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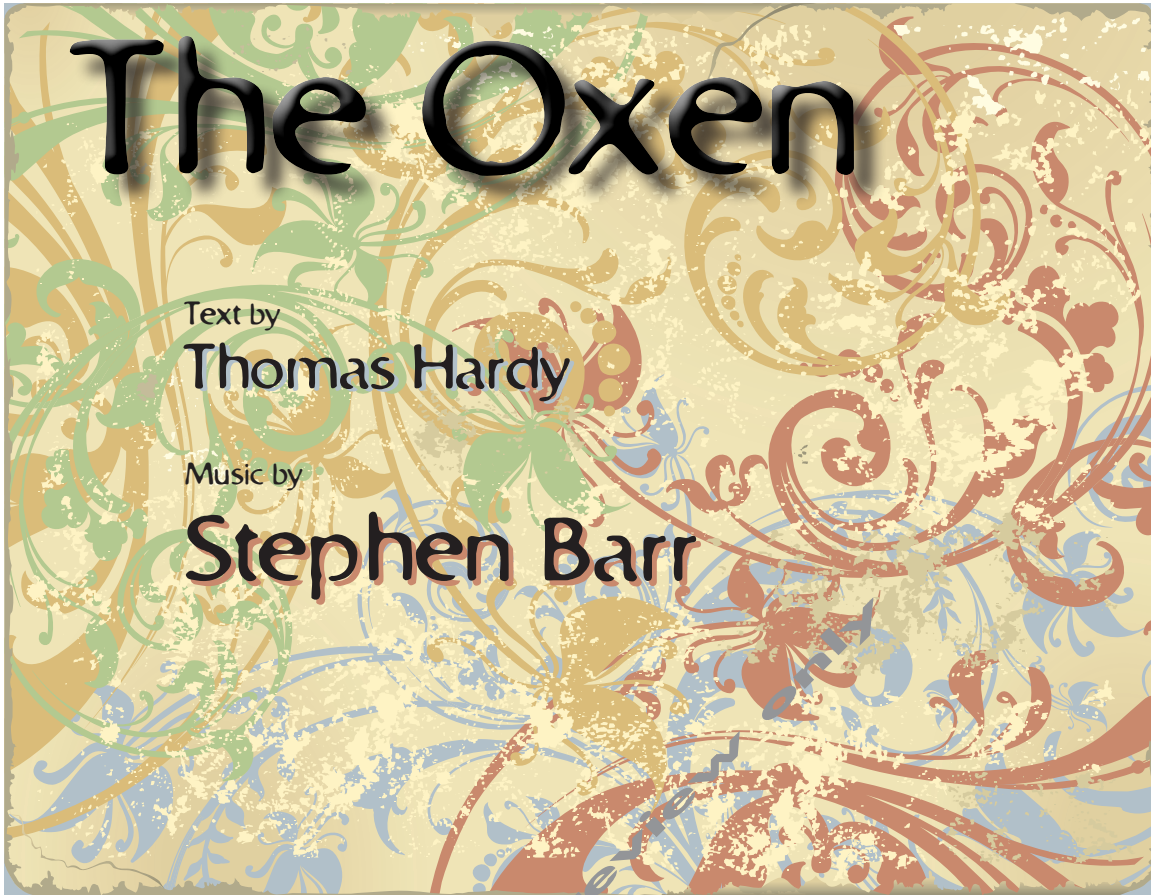
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Slowly, reverently ♩ = ca. 46

mp

S.A.

T.B.

mp

Dm* dm, dm dm, dm da dm, dm da dm,

p

Christ - mas Eve, and twelve of the clock.

p

dm dm dm, dm Dm da dm dm dm dm,

p

“Now they are all on their knees,” An el - der said as we

mp *p*

dm dm dm dm dm dm dm, Da dm dm dm

mp

sat in a flock By the em - bers in hearth - side ease.

mp

dm dm dm, da da dm da da dm, da da dm da da dm,

*A resonant sound, somewhat emulating a string bass:
between [ub] and [oo], but do not close the “m” too fast.

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p *mp*

We— pic - tured the meek mild

dm da dm, dm da dm, Da dm dm dm

17

mp

crea - tures where They dwelt in their straw - y pen, Not

dm da dm dm, dm dm da dm, dm dm da dm, Dm dm da

20

p *mp* *mf*

did it oc - cur — to one of us there To — doubt they were kneel - ing

dm dm dm da dm dm dm da dm dada dm dm dm da da da

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then. _____ Dm da dm, dm dm dm da dm, dm dm dm da

do, Dm dm dm dm da dm da dm,

27

B

dm, So fair a fan - cy - few would weave _____ div.

So fair a fan - cy few would weave Dm dm

30

poco accel. *A touch faster* ♩ = ca. 50

S. _____ In these years! _____ Yet, I feel If

A. _____ In these years! dm dm da dm dm If

T. dm da dm In these years! _____ Yet, I feel If

B. dm da dm In these years! dm dm da dm dm If

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some - one said on Christ - mas Eve, Oh

some - one said on Christ - mas Eve, Oh

some - one said on Christ - mas Eve, dm da dm dm

some - one said on Christ - mas Eve, dm da dm dm

35

poco rit.

“Come; see the ox - en kneel, In the

“Come; see the ox - en kneel, In the

“Come; Come; Dm

“Come; Come; Dm

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Tempo I

39

lone - ly bar - ton by yon - der coomb,* In the

lone - ly bar - ton by yon - der coomb,* In the

dm dm dm da dm da doo

dm dm dm da dm da doo

41

lone - ly bar - ton by yon - der coomb, Our child - hood used to

lone - ly bar - ton by yon - der coomb, Our child - hood used to

dm dm dm da dm da doo Our child - hood used to

dm dm dm da dm da doo Ah

* "Barton" is an old English word meaning "farmyard,"
and a "coomb" is a "valley" or "hollow."

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S. know," Ah I should go with him in the gloom, *f*

A. know," Ah I should go with him in the gloom, *ff*

T. know," I should go in the gloom, *ff*

B. I should go in the gloom, *ff*

47

S.A. in the gloom, Ah I should go with him in the gloom,

T.B. in the gloom, I should go in the gloom,

50

in the gloom, in the gloom, Hop - ing it might be so. *mp* *mf* *rit.*

in the gloom, in the gloom, Hop - ing it might be so. *mp* *mf*

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54 *a tempo*

p

Christ - mas Eve, and twelve of the clock. "Now they are all on their

p

Dm dm dm dm dm dm, dm dm dm dm

57

mp

knees,"

dm dm, da dm da da dm, da da dm da da dm,

60 *rall.*

p

loo loo loo.

p

dm da dm, dm da dm, loo loo.

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