

# THREE TEXTS BY GEORGE ELIOT

(for SATB choir and string quartet/string orch.)

## 1. Count That Day Lost

If you sit down at set of sun  
And count the acts that you have done,  
And, counting, find  
One self-denying deed, one word  
That eased the heart of him who heard,  
One glance most kind  
That fell like sunshine where it went --  
Then you may count that day well spent.

But if, through all the livelong day,  
You've cheered no heart, by yea or nay -- If, through it all  
You've nothing done that you can trace  
That brought the sunshine to one face-No act most small  
That helped some soul and nothing cost --  
Then count that day as worse than lost.

George Eliot

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The musical score consists of eight staves. The top four staves represent the SATB choir: SOPRANO, ALTO, TENOR, and BASS. All four choir parts are entirely silent throughout the section. Below the choir are the string instruments: Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, and Violoncello. The Violin 1 staff features a sustained note followed by a 'gliss.' instruction over several measures. The Violin 2 staff has a similar pattern with 'mf, quasi glissando' markings. The Viola staff also has a sustained note with a 'mf, quasi glissando' marking. The Violoncello staff has sustained notes with 'mf' markings. The entire section is set in common time (indicated by a '4' in a circle) and uses treble clefs for the vocal parts and bass clefs for the instruments.

This section of the score begins at measure 8. It contains four staves for the string quartet: Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, and Cello. The Violin 1 staff has a sustained note with a 'gliss.' instruction. The Violin 2 staff has a sustained note with a 'gliss.' instruction. The Viola staff has a sustained note with a 'gliss.' instruction. The Cello staff has a sustained note with a 'gliss.' instruction. The instruments continue to play sustained notes and glissandos, providing harmonic support for the vocal parts.

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S.

A.

T. *mf*

B. If you sit down at set of sun\_\_\_\_\_ And count the

*mf*

If you sit down at set of sun at set of sun And count the

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla. *mp*

Vc. *mp*

19

S. And coun - ting find\_\_\_\_\_

A. And coun - ting, coun - ting find

T. acts that you have done\_\_\_\_\_ And coun - ting find\_\_\_\_\_

B. acts that you have done\_\_\_\_\_ And coun - ting coun - ting find

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

26

S. One self-de - ny-ing deed, one word  
A. One self-de - ny-ing deed, one word That  
T. One self-de - ny-ing deed, one word  
B. One self - de - ny-ing deed, one word

Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vc.

33

S. That eased the heart of him who heard, one  
A. eased the heart of him who heard, one  
T. that eased the heart of him who heard, one  
B. that eased the heart of him who heard, one

Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vc.

46

S. — where it went Then *mf*

A. — where it went Then *mf*

T. 8 went where it went Then *mf*

B. went where it went Then *mf*

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

53

S. you may count that day well spent.

A. you may count that day well spent.

T. <sup>8</sup> count that day well spent.

B. count that day, day well

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

59

S. —

A. —

T. —

B. spent.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 f

Vla. f

Vc. f

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S. - - - - *mp*  
A. - - - - *mp*  
T. - - - -  
B. - - - -  
Vln. 1 - - - - *mp*  
Vln. 2 - - - - *mp*  
Vla. - - - - *mp*  
Vc. - - - - *mp*

70

S. - - - -  
A. - - - -  
T. - - - -  
B. - - - -  
Vln. 1 - - - -  
Vln. 2 - - - -  
Vla. - - - -  
Vc. - - - -

76

S. if, through it all You've no - thing done that you can  
A. if, through it, through it all You've no - thing done,  
T. if, through it all You've no - thing  
B. if, through it through it all You've no - thing done that

Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vc.

83

S. trace That brought that  
A. no - thing done that you can trace That brought that brought the sun - shine  
T. done that you can trace That brought  
B. you can trace That brought

Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vc.

