

- HAIKU SEASONS -

For 8 part mixed choir SSAATTBB



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- Haiku Seasons - is based on traditional Japanese Haiku poems, arranged by association to the four seasons. The poems are translated from Norwegian to English by Bjørn B Skjelbred.

Winter:

Pale moon
shines down
on a frozen globe (Kyoshi b.1874)

Colder than snow
when winter moon shines
on grey hair (Joso 1661-1704)

Mid-winter silence
no deep thoughts
no great sins (Issa 1763-1827)

Spring:

Snow melting
moon
so round (Issa 1763-1827)

Many memories
when the cherry tree blossoms
again (Basho 1644-1694)

Summer:

Summer night
moon's rushing
from cloud to cloud (Ranko 1726-1799)

Full moon
stars without numbers
a deep, green sky (Shiki 1867-1902)

Autumn:

Leaves trembling
ask the autumn wind
who will first fall (Soseki 1865-1905)

I'm leaving
you're staying
my fall
your fall (Buson 1715-1783)

- Haiku Seasons - is written and dedicated to Ensemble 96 and Nina T. Karlsen

DURATA approx. 14 minutes

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♩ = 70

Soprano 1

f Ha - iku *p* *f* Ha - iku *p* *f* Ha - iku *p* Hm *mf* *f* Ha - iku *p*

Soprano 2

f Ha *pp* *f* Ha - iku *p* *f* Ha *pp* - Hm *mf* *f* Ha - iku *p*

Alto 1

f Ha - iku *p* *f* Ha - iku *p* *f* Ha - iku *p* Hm *mf* *f* Ha - iku *p*

Alto 2

f Ha *pp* *f* Ha - iku *p* *f* Ha *pp* - Hm *mf* *f* Ha - iku *p*

Tenor 1

f Ha - iku *p* *f* Ha - iku *p* *f* Ha - iku *p* Hm *mf* *f* Ha - iku *p* *f*

Tenor 2

f Ha *pp* *f* Ha - iku *p* *f* Ha *pp* - Hm *mf* *f* Ha - iku *p*

Bass 1

f Ha - iku *p* *f* Ha - iku *p* *f* Ha - iku *p* Hm *mf* *f* Ha - iku *p*

Bass 2

f Ha *pp* *f* Ha - iku *p* *f* Ha *pp* - Hm *mf* *f* Ha - iku *p*

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S 1

f Ha - iku *p* *mf* Hm *pp* Ha *mf* Ha

S 2

f Ha - iku *p* *mf* Hm *p* Hm *mf* *pp*

A 1

f Ha - iku *p* *mf* Hm *pp* Ha *mf* Ha

A 2

f Ha - iku *p* *mf* Hm *p* Hm *mf* *pp*

T 1

8 Ha - iku *p* *mf* Hm *pp* Ha *mf* Ha

T 2

8 Ha - iku *p* *mf* Hm *p* Hm *mf* *pp*

B 1

f Ha - iku *p* *mf* Hm *pp* Ha *mf* Ha

B 2

f Ha - iku *p* *mf* Hm *p* Hm *mf* *pp*

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17 WINTER ♩=94

S 1 *f* Ha - iku *mf* I *pp* Ha *mf* Pale *p* Pale *mf*

S 2 *f* Ha - iku *mf* Ha *p* Ha *mp* *pp* *mf* ale *p* ale *mf* ale

A 1 *f* Ha - iku *mf* I *pp* Ha

A 2 *f* Ha - iku *mf* Ha *p* Ha *mp* *pp*

T 1 *f* Ha - iku *mf* I *pp* Ha

T 2 *f* Ha - iku *mf* Ha *p* Ha *mp* *pp*

B 1 *f* Ha - iku *mf* I *pp* Ha

B 2 *f* Ha - iku *mf* Ha *p* Ha *mp* *pp*

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S 1

p Pale *mf* Pale *p* Pale *mf* Pale *p* moon m *mf* Pale m

S 2

p ale *mf* ale *p* ale *mf* ale *p* moon m *mf* ale m

A 1

mf ale *p* ale *mf* ale *p* moon m *mf* ale m

A 2

mf moon *p* moon m *mf* moon

T 1

8

T 2

8

B 1

B 2

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S 1

S 2

A 1

A 2

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

mf shi - ning shi - ning down shi - ning down

mf shi - ning down

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S 1

S 2

A 1

A 2

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

m

m

m

m

m

m

m

m

Cold
mf

p Cold

mf cold

mf er

mf er

mf er

mf than

mf snow

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S 1 *mf* shines m shines _____

