



Break of Day

for four-part chorus of mixed voices
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John Donne (1572-1631)

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Largo ♩ = 52

Soprano
Stay, stay, stay,

Alto
Stay, stay, stay,

Tenor
Stay, stay, stay,

Bass
Stay, stay, stay, stay,

Piano
(for rehearsal only)

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— O sweet, — Stay, — stay — and — do not —

— O sweet, — Stay, — stay — and — do not —

— O sweet, O sweet, — Stay, — stay — and — do not —

stay, — O sweet, — Stay, — stay — and — do not —

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rise; The light, the light that shines comes from thine

rise; The light, the light that shines comes from thine

rise; The light, the light that shines comes from thine

rise; The light, the light that shines comes from thine

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eyes; Stay, O sweet, stay, and do not rise;

eyes; Stay, O sweet, stay, and do not rise;

eyes; Stay, stay;

eyes; Stay, stay;

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The _ day breaks not, the _ light _ that shines comes from thine eyes, _ comes from thine

The _ day breaks not, the _ light _ that shines comes from thine eyes, _ comes from thine

The _ day breaks not, the _ light _ the light that shines comes from thine eyes, _ comes from thine

The _ day breaks not, the _ light _ the light that shines comes from thine eyes, _ comes from thine

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eyes; The day breaks not, it is my

eyes; The day breaks not, it is my

eyes; The day breaks not, it is my

eyes; The day breaks not, it is my

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heart, you and I must part — must part —

heart, you and I must part — must part —

it is my heart be- cause that you and I must part — must part —

it is my heart be- cause that you and I must part — must part —

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must part — Stay, O sweet, Stay, or else my joys will die, And

must part — Stay, O sweet, Stay, or else my joys will die, And

must part — Stay, stay, — And

must part — Stay, stay, —

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per - ish in their in - fan - cy. The day breaks not,

per - ish in their in - fan - cy. The day breaks not,

per - ish in their in - fan - cy. The day breaks not,

stay, stay, O stay. The day breaks not,

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it is my heart, my heart, Be-cause that you and

it is my heart, my heart, Be-cause that you and

it is my heart, my heart, Be-cause that you and

it is my heart, my heart, Be-cause that you and

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I must part. Stay, stay, Stay, or else my

I must part. Stay, stay, Stay, or else my

I must part. Stay, stay, Stay, or else my

I must part. Stay, stay, Stay, or else my

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joys will die, Stay, O sweet, stay, and do not rise;

joys will die, Stay, O sweet, stay, and do not rise;

joys will die, Stay, stay;

joys will die, Stay, stay;

49 *dying away*

Stay, O sweet. Stay. Stay. Stay. *pp*

Stay, O sweet. Stay. Stay. Stay. *pp*

Stay. Stay. Stay. *pp*

Stay. Stay. Stay. *pp*

Stay, O sweet, and do not rise;
 The light that shines comes from thine eyes;
 The day breaks not, it is my heart,
 Because that you and I must part.
 Stay, or else my joys will die,
 And perish in their infancy.