** **mp**
m

B2 **mp**
m

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S1

36

it whirl-eth a - bout, it whirl-eth a - bout, it whirl-eth a -

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A

and turn-eth a - bout in - to the north

it whirl-eth a -

T

(m)

B1

(m)

B2

(m)

$\text{♩} = 72$

f

38

S1

bout con - tin - u - al - ly and the wind re-tur-neth a-gain ac-cord-ing to his

S2

bout con - tin - u - al - ly and the wind re-tur-neth a-gain accord-ing to his

A

bout con - tin - u - al - ly and the wind re - tur-neth a-gain ac-cord-ing to his

T

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B1

m. m.

B2

pp m.

40

S1 *—> ppp*

S2 *—> ppp*

A *—> ppp*

T *—> ppp* *pp* *p*

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B1 *—> pp* *p*

B2 *—> pp*

cir - cuits.

cir - cuits.

cir - cuits.

(m) All the ri - vers run

(m) All the ri - vers run

(m) All the ri - vers

42

S1

S2

A

T

B1

B2

f

f

f

f

p

in - to the sea, yet the sea is not full; un - to the

in - to the sea, yet the sea is not full; un - to the

run in - to the sea, yet the sea is not full; un - to the

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S1 - *pp*

S2 - *pp*

A - *pp*

T *pp*
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 place from whence the ri - vers come, thi - ther they re - turn a - gain.

B1 *pp*
 place from whence the ri - vers come, thi - ther they re - turn a - gain.

B2 *pp*
 place from whence the ri - vers come, thi - ther they re - turn a - gain.

rit.

S1

45 *p* ——————
 (m) ——————

pp ——————
 All things are full of la - bor,

pp | man

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T

pp ——————
 All things are full of la - bor,

man can-not

B1

pp ——————
 All things are full of la - bor,

man can-not

B2

pp ——————
 All things are full of la - bor,

man can-not

rit.

48 *pp* — *mf* —

S1 can-not ut - ter it. The eye is not sat - is - fied with...

S2 can-not ut - ter it. The eye is not sat - is - fied with...

A can-not ut - ter it. The eye is not sat - is - fied with...

T *pp* — *mf* —
ut - ter it. The eye is not sat - is - fied with...

B1 *pp* — *mf* —
ut - ter it. The eye is not sat - is - fied with...

B2 *pp* — *mf* —
ut - ter it. The eye is not sat - is - fied with...

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a tempo

51

S1

see - ing, nor the ear filled with hear - ing. all _____

S2

see - ing, nor the ear filled with hear - ing. all _____

A

see - ing, nor the ear filled with hear - ing. all _____

T

see - ing, nor the ear filled with hear - ing. all _____

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B1

see - ing, nor the ear filled with hear - ing. all _____

B2

see - ing, nor the ear filled with hear - ing. all _____

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55

f solo m *ppp*

S1

f solo m *ppp*

S2

f solo m *ppp*

A

f solo m *ppp*

T

f solo m *ppp*

B1

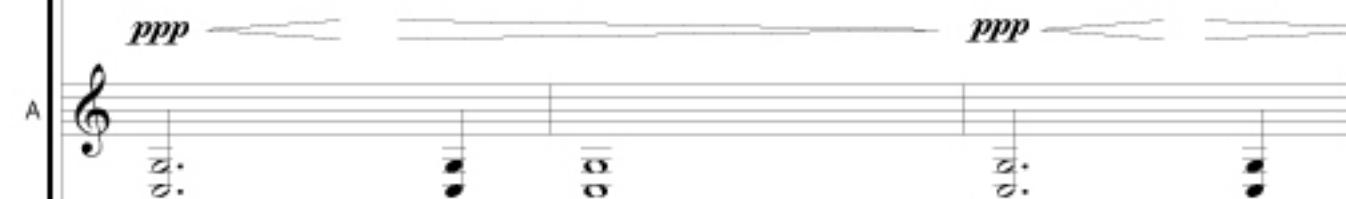
f solo m *ppp*

B2

58 *ppp* —————— *ppp* ——————

S1 

S2 

A 

T 

B1 *pp* —————— *ppp*

B2 *pp* ——————

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The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be and

m _____

m _____

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S1 *ty* *m* *There is no new*

