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(dedicated to Walter Withers)  
for 2 part treble choir and piano

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text by, and commissioned by  
Anne Williams and the Eltham East Primary School Choir 2004

music: Stephen Leek

♩ = 94, bright and magical

mf

Piano introduction, measures 1-4. The music is in 4/4 time, key of D major. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords.

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Piano introduction, measures 5-8. The right hand continues the melodic line, and the left hand maintains the harmonic accompaniment. A fermata is placed over the final note of measure 8.

9 **A**

He sits and wat - ches a dome of blue a - bove a car-pet of green be - low,

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Measures 9-13. The vocal parts enter with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues. The key signature changes to D minor for measures 10-11, then returns to D major for measures 12-13. The piano part includes a melodic line in the right hand and chords in the left hand.

14 **B** **C**

the gra-zing cat - tle rust - y red and cream-y white. He sits on, quiet - ly ab-sorbs the chang-ing

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Measures 14-17. The vocal parts continue with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues. The key signature changes to 3/4 time for measures 15-17. The piano part includes a melodic line in the right hand and chords in the left hand.

## D

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col-ours of sea-sons, clouds and light, the sway of sil-ver blue\_gums

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in the breeze the sway of sil-ver blue\_gums in the breeze

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## E

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*mp*

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**F**

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He smiles, picks up his brush and dips it in deep co - balt blue

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dips it deep in co-balt blue and paints his

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**G**

*accel.*

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world.

world.

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