

Pōhutukawa

Words by Leon Gray

For The Passed

Music by Leon Gray

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Piano

p tranquillo

A Verses:

8 Women (or solo)

S
A

T
B

Pno.

mp

p

1. To me, your face is the moon - light, Your smile: the stars in the skies. _____

16

S
A

T
B

Pno.

In the brush of a wing, I can hear your voice sing, And the tears come and

B *mf*

22

S
A
T
B

go in my eyes. _____ 2. The lap - ping sea is your laugh - ter, The
you, my spi - rit is weep - ing, Our

Pno.

mp

29

S
A
T
B

flow'rs: the clothes that you wear, _____ And all that I do, has a
days to - ge - ther have passed, _____ When I'm un - der the trees, on

Pno.

35

S
A
T
B

sha - dow of you pass - ing by: e - ver far, e - ver near. _____ Fly
each pass - ing breeze, My pleas for you here are cast. _____

Pno.

1st time: *p*
2nd time: *f*

42

S
A
free on Te A - ra Wai - ru - a, Tī - pu - na stars shine down on the bay Of

T
B

Pno.

49

S
A
sac - red Te Re - re - nga Wai - ru - a: Pō - hu - tu -

T
B

Pno.

mf

55

S
A
ka - wa waits to show you the way. 1. To 2. unis. *f*

T
B
ka - wa waits to show you the way. 3. For To

Pno.

mp

D Bridge:

S
A
T
B

hear your tales, All that made you so spe-cial, To feel — you there at my

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Pno. *mf*

68 *mp*

S
A
T
B

side, _____ To sit by the sea, shar-ing what ought to be, With the wai-a - ta

Altos only Sopranos only Tutti:

Pno. *p*

E Verse:

75

S
A
T
B

— of the tide. 4.I knew you and loved you in mo - ments Of

Pno. *pp*

82 *mf*

S A joy, e-ver ours and sub - lime; To these I will cling and, of them, I will

T B

Pno. *cresc.*

89 **F** Chorus: *ff*

S A sing, To all who will foll-ow in time. Fly free on Te

T B

Pno. *ff*

96

S A A - ra Wai - ru - a, Tī - pu - na stars shine down on the bay Of sac - red

T B

Pno.

103

S
A

Te Re - re - nga Wai - ru - a: Pō - hu - tu - ka - wa

T
B

Pno.

110

S
A

waits to show you the way. Pō - hu - tu - ka -

T
B

Pno.

117

S
A

wa waits to show you the way.

T
B

Pno.

mp

mp

dim.

p
o. tranquillo

124

S
A
T
B
Pno.

Performance notes:

Don't let the song drag, keep it moving gently. Feel free to assign solos in any of the verses.

Pōhutukawa is the star associated with remembering loved ones. In Māori tradition, when a person passes, their soul follows the spirit pathway (*Te Ara Wairua*) up to Cape Reinga at the top of the North Island. The soul arrives in a sacred bay (*Te Reranga Wairua*) in which grows a solitary Pōhutukawa tree. It is then guided by the root of this sacred tree into the next life. *Tīpuna* are a person's ancestors, and stars are considered to be them looking down on the living.