

A CAROL FOR SAMHAIN

TTBB A CAPPELLA

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with awe ♩ = 60

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Baritone

Bass

Take the new fire! Send the Rain! Ban-ish

Sam-hain! Sam-hain! Sam-hain!

5

T 1

T 2

B

B

care! Ban-ish pain!

Samhain! Samhain! Samhain! Sam-hain! Samhain! Samhain! Samhain! Samhain!

9

T 1

T 2

B

B

Speed the ghosts who ban the sheep,

Still celebrated in enclaves of the British Isles and elsewhere, *Samhain* (pronounced *sow-en*) is the ancient Druidic festival of the New Year, traditionally celebrated on or about November 1.

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T 1 *mf*

T 2 Sam - hain! Sam - hain! Sam - hain! ___ This our fire to *p*

B > Sam - hain! Sam - hain! Sam - hain! Sam - hain! ___ Sam-hain! ___ *mf*

B Light the path to spi - rit sleep! This our fire to

15 *poco ten.*

T 1 light the way This eve. ___ *poco ten.*

T 2 Sam - hain! ___ Sam - hain! Sam - hain! ___ to light This *poco ten.*

B *mp* to light the way This eve. ___ *poco ten.*

B light the way This eve. ___ *poco ten.*

18 *a tempo* *rit.* *pp*

T 1 *a tempo* *rit.* *pp*

T 2 eve. ___ *a tempo* *rit.* *pp*

B *a tempo* *rit.* *pp*

B *a tempo* *decr.* *rit.*

Sam - hain! Sam - hain! ___ Sam-hain! Sam - hain! ___ Sam-hain! Sam-hain!