

Colin Mawby

Do not stand at my grave and weep

Promotional copy

for reading purposes only

for unaccompanied mixed voices

The words of this anthem were left in an envelope for his parents, to be opened in the event of his death, by a British soldier, Stephen Cummins, who was killed on active service in Northern Ireland at the age of 24 on 8 March 1989 (a mine blew up his armoured car near Londonderry) .

The author of the poem remains a mystery, although several names have been suggested. Written at least 50 years ago, it has been attributed at different times to J.T. Wiggins, Mary E. Frye and Marianne Reinhardt. Others claim it as a Navajo burial prayer.

Also available by Colin Mawby

THE DONKEY

for mixed voices and organ,
words by G. K. Chesterton

IN EVERLASTING MEMORY

for mixed voices and low Irish Whistle (or cello)

A VISION OF HEAVEN

for mixed voices and organ,
words by John Greenleaf Whittier and John Donne

Do not stand at my grave and weep

Words: anonymous

Music: COLIN MAWBY

Slowish and expressive ♩ = 70

Solo (optional)

SOPRANO

Do not stand _____ at my grave _____ and weep _____

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_____ I _____ am not there. _____ I do _____ not sleep, _____ sleep, _____

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8

S. sleep, _____ sleep. I _____ am a thou-sand winds that blow,

A. Sleep, _____ sleep. I am a thou-sand winds that blow, I am a thou-sand winds that blow, -

T. Sleep, _____ sleep. I am a thou-sand winds that blow, I am a thou-sand winds that blow,

B. Thou-sand winds that blow,

14 *mp* *mf* *sub. p*

I am the dia-mond glints on snow. I am the sun-light on ri - pened grain, —

blow, glints on snow. I am the sun-light on ri - pened grain, —

blow, — dia-mond glints on snow. — I am the sun-light on ri - pened grain, —

glints on snow. I am the sun-light on ri - pened grain,

mp *mf* *sub. p*

mp *mf* *sub. p*

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18 *rit.* *pp* *p* *a tempo*

ri-pened grain, I am the gen - tle au-tumn rain, au-tumn rain.

ri-pened grain, I am the gen - tle au-tumn rain, au-tumn rain,

ri-pened grain, I am the gen - tle au-tumn rain, rain,

ri-pened grain, ri-pened grain, Rain, au-tumn rain, rain.

rit. *pp* *p* *a tempo*

23 Solo (optional)

p Do not stand at my grave and weep, weep.

pp au-tumn rain. Weep, weep.

pp au-tumn rain. Weep, weep, weep.

pp

pp

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28 *più mosso*

Full *mf* When you a-wa-ken in the morn-ing's hush, I am the swift up - lift - ing rush

mf When morn - ing's hush, I am the swift up - lift - ing rush

mf When you a - wa - ken in the morn - ing's hush, I am the swift up - lift - ing rush

mf When morn - ing's hush, I am the swift up - lift - ing rush

più mosso

mf *f*

32 *mp* *rit.*
sub. p

Of qui-et birds in cir - cled flight... I am the soft stars that shine at night,

mp *sub. p*

Of qui-et birds in cir - cled flight... I am the soft stars that shine at night,

mp *sub. p*

Of qui-et birds in cir - cled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night,

mp *sub. p*

Of qui-et birds in cir - cled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night,

mp *rit.*
sub. p

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36 *tempo I* Solo (optional) *p*

I am the soft _____ stars that shine at night, _____ shine, _____

pp *pp*

shine at night, _____ night, _____ night, _____ night,

pp

shine at night, shine at night, _____ night, _____ night, _____

tempo I *p* *pp*

41

Full *p* rit. *pp* slower

shine, shine. Do not stand at my grave and

shine, shine, shine. Do not stand at my grave and

shine, shine. Do not stand at my grave and

shine, shine, shine. Do not stand at my grave and

p *p* *pp* *pp*

p *p* *pp* *pp*

p *p* *pp* *pp*

p *p* *pp* *pp*

rit. slower

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48

rit. *f* *ff* *fff* a tempo

cry, cry, cry and cry and cry.

f *ff* *fff* *mp* *p*

cry, cry, cry and cry and cry, cry. I am not

f *ff* *fff* *mp* *p*

cry, cry, cry and cry and cry, cry. I am not

f *ff* *fff* *mp* *p*

cry, cry, cry and cry and cry, cry.

rit. a tempo

f *ff* *fff* *mp* *p*

54 Solo (optional)
p
 I did not die, die,
 there; did not die, die,
 there; did not die, die,
p
 did not die,
p

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58 **meno mosso** Full **molto rit.** *ppp* long
sempre pp
 I did not die, die, die, die.
sempre pp *ppp* long
 I did not die, die, die, die.
sempre pp *ppp* long
 I did not die, die, die, die.
sempre pp *ppp* long
 die, die, die, die, die.
meno mosso **molto rit.** *ppp* long
sempre pp