

# The Death Dirge

(selected stanzas)

from the *Carmina Gaedelica*

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freely

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a Tenor (T) and Bass (B) staff. The first system is marked 'freely' and 'mf'. The second system is marked 'cresc.'. The third system is marked 'mf'. The fourth system is marked with a '4' above the staff and a '3/4' time signature at the end. The lyrics are: 'Thou goest home this night to thy home of win - ter, To - thy home of au - tumn, of spring and of sum - mer. To au - tumn, of spring and sum - mer. Thou goest home this night to thy per - pe - tual home, to thy home, To thine e - ter - nal bed, to thine e - ter - nal slum - ber.'

Tenor

Bass

*mf*

*cresc.*

*mf*

4

3/4

Thou goest home this night to thy home of win - ter,

To - thy home of au - tumn, of spring and of sum - mer.

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Thou goest home this night to thy per - pe - tual home,

to thy home,

To thine e - ter - nal bed, to thine e - ter - nal slum - ber.

flowing  $\bullet = 80$  and a - way with thy sor - row, and a -

T 5 8

B 5 *mp* Sleepthou, sleep, a - way with thy sor - row, Sleep thou, O sleepthou, a -

Sleepthou, sleep, a - way with thy sor - row,

way with thy sor - row, and a - way with thy sor - row, -

T 11 8 *cresc.* *dim.*

B 11 *cresc.* *dim.*

way with thy sor - row, Sleep thou, sleep, a - way with thy sor - row, Sleep, thou, sleep thou a - way thy sor - row,

in the rock of the fold.

T 17 8

B 17

Sleep, thou be - lov - ed in rock of the fold. Sleep this night in the

Sleep, be - lov - ed in rock of the fold.

breast of thy mo - ther, Sleep, be - loved, while she her-self soothes thee;

T 23 8

B 23

mo-ther,

29  
T  
8  
mf Sleep this night on the vir - gin's arm, Sleep, be - loved while

B  
29

35  
T  
8  
rit. in the calm of all calm,  
f she her-self kis - ses thee. Sleep, O sleep in the calm of all calm,  
mp

B  
35  
she kis - ses thee Sleep, O

41  
T  
8  
Sleep, O sleep in the gui - dance of gui - dance, in the

B  
41  
Sleep, O Sleep, O

47  
T  
8  
rit. love of all loves; Sleep, O be - loved in the Lord of  
rit.

B  
47  
rit. love of all loves; p in the rit.

52  
T  
8  
rit. al fine life, Sleep, O be - loved in God of life.

B  
52  
rit. al fine Sleep, O be - loved in the God of life.