

Full Score

Anson Yeung

PETALS

for SATB choir a cappella
(2025)

Petals

Duration: *ca.* 4' 40''

Text by Amy Lowell (1874 – 1925)

Life is a stream
On which we strew
Petal by petal the flower of our heart;
The end lost in dream,
They float past our view,
We only watch their glad, early start.

Freighted with hope,
Crimsoned with joy,
We scatter the leaves of our opening rose;
Their widening scope,
Their distant employ,
We never shall know. And the stream as it flows
Sweeps them away,
Each one is gone
Ever beyond into infinite ways.
We alone stay
While years hurry on,
The flower fared forth, though its fragrance still stays.

PETALS

Amy Lowell

for SATB choir a cappella

Anson Yeung

Tranquillo ♩ = c. 63

Soprano *p* Life is a stream. *pp* stream. *p* Life is a stream.

Alto *pp* stream. *p* Life is a stream.

Tenor *pp* stream. *pp* stream.

Bass *pp* stream.

For Rehearsal Only *p*

S. *pp* on which *p* we strew *mf* pet - al by

A. *p* stream on which we strew *mp* pet - al by *mf*

T. *p* stream on which we strew *mp* pet - al by *mf*

B. *p* stream on which we strew *mp* pet - al by *mf*

mp *mf*

13 *mf* *Affettuoso* ♩ = c. 84 *mf*

S. pet - al the flo - wer of our heart; *pp* on_

A. pet - al pet - al flo - wer; Life is a stream on

T. pet - al pet - al flo - wer; Life is a stream on

B. pet - al pet - al flo - wer; Life is a stream on_

18 *f* *mf* *p*

S. which we strew pet - al by pet - al the flo - wer of our heart;_

A. which we strew pet - al by pet - al flo - wer of our heart;_ the

T. which we strew pet - al by pet - al flo - wer of our heart;_ the

B. which we strew pet - al by pet - al flo - - wer;_ the

23 *rall.*..... *a tempo* *mp* <

S. *pp* *mp* *p* we

A. flo - wer of our heart; they float past our view, we

T. flo - wer; the end lost in dream, they float past our view, we

B. flo - wer; the end lost in dream, they float past our view, we

28 *mf* *mp* *molto rit.*..... *a tempo* *f*

S. *mp* *p* *ppp* *f*

A. on - ly watch their glad, glad, ear - ly start. fright - ed with

T. on - ly watch their glad, glad, ear - ly start. *mf*

B. on - ly watch their glad, glad, ear - ly start. fright - ed with

34

S. *mf* hope, crim - soned with joy, we scat - ter scat - ter *mp* scat - ter scat - ter the

A. *f* hope, crim - soned with joy, scat - ter *mp*

T. *f* fright - ed with hope, crim - soned, we scat - ter scat - ter *mp* scat - ter

B. *f* hope, crim - soned with joy, scat - ter scat - ter the

39

S. *p* leaves; *f* fright - ed with hope, crim - soned with

A. *mp* of our o - pen - ing rose; *f* fright - ed with hope, crim - soned with

T. *f* rose; fright - ed with fright - ed with hope,

B. *p* leaves; *f* fright - ed with hope, crim - soned with

44

mf *mp*

S. joy, we scat - ter the leaves scat - ter the leaves

mp

joy, we scat - ter the leaves scat - ter the scat - ter the

mp

A. joy, we scat - ter scat - ter scat - ter the scat - ter scat - ter scat - ter the

mp

joy, we scat - ter scat - ter the leaves scat - ter the

mf *mp*

T. crim - soned, we scat - ter the scat - ter scat - ter scat - ter the scat - ter scat - ter

mp

crim - soned, we scat - ter scat - ter the leaves scat - ter the

mp

B. joy, we scat - - - ter scat - - - ter

mp

joy, we scat - - - ter scat - - - ter

mf

47

S. *f* o - pen - ing rose; _____ rose; *G.P.* *p*

p leaves of our *f* o - pen - ing rose; _____ rose; *G.P.* *p*

p leaves of our *f* o - pen - ing rose; _____ rose; *G.P.* *p*

A. *p* leaves of our *f* our _____ rose; _____ rose; *G.P.* *p*

p leaves of our *f* our _____ rose; _____ rose; *G.P.* *p*

T. *p* leaves of our *f* our _____ rose; _____ rose; *G.P.* *p*

p leaves of our *f* our _____ rose; _____ rose; *G.P.* *p*

B. *p* leaves of our *f* our _____ rose; _____ rose; *G.P.* *p*

p leaves of our *f* our _____ rose; _____ rose; *G.P.* *p*

p *f* *G.P.* *p*

53

mp *mf*

S. scope, their dis - tant_ dis - tant_ dis - tant_ em -

A. wide scope, dis - tant_ dis - tant_ dis - tant_ em -

T. their wi - den ing scope, dis - tant_ dis - tant_ dis - tant_ em -

B. wi - den - ing scope, dis - tant_ dis - tant_ dis - tant_ em -

mp *mf*

59

p *Meno mosso* (♩ = 72) *pp* *a tempo* *p*

S. - ploy, we shall ne - ver know. Life is a stream on

A. - ploy, we shall ne - ver know. Life is a stream on

T. - ploy, we shall ne - ver know. Life is a stream on

B. - ploy, we shall ne - ver know. Life is a stream on

64

mf *mp*

S. which we strew pet - al by pet - al the flo - wer of our heart;_

A. which we strew pet - al by pet - al flo - wer of our heart;_ the

T. which we strew pet - al by pet - al flo - wer of our heart;_ the

B. which we strew pet - al by pet - al flo - - wer;_ the

mp *p*

69

rall.....(♩ = c. 76) *p*

S. and the stream as it flows sweeps them a - way,

A. flo - wer of our heart; stream as it flows sweeps them a - way, a -

T. flo - wer; stream flows sweeps them a - way, a -

B. flo - wer; stream flows sweeps them a - way, a -

pp *p*

74 *p* *pp* **Lamentoso** ♩ = c. 63

S. each one is gone_____

A. *pp* gone_____ *p* e - ver be - yond in - to

T. - way, _____ gone_____ gone

B. *pp* - way, _____ gone_____ gone

80 *pp*

S. we a - lone stay

A. *pp* in - fin - ite ways._____ we a - lone stay_____ we a - lone stay_____ *pp*

T. stay_____

B. *pp* ways._____ we a - lone stay_____ we a - lone stay_____

85 *poco ac - - - ce - - - le - - - ran - - - do - - -* (♩ = 72) *mp*

S. while years hur - ry on, _____ hur - ry

p hur - ry on hur - ry on hur - ry on hur - ry on hur - ry

A. while years hur - ry on, _____ hur - ry hur - ry hur - ry

p hur - ry on, _____ hur - ry

T. _____ on, _____ hur - ry

pp while years hur - ry on, _____ hur - ry

mp _____ hur - ry

B. _____ on, _____ hur - ry

pp

89 *mf* *p*

S. on the flo - wer

A. *mf* *p* *pp*

T. *mf* *p* the flo - wer fared forth,

B. *mf* *p* *pp*

on, the flo - wer fared forth,

mf *p* *pp*

ri - tar - dan - do -

93 *pp*

S. though its fra - grance still stays

A. fra - grance still stays.

T. *pp* fra - grance stays.

B. fra - - grance stays

fra - - grance stays.