S 2 *mf* shines m shines _____

A 1 *mf* shines m shines _____

A 2 *mf* shines m shines _____

T 1 8 cold _____ *p* *mf* shines m shines _____

T 2 8 er _____ *p* *mf* shines m shines _____

B 1 *p* than _____ *mf* when win - ter m when win - ter *p* on gray hair _____

B 2 *p* snow _____ *mf* when win - ter m when win - ter *p* on gray hair _____

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S 1 *p* *m* no - o deep thoughts *mp*

S 2 *p* *m* no - o deep thoughts *mp*

A 1 *p* *m* no - o great sins *mp*

A 2 *p* *m* no - o great sins *mp*

T 1 *p* *m* mid - win - ter *mp*

T 2 *p* *m* mid - win - ter *mp*

B 1 *mp* mid - win - ter si - lence

B 2 *mp* mid - win - ter si - lence

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S 1 no - o deep thoughts _____ no - o deep thoughts _____ no - o deep thoughts _____ no - o deep thoughts _____

S 2 no - o deep thoughts _____ no - o deep thoughts _____ no - o deep thoughts _____ no - o deep thoughts _____

A 1 no - o great sins _____ no - o great sins _____ no - o great sins _____

A 2 no - o great sins _____ no - o great sins _____ no - o great sins _____

T 1 8 si - lence mid - win - ter si - lence mid - win - ter si - lence

T 2 8 si - lence mid - win - ter si - lence mid - win - ter si - lence

B 1 mid - win - ter si - lence mid - win - ter si - lence mid - win - ter si - lence

B 2 mid - win - ter si - lence mid - win - ter si - lence mid - win - ter si - lence

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poco a poco rit.

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S 1

no - o deep thoughts no - o deep thoughts no - o deep thoughts

S 2

no - o deep thoughts no - o deep thoughts no - o deep thoughts

A 1

no - o great sins no - o great sins no - o great sins no - o great sins

A 2

no - o great sins no - o great sins no - o great sins no - o great sins

T 1

8 mid - win - ter si - lence mid - win - ter si - lence mid - win - ter si - lence

T 2

8 mid - win - ter si - lence mid - win - ter si - lence mid - win - ter si - lence

B 1

mid - win - ter si - lence mid - win - ter si - lence mid - win - ter

B 2

mid - win - ter si - lence mid - win - ter si - lence mid - win - ter

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S 1 *mf* Ha ai - ku Ha ai - ku *pp* 0

S 2 *mf* Ha *mf* Ha *p* 0

A 1 *mf* Ha ai - ku Ha ai - ku *pp* 0

A 2 *mf* Ha *mf* Ha *p* 0

T 1 *mf* Ha ai - ku Ha ai - ku *pp* 0

T 2 *mf* Ha *mf* Ha *p* 0

B 1 si - lence *mf* Ha ai - ku Ha ai - ku *pp* 0

B 2 si - lence *mf* Ha *mf* Ha *p* 0

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109 **SPRING** $\text{♩} = 78$

S 1 *mf* ^{Snow} snow snow snow

S 2 *mf* ^{Snow} snow snow snow

A 1 *mp* 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

A 2 *mp* 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

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S 1 *p* melt - ing — *mf* melt - ing —

S 2 *p* melt - ing — *mf* melt - ing —

A 1 0 — 0 — 0 — Melt - ing 0 — 0 — 0 —

A 2 0 — 0 — 0 — Melt - ing — 0 — 0 — 0 —

T 1 *p* melt - ing — *mf* melt - ing —

T 2 *p* melt - ing — *mf* melt - ing —

B 1 *p* melt - ing — *mf* melt - ing —

B 2 *p* melt - ing — *mf* melt - ing —

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S 1 Moon moon moon moon so round *f* so round