S2 *ty* *m* *There is no new*

A *ty* *m* *There is no new*

T *that which is done is that which shall be done.* *There is no new*

B1 *pp* *ppp* *pp* *There is no new*

B2 *pp* *ppp* *pp* *There is no new*

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rit. a tempo

64 *mp* *ppp* *p*

S1 thing un-der_ the sun. _____ See, _____

S2 thing un-der_ the sun. _____ where-of _____ it may be said,

A thing un-der_ the sun. _____ Is there a-ny-thing

T thing un-der_ the sun. _____ m

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B1 thing un-der_ the sun. _____ m

B2 thing un-der_ the sun. _____ m

68

S1 — this is new?

S2 *p*
it hath been al-read-y of old time,

A *p*
which was be-fore us.

T (m) **For Perusal Only**

B1 (m)

B2 (m)

pp

S1 72 *van - i - ty of van - i - ties; all _____ is*

pp

S2 *van - i - ty of van - i - ties; all _____ is*

pp

A *van - i - ty of van - i - ties; all _____ is*

pp

T *van - i - ty of van - i - ties; all _____ is*

pp

B1 *van - i - ty of van - i - ties; all _____ is*

pp

B2 *van - i - ty of van - i - ties; all _____ is*

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75

S1

van - i - ty. *solo m* *ppp* *pp*

S2

van - i - ty. *solo m* *ppp* *pp*

A

van - i - ty. *solo m* *ppp* *pp*

T

van - i - ty. *ppp* *pp*

B1

van - i - ty. *ppp* *pp*

B2

van - i - ty. *ppp* *pp*

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There is no re-mem-brance of

78 *p*

S1

for-mer things, There is no re - mem - brance nei - ther shall there be a - ny re -

S2 *pp*

for-mer things, nei - ther shall there be a - ny re-mem - brance of

A *pp*

for-mer things, nei - ther shall there be a - ny re-mem - brance of

T *pp*

for-mer things, nei - ther shall there be a - ny re-mem - brance of

B1 *pp*

for-mer things, nei - ther shall there be a - ny re-mem - brance of

B2 *pp*

for-mer things, nei - ther shall there be a - ny re-mem - brance of

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8I

S1

mem - brance of things that are to come with those that shall come af - ter.

S2

things that are to come with those that shall come m

A

things that are to come with those that shall come m

T

things that are to come with those that shall come m

B1

things that are to come with those that shall come m

B2

things that are to come with those that shall come m

rit. al fine

84

S1 *van* - *i - ty,* *van* -

S2 *van* - *i - ty,* *van* -

A *van* - *i - ty,* *van* -

T *van* - *i - ty,* *van* -

B1 *van* - *i - ty,* *van* -

B2 *van* - *i - ty,* *van* -

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87 *pp* ————— *ppp* ————— *pp* ————— *niente*

S1 - i - ty, van - i - ty.

pp ————— *ppp* ————— *pp* ————— *niente*

S2 - i - ty, van - i - ty.

pp ————— *ppp* ————— *pp* ————— *niente*

A - i - ty, van - i - ty.

pp ————— *ppp* ————— *pp* ————— *niente*

T - i - ty, van - i - ty.

pp ————— *ppp* ————— *pp* ————— *niente*

B1 - i - ty, van - i - ty.

pp ————— *ppp* ————— *pp* ————— *niente*

B2 - i - ty, van - i - ty.

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About the composer

Swedish composer Sven-David Sandström has to his credit over 450 compositions, including operas, oratorios, both intimate and massive choral works, chamber music, church music, music for the ballet, and film music. His orchestral works have been performed by leading orchestras under the batons of such conductors as Helmuth Rilling, Pierre Boulez, and Herbert Blomstedt. His choral works have been performed by many of the finest choirs in Europe.

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