95

S. - o o - <---- most small\_ That helped some soul and

A. - b o - <---- most small\_ That helped some soul and

T. - o - <---- most small\_ That\_\_\_\_\_ That

B. - o - <---- most small\_ That\_\_\_\_\_ That

Vln. 1 p > f o > > > mp

Vln. 2 > b o > > > mp

Vla. > o > > > mp

Vc. > o > > > mp

101

S. no - thing cost no-thing, no thing cost

A. no - thing cost no - thing, no - thing, no - thing cost

T. 8 helped some soul and no - thing cost no - thing cost

B. helped some soul and helped some soul and no - thing cost

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

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S. Then count that day as

A. Then count that day as

T. Then

B. Then

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

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S. worse than lost as

A. worse than lost as

T. 8 count that day as worse as worse than lost as

B. count that day as worse, worse than lost as

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

121

S. worse than lost lost

A. worse than lost lost

T. 8 worse than lost lost

B. worse than lost lost

Vln. 1 pizz.

Vln. 2 pizz.

Vla. pizz.

Vc. pizz.

*sub p, parlato*

*sub p, parlato*

*sub p, parlato*

*sub p, parlato* lost

*p*

*pizz.*

*pizz.*

*pizz.*

*p*

*pizz.*

*pizz.*

*p*

## 2. Sweet Endings Come and Go, Love

"La noche buena se viene,  
 La noche buena se va,  
 Y nosotros nos iremos  
 Y no volveremos mas."  
 -- Old Villancico.

Sweet evenings come and go, love,  
 They came and went of yore:  
 This evening of our life, love,  
 Shall go and come no more.

When we have passed away, love,  
 All things will keep their name;  
 But yet no life on earth, love,  
 With ours will be the same.

The daisies will be there, love,  
 The stars in heaven will shine:  
 I shall not feel thy wish, love,  
 Nor thou my hand in thine.

A better time will come, love,  
 And better souls be born:  
 I would not be the best, love,  
 To leave thee now forlorn.

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The musical score for "Sweet Endings Come and Go, Love" features eight staves, each with a different instrument or vocal part. The instruments are: SOPRANO, ALTO, TENOR, BASS, Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, and Violoncello. The music is in 3/4 time. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) use the treble clef, while the string instruments (Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Cello) use the bass clef. The tenor staff has a 'G' below the bass clef. The score includes dynamic markings such as 'mf' (mezzo-forte) and performance instructions like '>' and '<'.

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S. - Old Villancico

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

"La no - che bue - na se vie - ne, la  
 "La no - che bue - na se vie - ne, la  
 "La no - che bue - na se vie - ne, la  
 "La no - che bue - na se vie - ne, la  
 "La no - che bue - na se vie - ne, la

143

S. no - che bue - na se va, Y nos - ot - ros nos i - re - mos Y no vol - ve - re - mos mas"

A. no - che bue - na se va, Y nos - ot - ros nos i - re - mos Y no vol - ve - re - mos mas"

T. 8 no - che bue - na se va, Y nos - ot - ros nos i - re - mos Y no vol - ve - re - mos mas"

B. no - che bue - na se va, Y nos - ot - ros nos i - re - mos Y no vol - ve - re - mos mas"

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

no - che bue - na se va, Y nos - ot - ros nos i - re - mos Y no vol - ve - re - mos mas"

149

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

157

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

165

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

*mp*

*Sweet*

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172

S. eve - nings come\_ and go, love,\_ They came and went\_ of yore:  
A. eve - nings\_ come\_ and go, love, They came and went\_ of yore:  
T.  
B.  
Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vc.

181

S. This eve - ning of\_ our life, love, Shall go\_\_\_\_\_ and come  
A. This eve - ning of\_ our life, love, Shall go\_\_\_\_\_ and come  
T.  
B.  
Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vc.

189

S. — no more.

A. — no more.

T. — mf Shall go and

B. — mf Shall go and

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

195

S. — f Shall go and come no more.

A. — f Shall go and come no more.

T. — f come no more. Shall go and come no

B. — f come no more. Shall go and come no

Vln. 1 — mf

Vln. 2 — mf

Vla. — mf

Vc. — mf

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S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

more. When we have  
When we have more.