S 2 Moon moon moon moon so round *f* so round

A 1 O O O O ro - und ro - und ro - und

A 2 O O O O ro - und ro - und ro - und

T 1 round *f* round

T 2 round *f* round

B 1 round *f* round

B 2 round *f* round

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S 1

round *mf* round *p* round *pp* Ma - ny memo - ries *mp* when the cher - ry

S 2

round *mf* round *p* round *pp* ies *mp*

A 1

ro - und *p* ro - und *pp* ies *mp*

A 2

ro - und *p* ro - und *pp* ies *mp*

T 1

round *mf* round *p* round *pp* i *mp*

T 2

round *mf* round *p* round *pp* i *mp*

B 1

round *mf* round *p* round *pp* i *mp*

B 2

round *mf* round *p* round *pp* i *mp*

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S 1 tree blos - soms _____ *mf* a - gain a - gain _____

S 2 *p* tree _____ *mp* oms _____ *mf* a - gain a - gain _____

A 1 _____ oms _____ *mf* a - gain a - gain _____

A 2 _____ oms _____ *mf* a - gain a - gain _____

T 1 ₈ _____ blos - soms blos - soms a - gain a - gain _____ *mf*

T 2 ₈ _____ os - soms os - soms a - gain a - gain _____ *mf*

B 1 _____ os - soms os - soms a - gain a - gain _____ *mf*

B 2 _____ soms os - soms a - gain a - gain _____ *mf*

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Score for voices and instruments, measures 148 to 153. The score is written for Soprano 1 (S 1), Soprano 2 (S 2), Alto 1 (A 1), Alto 2 (A 2), Tenor 1 (T 1), Tenor 2 (T 2), Bass 1 (B 1), and Bass 2 (B 2). The music is in 2/4 time.

The lyrics for the vocal parts are:

S 1, S 2, A 1, A 2: *mf* a - gain *cresc.* a - gain *f* a - gain

T 1, T 2, B 1, B 2: *mp* sno - ow melt - ing *mf* a - gain *cresc.* a - gain *f* o

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S 1

mp *p* *f* *p* *f*

Ha - ai - ku Ha -

S 2

mp *p* *f* *p* *f*

Ha - m Ha

A 1

mp *p* *f* *p* *f*

Ha - ai - ku Ha -

A 2

mp *p* *f* *p* *f*

Ha - m Ha

T 1

mp *p* *f* *p* *f*

Ha - m Ha

T 2

mp *p* *f* *p* *f*

Ha - m Ha

B 1

mp *p* *f* *p* *f*

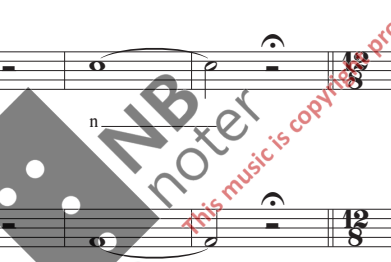
Ha - m Ha

B 2

mp *p* *f* *p* *f*

Ha - m Ha

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S 1

Mo - on _____ Mo - on _____

S 2

Mo - on _____ Mo - on _____

A 1

mf Sum - mer night _____ night _____ night _____ night _____ Mo - on _____ Mo -

A 2

mf Sum - mer night _____ night _____ night _____ Mo - on _____

T 1

mf Moon is

T 2

mf Moon is

B 1

B 2

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S 1

O: _____ Clo - ud _____ clo - ud clo - ud

S 2

O: _____ Clo - ud _____ clo - ud clo - ud

A 1

on _____ O: _____ Clo - ud clo - ud clo - ud

A 2

Mo - on _____ O: _____ Clo - ud clo - ud clo - ud

T 1

8 rush - ing _____ O: _____ Cloud _____ clo - ud clo - ud

T 2

8 rush - ing _____ O: _____ Cloud _____ clo - ud clo - ud

B 1

mf from cloud to cloud _____ clo - ud clo - ud

B 2

from cloud to cloud _____ clo - ud clo - ud

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S 1

Fu - ull moon ____ moon ____ moon ____ fu - ull ____

S 2

Fu - ull moon ____ moon ____ moon ____ fu - ull ____

A 1

Fu - ull moon ____ moon ____ moon ____ fu - ull

A 2

Fu - ull moon ____ moon ____ moon ____ fu - ull

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

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S 1 moon _____ Fu - ull moon _____ Mo - on _____

