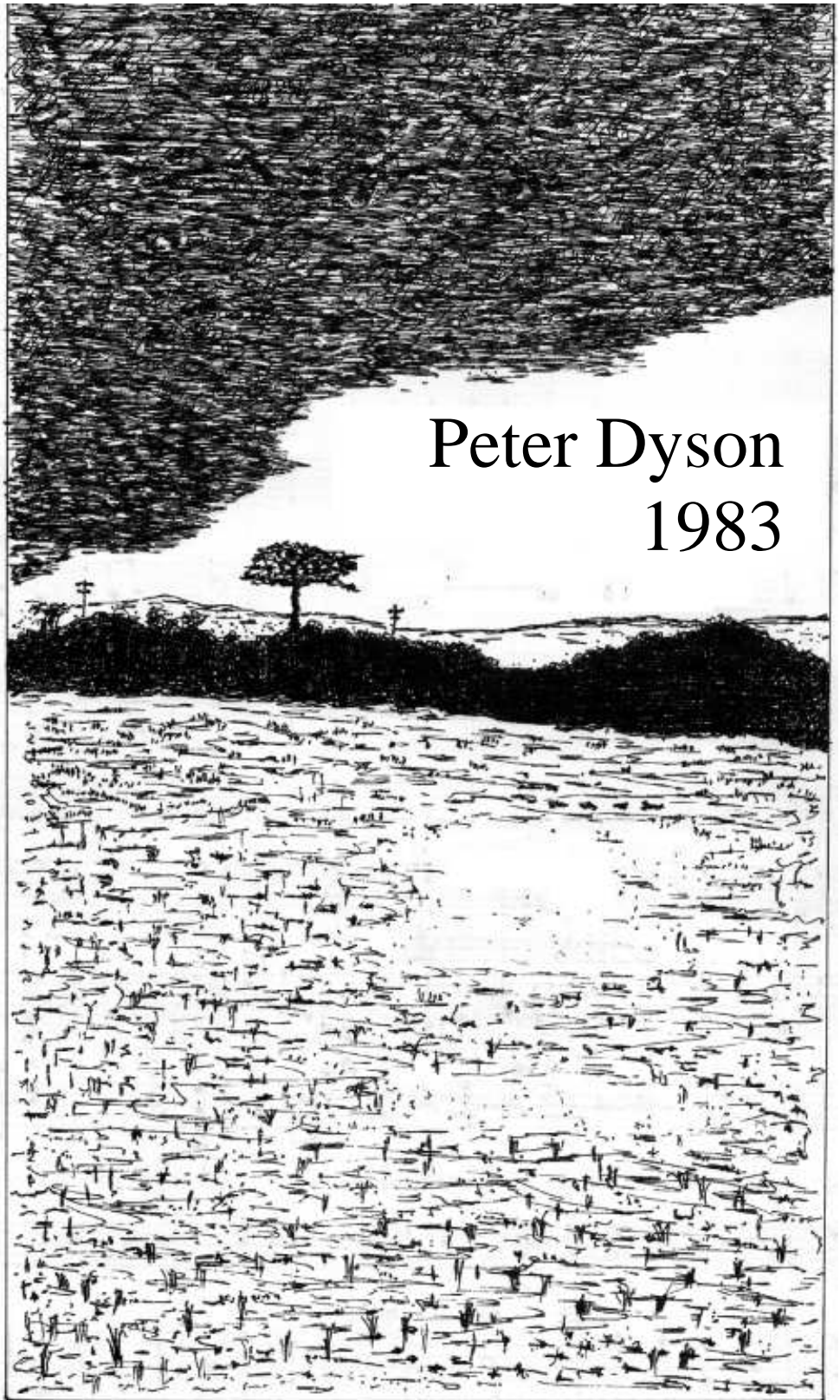


If  
thou  
indeed  
derive  
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light  
from  
heaven

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A Setting of Wordsworth's Poem  
for Voice and Two Violins

If thou indeed derive thy light from Heaven,  
William Wordsworth

If thou indeed derive thy light from Heaven,  
Then, to the measure of that heaven-born light,  
Shine, Poet! in thy place, and be content:--  
The stars pre-eminent in magnitude,  
And they that from the zenith dart their beams,  
(Visible though they be to half the earth,  
Though half a sphere be conscious of their brightness)  
Are yet of no diviner origin,  
No purer essence, than the one that burns,  
Like an untended watch-fire on the ridge  
Of some dark mountain; or than those which seem  
Humbly to hang, like twinkling winter lamps,  
Among the branches of the leafless trees.  
All are the undying offspring of one Sire:  
Then, to the measure of the light vouchsafed,  
Shine, Poet! in thy place, and be content.

1832.

# If thou indeed derive thy light from heaven

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Words by William Wordsworth (1770 -1850)

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**Rubato** (♩ = 72)

Solo Voice

Violin I

Violin II

*mf*

7

S.

Vln I

Vln II

*p*

*p*

12

S.

Vln I

Vln II

*mf*

*p*

*p*

If thou in-deed de - rive thy light from



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17

S. Heaven, Then, to the mea - sure of that heav'n born

Vln I

Vln II

21

S. light, Shine, Shine, Poet in thy place,

Vln I

Vln II

*sfz* *sfz* *mf*

26

S. and be con - tent: The stars pre -

Vln I

Vln II

*p*

31

S. e - mi-nent in mag-ni-tude, And they that from their ze-nith dart their

Vln I

Vln II

35

S. beams, (Vi - si - ble though they be to half the

Vln I

Vln II

38

S. earth, though half a sphere be con-scious of their bright-ness) Are

Vln I

Vln II

*mf*

*leggiro*

*leggiro*

42

S. yet of no di-vi-ner o-ri-gin, No pu-rer es-sence, than the one that

Vln I *mf*

Vln II *mf*



45

S. burns, Like an un-ten-ded watch-fire, on the ridge of some

Vln I *p*

Vln II *p*



49

S. dark moun-tain: or than those which seem

Vln I

Vln II

53 7

S. *Hum - bly to hang, like twin - kling win-ter lamps, A - mong the*

Vln I

Vln II

3



56 *pp*

S. *bran-ches of the leaf-less trees:*

Vln I *pp*

Vln II *pp*



60 *mf*

S. *All are un-dy-ing off - spring of one*

Vln I *mf*

Vln II *mf*

65

S. Sire: Then, to the mea - sure of the light vouch

Vln I

Vln II

69

S. safed, Shine, Shine, Poet! in thy

Vln I

Vln II

*sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *mf*

*sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

74

S. place, and be con - tent.

Vln I

Vln II

*p* *pp* *pizz.*

*p* *pp*

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