

EDGAR WARREN WILLIAMS

A WONDER WILD

for Mixed Chorus

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for Ann

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Placido e molto legato ♩ = ca. 48

SOPRANO
Frail the white ro - (se) and frail are Her

ALTO
Frail the white ro - (se) frail are Her

TENOR
Frail the white ro - (se) and frail are Her

BARITONE
Frail the white ro - (se) frail are Her

(for rehearsal only)

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4

hands that gave _____ Whose soul gave is sere and

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8

p sub. *rall.* *pp* *mf* *mp* *A tempo*

pal - er Than time's wan wave. Rose - frail and

p sub. *pp* *mf* *mp*

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rall. *A tempo*

sub. p *pp* *f sub.*

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p *rall.* *pp* *A tempo*

fair— yet frail-est A won - der wil - (d)

p *pp*

fair— yet frail-est A won - der wil - -

p *pp*

fair— yet frail-est A won - der wil - -

p *pp*

fair— yet frail-est A won - der wil - -

rall. *A tempo*

p *pp*

16

pp *mf* *mp*

In gen - tle eyes thou veil - est, My blue - veined

pp *mf* *mp*

- (d) In gen - tle eyes thou veil - est, My blue - veined

pp *mf* *mp*

- (d) In gen - tle eyes thou veil - est, My blue - veined

pp *mf* *mp*

- (d) In gen - tle eyes thou veil - est, My blue - veined

20

p *pp*

chil - (d). -A won - der wil - (d) -A won - -

p *pp*

chil - (d). -A won - der wil - (d) won - -

p *pp*

chil - (d). -A won - der wil - (d) -A won - -

p

chil - (d). -A won - der wil - (d)

24 **stringendo** // **A tempo**

ff // *ppp*

der wil - - - (d).

1. *ff* // *ppp*

der wil - - - (d).

ff // 1. *ppp*

der wil - - - (d).

stringendo // **A tempo**

ff // *ppp*

ped.

The musical score consists of four staves. The top three staves are vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and the bottom staff is the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score begins at measure 24 with a 'stringendo' marking and a dashed line. It features dynamic markings of *ff* (fortissimo) and *ppp* (pianissimo). The lyrics are: 'der wil - - - (d).'. The piano part includes a 'ped.' (pedal) marking and a fermata over a chord in the final measure.

"A Flower Given to My Daughter"
 from *Poems A Penny Each*
 by James Joyce (1882-1941)

Frail the white rose and frail are
 Her hands that gave
 Whose soul is sere* and paler
 Than time's wan wave.
 Rosefrail and fair—yet frailest
 A wonder wild
 In gentle eyes thou veilest,
 My blueveined child.

—1912

*dry, withered; threadbare