S 2 moon _____ Fu - ull moon _____ Mo - on _____

A 1 moon _____ Fu - ull moon _____ Mo - on _____

A 2 moon _____ Fu - ull moon _____ Mo - on _____

T 1 Stars _____ with - out num - bers _____ A

T 2 Stars _____ with - out num - bers _____ A

B 1 Stars _____ with - out num - bers _____ A

B 2 Stars _____ with - out num - bers _____ A

194

S 1

gre - en sky _____ gre - en sky _____ O: _____

S 2

gre - en sky _____ gre - en sky _____ O: _____

A 1

gre - en sky _____ gre - en sky _____

A 2

gre - en sky _____ gre - en sky _____

T 1

8 de - ep gre - en sky _____

T 2

8 de - ep gre - en sky _____

B 1

de - ep gre - en sky _____

B 2

de - ep gre - en sky _____

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Score for voices and piano, measures 199-202. The score is arranged in two systems of four staves each. The first system contains staves S 1, S 2, A 1, and A 2. The second system contains staves T 1, T 2, B 1, and B 2. The lyrics are: "O: _____ f sky _____ mf sky _____". The dynamics are *f* (forte) and *mf* (mezzo-forte).

S 1
O: _____ *f* sky _____ *mf* sky _____

S 2
O: _____ *f* sky _____ *mf* sky _____

A 1
O: _____ O: _____ *f* sky _____ *mf* sky _____

A 2
O: _____ O: _____ *f* sky _____ *mf* sky _____

T 1
A deep _____ gre - en *f* sky _____ *mf* sky _____

T 2
A deep _____ gre - en *f* sky _____ *mf* sky _____

B 1
A deep _____ gre - en *f* sky _____ *mf* sky _____

B 2
A deep _____ gre - en *f* sky _____ *mf* sky _____

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AUTUMN

♩=90

S 1

p sky _____ *mp*

S 2

p sky _____ *mp*

A 1

p sky _____ *p* O: _____ *mp*

A 2

p sky _____ *p* O: _____ *mp*

T 1

p sky _____ *p* Leaves leaves *mp*

T 2

p sky _____ *p* Leaves leaves *mp*

B 1

p sky _____ *p* Leaves leaves *mp*

B 2

p sky _____ Leaves leaves *mp*

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S 1 *tremb-ling* *mp* *tremb-ling* *mf* *tremb-ling* *p* *ing* *mp* *ask* the au-tumn wind ____

S 2 *tremb-ling* *mp* *tremb-ling* *mf* *tremb-ling* *p* *ing* *mp* *ask* the au-tumn wind ____

A 1 *tremb-ling* *p* O: ____ *mp* *tremb-ling* leaves *mf* *tremb-ling* *p* *ing* *mp* *ask* the au-tumn O: ____

A 2 *tremb-ling* *p* O: ____ *mp* *tremb-ling* leaves *mf* *tremb-ling* *p* *ing* *mp* *ask* the au-tumn O: ____

T 1 *tremb-ling* *p* leaves *mp* *tremb-ling* leaves *mf* *tremb-ling* *p* *ing* *mp* O: ____

T 2 *tremb-ling* - *p* leaves *mp* *tremb-ling* - leaves *mf* *tremb-ling* *p* *ing* *mp* O: ____

B 1 *tremb-ling* *p* leaves *mp* *tremb-ling* leaves *mf* *tremb-ling* *mp* O: ____

B 2 *tremb-ling* *p* leaves *mp* *tremb-ling* leaves *mf* *tremb-ling* *mp* O: ____

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S 1

wind _____ *p* wind _____ O: _____ Who will first fall _____

S 2

wind _____ *p* wind _____ O: _____ Who will first fall _____

A 1

O: _____ *p* O: _____ O: _____ Who will fi - irst fall _____

A 2

O: _____ *p* O: _____ O: _____ fall _____

T 1

O: _____ *p* O: _____ O: _____ fall _____

T 2

O: _____ *p* O: _____ O: _____ fall _____

B 1

O: _____ *p* O: _____ O: _____ fall _____

B 2

O: _____ *p* O: _____ O: _____ fall _____

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Score for 8 voices (S 1, S 2, A 1, A 2, T 1, T 2, B 1, B 2) in 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "fall _____ Who will first fall _____ first fall _____".

