

# **THE LOWER LEAVES OF TREES**

for SATB Choir A Cappella

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adapted from poems by  
SONE NO YOSHITADA  
(10th-century Japanese poet)

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$\bullet = 52$   
*p* quietly rustling

Soprano  
The low - er leaves of trees tan - gle the

Alto  
The low - er leaves of trees tan - gle the

Tenor  
The low - er leaves of trees tan - gle the

Bass  
The low - er leaves of trees tan - gle the

*mf* *p* *mp* *mf*

3 5

Soprano  
sun - set dusk. Awe spreads with the sum-mer

Alto  
sun - set dusk. Awe spreads with the sum-mer

Tenor  
sun - set dusk. Awe spreads with the sum-mer

Bass  
sun - set dusk. Awe spreads with the sum-mer

6

twi-light. On the ho - ly moun-tain, we ga - ther from the

twi-light. On the ho - ly moun-tain, we ga - ther from the

twi-light. On the ho - ly moun-tain, we ga - ther from the

twi-light. On the ho - ly moun-tain, we ga - ther from the

*mp* *p*

*mp* *p*

*mp* *p*

*mp* *p*

9

sac-red tree now in the fourth month, oak leaves, old leaves are

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sac-red tree now in the fourth month, oak leaves, old leaves are

*mp* *p*

*mp* *p*

*mp* *p*

*mp* *p*

13

no-where to be found. Jewels, jewels of

no-where to be found. Jewels, jewels, jewels of

no-where to be found. Jewels, of wa - ter,

no-where to be found. Jewels, jewels of

16

wa-ter wet no-thing, wet no-thing now. Mm

wa-ter wet no-thing, wet no-thing now. Mm

wa-ter wet no-thing, wet no-thing now. Mm

wa-ter wet no-thing, wet no-thing now. Mm