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Pearly Everlasting

for soprano, baritone and 10-course lute

in loving memory of John Fleagle

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I.

Once again the Body
turning ever
the Light
reflects
translucens
becomes
all while the Shadow's Company
embracing,
the Ancients
joining.

Of Them Roots drink,
Leaves inspiring,
outspiralling
the warm Breath
of Forever.

II.

Here on Earth
choked by Reflection
we strive to make
Shadow

Shining through
wants Shade,
else it's all
in vain.

Vanities:
lit candles in noonday Sun,
melting fast.

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I.

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Tacet

♩ = 66

Once a-gain the Bo-dy turn-ing ev - er the Light re - flects trans-lu -

6

ces be - comes all while the Shad-ow's Com-pa-ny em-brac-ing, the An-cients join-ing,

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the An - cients join - ing.

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15 Of Them Roots drink, of Them Roots drink, the Ancients join -

15 Of Them Roots drink, of Them

19 ing, the An - cients join - ing. Roots drink,

19 Roots drink, the An-cients, the An-cients join - ing, of them Roots

22 Leaves in-spir - ing, Leaves in - spir - ing, out - spi - ral -

22 drink, Leaves in-spir - ing, in - spir - - - ing, out - spi -

25

ling, out - spi - ral - ling, out - spi - - - ral - ling the warm,

25

ral - ling, out - spi - ral - ling the warm Breath, the warm Breath,

25

28

the warm Breath of For - ev - er.

28

the warm Breath of For - ev - er.

28

32

32

32

II.

35 $\text{♩} = 88$

Soprano

36 Quietly

Here on Earth choked by Re - flec - tion,

42

Here on Earth choked by Re - flec - tion we strive__

47

to make Sha - dow we strive__

53

to make Sha - dow,

53

4 2

2 1 4 2

59

to make Sha - dow Shin - ing,

59

64

Ritard

Slower

Shin - ing through wants Shade, else it's all in vain.

64

69

Van-i-ties: Van-i-ties: Van-i-ties:

69

Van-i-ties: Van-i-ties: Van-i-ties: the Light re-flects trans -

69

ad lib

73

lit can - dles in noon - day

73

lu-ces be - comes, the Light re-flects trans - lu-ces be - comes,

73

78

Sun, melt-ing fast, fast, fast, fast, melt - - - ing

78

the Light re-flects trans - lu-ces be - comes, the Light re-flects trans -

78

82

fast. Van - i - ties: lit can - dles in noon - - -

82

lu - ces be - comes, the Light re - flects trans - lu - ces be - comes,

82

87

_____ day Sun, Van - i - ties:

87

the Light re - flects trans - lu - ces be - comes, the Light re - flects trans -

87

91

can - dles in noon - day Sun,

91

lu - ces be - comes, Once a - gain the Bo - dy turn - ing ev - er

91

95

Van-i-ties: lit can-dles in noon - day Sun, melt - ing

95

Van-i-ties: lit can - dles in noon - day Sun,

100

fast, fast, melt - - - ing, melt - - - ing

100

lit can - dles in noon - day Sun,

105

fast, the Light re-flects trans - luc - es be - comes,

105

the Light re-flects trans - lu-ces be - - - - comes,

105

110

the Light re-flect-ing trans-luc-es be - com - ing the warm Breath of For - e -

110

be - com - ing the warm Breath of For - e -

110

118

ver, For - e - ver, For - e - - - ver, the An-cients

118

- - ver, the warm Breath of For - e - ver, the An-cients

118

ritard

ritard

ritard

126

join - - - - ing, join - - - - ing.

126

join - - - - ing, join - - - - ing.

126

