

14. The Tiger Asks Blake for a Bedtime Story

Solo, Alto/Tenor Chorus with Piano

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The musical score is written for a Tiger (Solo) and Piano (Alto/Tenor Chorus with Piano). It is in 4/4 time and consists of three systems of music. The Tiger part is in the upper staff, and the Piano part is in the lower staff. The lyrics are written below the Tiger staff.

System 1: Tiger part starts with a rest, then a melodic line. Piano part starts with a rest, then a simple accompaniment. Lyrics: "Will - iam, Will - iam, wri - ting late, by the chill and soot - y grate,"

System 2: Tiger part continues with a melodic line. Piano part continues with accompaniment. Lyrics: "what im - mor - tal sto - ry can make your ti - ger roar a - gain? When I was sent to fetch your meat, I confess that I did eat Half the roast and all the bread."

System 3: Tiger part continues with a melodic line. Piano part continues with accompaniment. Lyrics: "He will nev - er know, I said. When I was sent to fetch your drink, I confess that I did think you would nev - er miss the three lumps of sug - ar by your tea. Soon I saw my health de - cline, And I knew the fault was mine."

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Tig. On - ly Will - iam Blake can tell tales to make a ti - ger well. Now I lay me down to sleep, with

A. *p* dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo

T. *p* dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo

Pno.

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Tig. bear and rab - bit, bird and sheep. If I should dream be - fore I wake, may I dream of Will - iam Blake.

A. *molto rall.* dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo *molto rall.*

T. *molto rall.* dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo dhoo *molto rall.*

Pno. *molto rall.*