

# An Irish Airman Foresees His Death

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**Adagio** ♩ = 70

*mf*

Soprano

I shall meet my fate some - where

*mf*

Alto

I know my fate some - where a -

*mf*

Tenor

I know that I shall meet my fate some - where a -

*mf*

Bass

I know my fate some - where a -

5

*mp tenderly*

S.

in the clouds a - bove Those that I fight

*mp*

A.

-mong the clouds a - bove I do not hate,

*mp tenderly*

T.

-mong the clouds a - bove Those that I fight do not hate,

*mp*

B.

-mong the clouds a - bove I do not hate

9

*rit.* *piu mosso*

S. those that I guard, those I guard I do not love;

A. — those, — those — I guard I do not love;

T. 8 — those I guard, those that I guard I do not love;

B. — those that I guard — I do not love; *mp* my

13 *mp*

S. my coun - try, — Kil - tar - tan Cross, my coun - try -

A. *mp* my coun - try, — Kil - tar - tan Cross, my coun - try - men. —

T. 8 *mp* my coun - try is Kil - tar - tan Cross, my coun - try - men. —

B. coun - try — Kil - tar - tan Cross, my coun - try -

18

S. *-men Kil - tar-tan's poor, no like - ly end, hap - pier*

A. *— Kil - tar-tan's poor, no like - ly end could bring them loss or make them*

T. *— Kil - tar-tan's poor, no like - ly end could bring them loss, hap - pier*

B. *-men, poor, no like - ly end, loss, hap - pier*

23 *meno mosso*

S. *than be - fore. nor du - ty bade me fight, nor*

A. *hap - pier than be - fore. nor du - ty bade me fight, nor*

T. *than be - fore. nor du - ty bade me fight, nor*

B. *than be - fore. nor law bade me fight, nor*

*mf*

28

S. *mp lazily* *poco rit.* - - -  
 publicmen, nor cheer-ing crowds, a lone - ly im-pulse of de-light

A. *mp*  
 publicmen, nor cheer-ing crowds, lone - ly im-pulse of de-light\_\_

T. *mf lazily*  
 publicmen, nor cheer-ing crowds, a lone - ly im-pulse of\_\_ de-light\_\_

B. *mp*  
 publicmen nor cheer-ing crowds, lone - ly im-pulse of de-light

33 *piu mosso* *mf* *p meno mosso*

S. *mf* *p meno mosso*  
 Drove to this tu-mult in the clouds, this tu-mult in the clouds, this

A. *mf*  
 — Drove to this tu - mult in the clouds, — I

T. *mf* *mp*  
 — Drove to this tu-mult in the clouds, this tu - mult this

B. *mp*  
 — — — — — I

38 *mf* **accel.** - - - - -

S. tu - mult brought to mind, the years to come seemed waste of breath,

A. ba - lanced all, brought to mind years to come seemed waste of

T. 8 tu - mult brought to mind, years to come seemed waste of breath,

B. ba - lanced all, brought to mind, years to come seemed waste of

(**accel.**) - - - - -

42 *f*

S. waste of breath waste of breath, a waste of breath the years be-hind

A. *f* breath, waste of breath, waste, a waste of breath the years be-hind

T. 8 *f* waste of breath, waste of breath, a waste of breath the years be-hind

B. *f* breath, waste of breath, waste, a waste of breath the years be-hind

6

46

S. *mp* *p*  
oo In

A. *mp*  
oo

T. *mp*  
8 oo

B. *mp*  
oo

50 **molto rit.** *pp*

S. ba - lance with this life, this death.

A. *p* *pp*  
*mm* this life, this death.

T. *p* *pp*  
*mm* this life, this death.

B. *p* *pp*  
*mm* this life, this death.