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THE OLD YEAR

Poem

JOHN CLARE

Music

WILLIAM Sweeney

2009
The Old Year

The Old Year's gone away
To nothingness and night:
We cannot find him all the day
Nor hear him in the night:
He left no footprint, mark or place
In either shade or sun:
The last year he'd a neighbour's face,
In this he's known by none.

All nothing everywhere:
Mists we on mornings see
Have more of substance when they're here
And more of form than he.
He was a friend by every fire,
In every cot and hall--
A guest to every heart's desire,
And now he's nought at all.

Old papers thrown away,
Old garments cast aside,
The talk of yesterday,
Are things identified;
But time once torn away
No voices can recall:
The eve of New Year's Day
Left the Old Year lost to all.

John Clare
The Old Year

Sweeney

Lento con moto (♩) \( \dfrac{4}{4} = 90 \)

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

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Poco più mosso

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The Old Year

Tempo I

Sop.

9

last year he'd a neighbour's face, In this he's known by none. All nothing ev'ry where: Mists

Alt.

9

last year a neighbour's face, this known by none. All nothing All nothing All nothing

Ten.

9

last year neighbour's face, this known by none. All nothing All nothing All nothing

Bass

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last year neighbour's face, this known by none. All nothing All nothing All nothing

Tempo II

Sop.

13

we on mornings see Have more of substance when they're here And more of form than he. He was a friend by ev'ry fire, In

Alt.

13

mornings mornings mornings substance when they're here here form than he. he. was a friend by ev'ry fire.

Ten.

8

mornings mornings substance when they're here form than he. he. was a friend by ev'ry fire.

Bass

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mornings mornings substance when they're here form than he. he. was a friend by ev'ry fire,
The Old Year

Tempo I

Sop.

The Old Year

Sop. 17

Old papers thrown away, Old garments cast aside,

Alt.

The Old Year

Alt. 17

Old papers thrown away, Old garments cast aside,

Ten.

The Old Year

Ten. 17

Old papers thrown away, Old garments cast aside,

Bass

The Old Year

Bass. 17

Old papers thrown away, Old garments cast aside,
The Old Year

Sop. 24

But time once torn a-way____ No voic-es can re-call: The

Alt. 24

Talk of yes-ter-day, Are things i-den-ti-fied; But time once torn a-way____ No voic-es can re-call: The

Ten. 24

Talk of yes-ter-day, Are things i-den-ti-fied; time once time once time once time once re-call: re-call: re-call:

Bass 24

Talk of yes-ter-day, Are things i-den-ti-fied; But time once torn a-way____ No voic-es can re-call: The

Talk of yes-ter-day, Are things i-den-ti-fied; time once time once time once time once re-call: re-call: re-call:
The Old Year

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Sop.

Alt.

Ten.

Bass