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Tanka 12

in memory of
the spring now passing
I drew
the long clusters of wisteria
that move like waves

Tanka 10

I do not know the day
my pain will end yet
in the little garden
I had them plant
Seeds of autumn flowers

Tanka 06

the bucket's water
poured out and gone,
drop by drop
dew drips like pearls
from the autumn flowers

Masaoka Shiki

Breathing

Masaoka Shiki
(1867-1902)

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Reflective ♩ = 42

mp *mf* *f* *mp* slight rit....

SOPRANO
in me - mor - y of the spring now pass - ing (n)

ALTO
in me - mor - y of the spring pass - ing (n)

TENOR
in me - mor - y of the spring pass - ing (n)

BASS
in me - mor - y of the spring pass - ing

a tempo *mp* *f* *mf* *mp* **slower** *mf* **a tempo**

I drew the long clusters of wis-ter-i-a clusters of wis-ter-i-a that

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I drew the long clusters clusters that

Ebb and flow *p* **slight rit.**

move like wave s

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move like wave s

move like wave s

a tempo

I do not know the day my pain will end yet in the lit - tle gar - den
 I do not know the day my pain will end yet in the lit - tle gar - den
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Dynamics: *mf*, *port.*, *f*, *p*
 Performance instructions: *port.*, *f*, *p*

I had them plant seeds of aut - umn flow - ers
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Dynamics: *mf*, *cresc.*, *f*
 Performance instructions: *cresc.*, *f*

mp *mf* *p* *mf* **rit....**
Sprechstimme *p*

the buck - et's wa - ter poured out and gone, drop by drop dew drips like pearls

mp *mf* *p* *mf* **rit....**
Sprechstimme *p*

the buck - et's wa - ter poured out and gone, drop by drop dew drips like pearls

mp *mf* *p* *mf* **rit....**
Sprechstimme *p*

the buck - et's wa - ter poured out and gone, drop by drop dew drips like pearls

mp *mf* *p* *mf* **rit....**
Sprechstimme *p*

the buck - et's wa - ter poured out and gone, drop by drop dew drips like pearls

Slower *mp* *f* *mf* **rit....** *mp* *a niente*

from the au - tumn flow - ers from the au - tumn flow - ers (s)

mp *f* *mf* **rit....** *mp* *a niente*

from the au - tumn flow - ers from the au - tumn flow - ers (s)

mp *f* *mf* **rit....** *mp* *a niente*

from the au - tumn flow - ers from the au - tumn flow - ers (s)

mp *f* *mf* **rit....** *mp* *a niente*

from the au - tumn flow - ers from the au - tumn flow - ers (s)