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The Lizard

for SATB Voices *a cappella*

(2'06")

Written for San Francisco Choral Artists,
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for SATB *a cappella* choir

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$\text{♩} = 90$

Soprano *mf* With Ar-is-tot-le on my knees And

Alto *mf* I sit a-mong the hoar-y trees With Ar-is-tot-le on my knees And

Tenor *mf* I sit a-mong the hoar-y trees With Ar-is-tot-le on my knees And

Bass *mf* I sit a-mong the hoar-y trees With Ar-is-tot-le on my knees And

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S. *p* turn with se-ri-ous hand the pa-ges, Lost in the cob-web-hush of a- ges; hush of a - ges;

A. *p* turn with se-ri-ous hand the pa-ges, Lost in the cob-web-hush of a- ges; hush of *mp* When

T. *p* turn the pa-ges, Lost hush of a- ges; hush of a - ges;

B. *p* turn the pa-ges, Lost hush of a- ges; hush of a - ges;

A

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mp *mf*

S. sud-den-ly with no more sound_____ ground, The lit tle her-mit of the place Is

A. sud-den-ly with no more sound Than an - y sun-beam on the ground, The lit tle her-mit of the place Is

mp *mf*

T. sud-den-ly_____ Than an - y sun-beam on the ground, of the place Is

mp

B. sud-den-ly_____ an - y sun-beam on the ground,

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B

mp *mf* *mp*

S. peer - ing up in - to my face:_____ The slim gray her-mit of the rocks, With

A. peer - ing up in - to my face:_____ The slim gray her-mit of the rocks, With

mp

T. peer - ing up in - to my face:_____ The slim gray her-mit of the rocks, With

mf *mp*

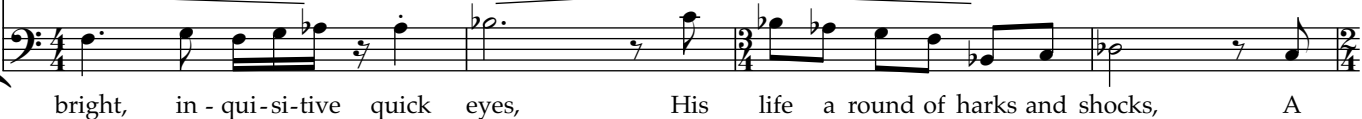
B. peer - ing up in - to my face:_____ The slim gray her-mit of the rocks, With

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S.  bright, in - qui-si-tive quick eyes,

A.  bright, in - qui-si-tive quick eyes,

T.  bright, in - qui-si-tive quick eyes, His life a round of harks and shocks, A

B.  bright, in - qui-si-tive quick eyes, His life a round of harks and shocks, A

25 *mp* C

S.  The slim gray her-mit of the rocks, With bright, in-quis-i-tive quick eyes, His

A.  The slim gray her-mit of the rocks, With bright, in-quis-i-tive quick eyes, His

T.  lit-tle rip-ple of sur - prise. rocks, With bright, eyes, His

B.  lit-tle rip-ple of sur - prise. rocks, With bright, eyes, His

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S. life a round of harks and shocks, A lit-tle rip-ple of sur - prise. A lit - tle rip-ple of sur -

A. life harks and shocks, A lit-tle rip-ple of sur - prise. A lit - tle rip-ple of sur -

T. life harks and shocks, A rip - ple of sur - prise A lit - tle rip-ple of sur -

B. life harks and shocks, A rip - ple of sur - prise. A lit - tle rip-ple of sur -

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S. *mf* prise. Now lift-ed up, in-tense and still, Sprung from the hill He

A. *mf* prise.. Now lift-ed up, in-tense and still, Sprung from the si-lence of the hill He

T. *mf* prise. Now lift-ed up, still, Sprung from the si-lence of the hill He

B. *mf* prise. Now lift-ed up, still, Sprung from the hill He

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S. hangs up-on the ledge a - glis-ten. And his whole bod-y seems to lis-ten! *p* lis - ten lis - ten

A. hangs up-on the ledge a - glis-ten. And his whole bod-y seems to lis-ten! *p* lis - ten lis - ten

T. hangs up-on the ledge a - glis-ten. And his whole bod-y seems to lis-ten! *p* lis - ten lis - ten

B. hangs up-on the ledge a - glis-ten. And his whole bod-y seems to lis-ten! *p* lis - ten lis - ten

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S. lis - ten Oh My pa-ges give a lit - tle start, And he is gone! to be a part *f*

A. lis - ten My lit - tle start, And he is gone! to be a part *f*

T. lis - ten My pa-ges give a lit - tle start, And he is gone! to be a part Of *f*

B. lis - ten My my he is gone! to be a part Of *f*

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S.  A mot-tled scar, _____ a weath er mark!

A.  A mot-tled scar, _____ a weath er mark!

T.  the old ce-dar's crum-pled bark. A mot-tled scar, _____ a weath er mark!

B.  the old ce-dar's crum-pled bark. A mot-tled scar, _____ a weath er mark!

Detailed description: This block contains four musical staves for voices, labeled S. (Soprano), A. (Alto), T. (Tenor), and B. (Bass). Each staff begins with a treble clef (except for B. which has a bass clef) and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is in 3/4 time. The Soprano and Alto parts have a rest for the first two measures, then enter with a melody. The Tenor and Bass parts enter in the first measure with a melody. All parts have a long horizontal line under the lyrics 'A mot-tled scar, _____ a weath er mark!' indicating a sustained note or breath mark. The lyrics 'the old ce-dar's crum-pled bark.' are only present in the Tenor and Bass parts.