

October

6. Harvest: Under the Harvest Moon

Carl Sandburg was born in Galesburg, Illinois on January 6, 1878 and died at his home, named Connemara, in Flat Rock, North Carolina July 22, 1967.

He won two Pulitzer Prizes in literature, one for his biography of Abraham Lincoln (*Abraham Lincoln: The War Years*) and one for his collection *The Complete Poems of Carl Sandburg*.



*“Under the harvest moon,
When the soft silver
Drips shimmering
Over the garden nights,
Death, the gray mocker,
Comes and whispers to you
As a beautiful friend
Who remembers.*

*Under the summer roses
When the flagrant crimson
Lurks in the dusk
Of the wild red leaves,
Love, with little hands,
Comes and touches you
With a thousand memories,
And asks you
Beautiful, unanswerable questions. ”*

Under the Harvest Moon

for a cappella mixed chorus (SATB)

Carl Sandberg (from "Chicago Poems")

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Gently (♩ = c. 88)
p

Soprano
Un - der the har - vest moon, Un - der the har - vest moon, when the soft _

Alto
Un - der the har - vest moon, Un - der the har - vest moon, when the soft _

Tenor
Un - der the har - vest moon, Un - der the har - vest moon, when the soft -

Bass
Un - der the har - vest moon, Un - der the har - vest moon, when the soft _

Piano (for rehearsal only)
p

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S
sil - ver Drips shimmer-ing o - ver the gar - den lights, Death, the gray mock - er, *mp*

A
sil - ver Drips shimmer-ing o - ver the gar - den lights, Death the gray mock - er *mp*

T
sil - ver Drips shimmer-ing o - ver the gar - den lights, Death, the gray mock - er *mp*

B
sil - ver Drips shimmer-ing o - ver the gar - den lights, Death, the gray mock - er, *mp*

no.
mp

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12 *mf*

S Death, the gray mock - er, Comes and whispers to you as a beau-ti - ful friend who re -

A Death, the gray mock - er, Comes and whispers to - you as a beau-ti - ful friend who re -

T ⁸ Death, the gray mock - er, Comes and whispers to you as a beau-ti - ful friend who re -

B Death, the gray mock - er, Comes and whispers to you as a beau-ti - ful friend who re -

Pno. *mf*

18 *p*

S mem bers. Un - der the sum - mer ro - ses When the flag-rant

A mem - bers. Un - der the sum - mer ro - ses When the flag-rant

T ⁸ mem - bers. Un - der the sum - mer ro - ses When the flag-rant

B mem - bers. Un - der the sum - mer ro - ses When the flag-rant

Pno. *p*

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S crim - son Lurks in the dusk of the wild red leaves, Love, with *mf*

A crim - son Lurks in the dusk of the wild red leaves, Love, with *mf*

T 8 crim - son Lurks in the dusk of the wild red leaves, Love, with *mf*

B crim - son Lurks in the dusk of the wild red leaves, Love, with *mf*

Pno.

31

S lit - tle hands, Comes, and touch-es you With a thou-sand me - mo - ries. *mp* *p*

A lit - tle hands, Comes, and touch-es you With a thou-sand me - mo - ries. *mp* *p*

T 8 lit - tle hands, Comes, and touch-es you With a thou-sand me - mo - ries. *mp* *p*

B lit - tle hands, Comes, and touch-es you With a thou-sand me - mo - ries.

Pno.

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37 *pp* *f*

S Love, with lit - tle hands, Comes, and touch-es you with a thou - sand me - mo -

A Love, with lit - tle hands, Comes, and touch-es you with a thou - sand me - mo -

T *pp* *f*

B Love, with lit - tle hands, Comes, and touch-es you with a thou - sand me - mo -

Pno. *pp* *f*

43 *p* *rit.* *p* *rit.* *p* *rit.* *p* *rit.*

S ries. And ask you beau - ti - ful — Un - an-swer-ab-le ques - - - tions.

A ries. And ask you beau - ti - ful — Un - an-swer-ab-le ques - - - tions.

T *p* *rit.* *p* *rit.* *p* *rit.*

B ries. And ask you beau - ti - ful — Un - an-swer-ab-le ques - - - tions.

Pno. *p* *rit.*

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