211

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Passed a - way— Keep their name  
Passed a - way keep their name  
passed a - way, love, All things will keep their name;  
passed a - way, love, All things will keep their name;

219

S. - - - - - *mf*  
A. - - - - - *mf* With ours will  
T. - - - - - *mf* With ours will  
B. 8 But yet no life on earth, love With ours will be  
Vln. 1 - - - - - *mp*  
Vln. 2 - - - - - *mp*  
Vla. - - - - - *mp*  
Vc. - - - - - *mp*

227

S. be the same. With ours will be the same. *f*  
A. be the same. With ours will be the same. *f*  
T. 8 the same. With ours will be the the *f*  
B. the same. With ours will be the *f*  
Vln. 1 - - - - - *mf*  
Vln. 2 - - - - - *mf*  
Vla. - - - - - *mf*  
Vc. - - - - - *mf*

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237

S. *mp*  
The dai - ses will be  
A. *mp*  
The dai - ses will be  
T. same.  
B. same.

Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vc.

247

S. there, love, — The stars in hea - ven will shine:  
A. there, love, — The stars in hea - ven will shine:  
T.  
B.

Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vc.

254

S. I shall not feel thy wish, love, Nor thou \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. I shall not feel thy wish, love, Nor thou \_\_\_\_\_  
 T. \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vln. 1 f  
 Vln. 2  
 Vla.  
 Vc. mp

261

S. — my hand in thine. Nor thou my hand in thine.  
 A. — my hand in thine. Nor thou my hand in thine.  
 T. \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vln. 1 f  
 Vln. 2  
 Vla.  
 Vc. mf

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S.

A.

T. 8 thine. Nor thou my hand in thine.

B. thine. Nor thou my hand in thine.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

277

S.

A.

T. 8

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

283

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

290

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

bet - ter time will come, love,

And

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S. bet - ter souls be born: I would not  
A. bet - ter souls be born: I would not  
T. bet - ter souls be born: I would not  
B. bet - ter souls be born: I would not

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

304

S. be the best, love, To leave thee now  
A. be the best, love, To leave thee now  
T. be the best, love, To leave thee now  
B. be the best, love, To leave thee

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

312

S. — for - lorn \_\_\_\_\_ To leave thee now

A. for - lorn \_\_\_\_\_ To leave thee

T. 8 — for - lorn \_\_\_\_\_ To leave thee

B. now for - lorn To leave thee

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

320

S. — for - lorn \_\_\_\_\_ To leave thee now for-  
mf

A. now for - lorn To leave thee now for -  
mf

T. 8 now for - lorn To leave thee now  
mf

B. now for - lorn To leave thee now

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

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S. lorn  
A. lorn  
T. for - lorn  
B. for - lorn

Vln. 1 f  
Vln. 2 f  
Vla.  
Vc. f

336 pp  
S. for - lorn  
A. for - lorn  
T. for - lorn  
B. for - lorn

Vln. 1 ff ppp  
Vln. 2 ff ppp  
Vla. ff ppp  
Vc. ff ppp

### 3. It is never too late

It is never too late to be what you might have been.

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SOPRANO  
ALTO  
TENOR  
BASS

Violin 1  
Violin 2  
Viola  
Violoncello

*mf*

*mp* *mf*  
*mp* *mf*  
*mp*

350

Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vc.

*p*  
*p*  
*p*

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*p*

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S. - - - - -

A. - - - - - *mf* it \_\_\_\_\_

T. - - - - - *mf* it is ne - ver too late \_\_\_\_\_

B. *mf* It is ne - ver too late \_\_\_\_\_

Vln. 1 - - - - - *mp* - - - - -

Vln. 2 - - - - - *mp* - - - - -

Vla. - - - - - *mp* - - - - -

Vc. - - - - - - - - - - *mp*

360

S. - - - - ne - ver, ne - ver

A. > is ne - ver too late ne - ver, ne - ver

T. 8 ne - ver, ne - ver, ne - ver, ne - ver, ne - ver

B. ne - ver, ne - ver

Vln. 1 > > > > > > >

Vln. 2 > > > > > > >

Vla. > > > > > > >

Vc. > > > > > > >

364

S. ne - ver too late to be what you  
A. ne - ver too late to be what you  
T. ne - ver too late to be  
B. ne - ver too late to be

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

369

S. might have been, what you might have been  
A. might have been, what you might have been  
T. what you might have been, have been  
B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

375

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

387

S. have \_\_\_\_\_

A. have \_\_\_\_\_

T. have \_\_\_\_\_

B. have \_\_\_\_\_

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

390

S. been \_\_\_\_\_

A. been \_\_\_\_\_

T. been \_\_\_\_\_

B. been \_\_\_\_\_

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.