The score is written for 8 voices, arranged in four pairs (S 1, S 2; A 1, A 2; T 1, T 2; B 1, B 2). The lyrics are: "fall _____ Who will first fall _____ first fall _____".

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S 1

fall _____ Hm: _____ Hm: _____ *pp*

S 2

fall _____ Hm: _____ Hm: _____ *pp*

A 1

fall _____ Hm: _____ Hm: _____ *pp*

A 2

fall _____ Hm: _____ Hm: _____ *pp*

T 1

8 fall _____ Hm: _____ Hm: _____ *pp mf* Im leav-ing

T 2

8 fall _____ Hm: _____ Hm: _____ *pp mf* Im leav-ing

B 1

fall _____ Hm: _____ Hm: _____ *mf* Im leav-ing

B 2

fall _____ Hm: _____ Hm: _____ *mf* Im leav-ing

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leav - ing _____



leav - ing _____



leav - ing _____



leav - ing _____



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S 1

fall your fall _____ *p* My fall your fall _____ fall _____

S 2

fall your fall _____ *p* My fall your fall _____ fall _____

A 1

fall your fall _____ *p* My fall your fall _____ fall _____

A 2

fall your fall _____ *p* My fall your fall _____ fall _____

T 1

8 fall your fall _____ *p* My fall your fall _____ fall _____

T 2

8 fall your fall _____ *p* My fall your fall _____ fall _____

B 1

fall your fall _____ *p* My fall your fall _____ fall _____

B 2

fall your fall _____ *p* My fall your fall _____ fall _____

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Score for 8 voices (S 1, S 2, A 1, A 2, T 1, T 2, B 1, B 2) and piano accompaniment. The score is in 2/4 time, with a tempo marking of ♩ = 70. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

The lyrics are: fall, Ha - iku, Ha - iku, Ha - iku, Ha - iku, Ha - iku, Ha - iku, Ha - iku.

Dynamic markings include *f* (forte), *p* (piano), *pp* (pianissimo), and *ppp* (pianississimo). The score also includes a large watermark reading "NB noter" and "this music is copyright protected".

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S 1

mf Hm *f* Ha - *p* iku *f* Ha - *p* iku *mf* Hm *pp* Hm *mf* Ha Ha

S 2

mf Hm *f* Ha - *p* iku *f* Ha - *p* iku *mf* Hm *p* Hm *mf* I

A 1

mf Hm *f* Ha - *p* iku *f* Ha - *p* iku *mf* Hm *pp* Hm *mf* Ha Ha

A 2

mf Hm *f* Ha - *p* iku *f* Ha - *p* iku *mf* Hm *p* Hm *mf* I

T 1

mf Hm *f* Ha - *p* iku *f* Ha - *p* iku *mf* Hm *pp* Hm *mf* Ha Ha

T 2

mf Hm *f* Ha - *p* iku *f* Ha - *p* iku *mf* Hm *p* Hm *mf* I

B 1

mf Hm *f* Ha - *p* iku *f* Ha - *p* iku *mf* Hm *pp* Hm *mf* Ha Ha

B 2

mf Hm *f* Ha - *p* iku *f* Ha - *p* iku *mf* Hm *p* Hm *mf* I

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Score for voices and instruments, measures 294-300. The score includes parts for Soprano 1 (S 1), Soprano 2 (S 2), Alto 1 (A 1), Alto 2 (A 2), Tenor 1 (T 1), Tenor 2 (T 2), Bass 1 (B 1), and Bass 2 (B 2). The lyrics are: *f* Ha - iku *mf* I *pp* Ha.

Dynamic markings and phrasing are indicated throughout the score. A large watermark "NB noter" and the text "This music is copyright protected" are visible across the lower half of the page.