

# Will

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poem by Ella Wilcox Wheeler

music by Kevin Weed

$\text{♩} = 72$

Soprano 1  
Soprano 2  
Alto  
Piano

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There is no chance, no des-ti-ny,  
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There is no chance, no des-ti-ny,

Information



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no fate, can cir-cum-vent or hin-der or con-trol

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(Ped ad lib)

17

trol The firm, the firm re-solve

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*p* *mf*

3

21

of a de-ter-mined soul.

of a de-ter-mined soul.

of a de-ter-mined soul.

of a de-ter-mined soul.

*f* *cresc.* *f*

3

25

*mf*

Gifts count for no - thing;

Gifts count for no - thing;

Gifts count for no - thing;

29

will a - lone is great;

will a - lone is great; a - lone is great;

will a - lone is great; a - lone is great;

33

All things give way be - fore it,

All things give way be - fore it,

All things give way be - fore it,

37

soon or late. What

soon or late. What

soon or late. What

*gva* What

41

ob-stac-le can stay the might-y force

ob-stac-le can stay the might-y force

ob-stac-le can stay the might-y force

Of the

L.H. R.H. *p*

45

*p* Of the

Of the sea - seek - ing riv - er of the

sea - seek - ing riv - er of the sea - seek - ing riv - er of the

49

sea - seek - ing riv - er of the sea - seek - ing riv - er in its

sea - seek - ing riv - er of the sea - seek - ing riv - er in its

sea - seek - ing riv - er of the sea - seek - ing riv - er in its

53

*p* course, *p* Or cause the as -

*p* course, *p* Or cause the as -

*p* course, *p* Or cause the as -

*poco rit.* *a tempo*

58

*mf* cend-ing orb of day to wait? Each well-born

*mf* cend-ing orb of day to wait? Each well-born

*mf* cend-ing orb of day to wait? Each well-born

63

*f*

soul must win what it de - serves. Must win what it de - serves.

soul must win what it de - serves. Must win what it de - serves.

soul must win what it de - serves. Must win what it de - serves.

68

*mp*

Let the fool prate of luck. Let the

Let the

*p*

72

fool prate of luck. prate of luck. prate of luck. prate of luck. The for - tun - ate is

fool prate of luck. prate of luck. prate of luck. prate of luck. The for - tun - ate is

prate of luck. prate of luck. prate of luck. luck. The for - tun - ate is

*f*

76

(s)he whose earnest purpose never swerves,

(s)he whose earnest purpose never swerves,

(s)he whose earnest purpose never swerves,

80

Whose slightest action or inaction serves

Whose slightest action or inaction serves

Whose slightest action or inaction serves

N.B. In larger choirs, altos may sing these three parts down an octave with sopranos singing the three parts at pitch to create 6 parts total.

84

The one great aim. The one great aim. The one great aim.

The one great aim. The one great aim. The one great aim.

The one great aim. The one great aim. The one great aim.

88

*pp*

Why, ev - en Death stands still, And

*pp*

Why, ev - en Death stands still, And

*pp*

Why, ev - en Death stands still, And

*pp*

*Leg.*

92

waits an hour some - times for such a will.

waits an hour some - times for such a will.

waits an hour some - times for such a will.

*cresc.*

96

*rit.* *a tempo*

*rit.* *a tempo* There is no chance, no des - ti - ny,

*rit.* *a tempo* There is no chance, no des - ti - ny,

There is no chance, no des - ti - ny,

*rit.* *f a tempo*



100

no fate, can cir-cum-vent or hin-der or con-

no fate, can cir-cum-vent

no fate, can cir-cum-vent

104

trol The firm re-solve of a de-

hin-der or con-trol The firm re-solve of a de-

hin-der or con-trol The firm re-solve of a de-

108

ter-mined soul.

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ter-mined soul.

*rit.*