

# Two Chorales

for "Sinfonietta"

1. For Johnny
2. Missing



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## **For Johnny**

Do not despair  
 For Johnny-head-in-air;  
 He sleeps as sound  
 As Johnny- underground.

Fetch out no shroud  
 For Johnny-in-the-cloud;  
 And keep your tears  
 For him in after years.

Better by far  
 For Johnny-the-bright-star;  
 To keep your head,  
 And see his children fed.

John Pudney.  
 From the Anthology "Dispersal Point"  
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## **Missing**

Less said the better.  
 The bill unpaid the dead letter.  
 No roses at the end of Smith, my friend.

Last word don't matter  
 And there are none to flatter.  
 Words will not fill the post of Smith, the ghost.

For Smith, our brother,  
 Only son of loving mother,  
 The ocean lifted stirred, leaving no word.

John Pudney.  
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(♩ = 65)

**Soprano**

*p*

1. Do not des - pair For John-ny - head - in -  
 2. Fetch out no - shroud For John-ny in the  
 3. Bet - ter by \_\_\_\_\_ far For John-ny the bright

**Alto**

*p*

1. Do not des - pair For John-ny - head - in -  
 2. Fetch out no - shroud For John-ny in the  
 3. Bet - ter by \_\_\_\_\_ far For John-ny the bright

**Tenor**

*p*

1. Do not des - pair For John-ny - head - in -  
 2. Fetch out no - shroud For John-ny in the  
 3. Bet - ter by \_\_\_\_\_ far For John-ny the bright

**Bass**

*p*

1. Do not des - pair For John-ny - head - in -  
 2. Fetch out no - shroud For John-ny in the  
 3. Bet - ter by \_\_\_\_\_ far For John-ny the bright



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S. 

air; He sleeps as sound as John-ny un - der - ground.  
cloud: And keep your tears For him in af - ter years.  
star, To keep your head, And see his child - ren fed.

A. 

air; He sleeps as sound as John-ny un - der - ground.  
cloud: And keep your tears For him in af - ter years.  
star, To keep your head, And see his child - ren fed.

T. 

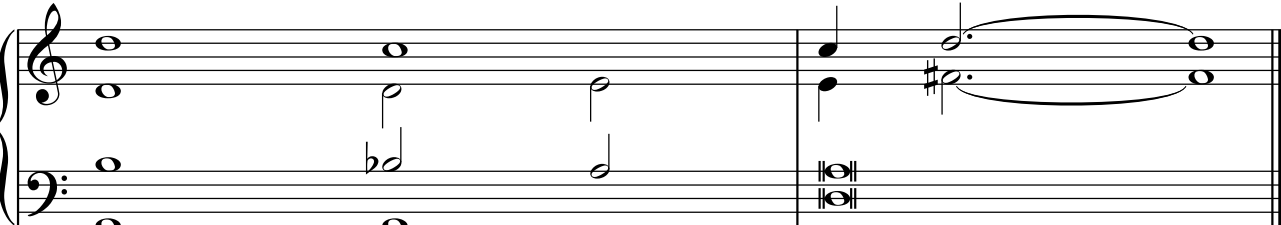
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B. 

air; He sleeps as sound as John-ny un - der - ground.  
cloud: And keep your tears For him in af - ter years.  
star, To keep your head, And see his child - ren fed.



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Org. 

*f*

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## 2. Missing

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**With Anger** (♩ = 80)

*p* *1*

S. *p* Less said the bet-ter. The bill un-paid the dead

A. *p* Less said the bet-ter. The bill un-paid the dead

T. *p* Less said the bet-ter. The bill un-paid the dead

B. *p* Less said the bet-ter. The bill un-paid the dead

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S. *p* *pp* *p* let-ter. No ro-ses at the end of Smith, my friend. Last

A. *p* *pp* *p* let-ter. No ro-ses at the end of Smith, my friend. Last

T. *p* *pp* *p* let-ter. No ro-ses at the end of Smith, my friend. Last

B. *p* *pp* *p* let-ter. No ro-ses at the end of Smith, my friend. Last

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S. *p* *p*  
words don't mat-ter And there are none to flat-ter. Words

A. *p* *p*  
words don't mat-ter And there are none to flat-ter. Words

T. *p* *p*  
words don't mat-ter And there are none to flat-ter. Words

B. *p* *p*  
words don't mat-ter And there are none to flat-ter. Words



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S. *p* *pp* *p*  
will not fill the post of Smith, the ghost. For

A. *p* *pp* *p*  
will not fill the post of Smith, the ghost. For

T. *p* *pp* *p*  
will not fill the post of Smith, the ghost. For

B. *p* *pp* *p*  
will not fill the post of Smith, the ghost. For

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S. *p* *mf*  
Smith, our bro-ther, On - ly son of lo-ving mo-ther, The

A. *p* *mf*  
Smith, our bro-ther, On - ly son of lo-ving mo-ther, The

T. *p* *mf*  
Smith, our bro-ther, On - ly son of lo-ving mo-ther, The

B. *p* *mf*  
Smith, our bro-ther, On - ly son of lo-ving mo-ther, The



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S. *p*  
o - cean lif - ted stirred, lea - ving no word.

A. *p*  
o - cean lif - ted stirred, lea - ving no word.

T. *p*  
o - cean lif - ted stirred, lea - ving no word.

B. *p*  
o - cean lif - ted stirred, lea - ving no word.

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