

James DeMars

IRON and GRASS
for men's chorus

*From the poetry of Carl Sandburg:

Let the grass grow,
let the green grass grow, let the grass grow
under the morning stars.

Mine eyes have seen six feet of dust under the morning stars,
Mine eyes have seen the long, steel guns under the morning stars.

Let the grass grow,
let the green grass grow, let the grass grow
green grass covering all.

Now, drum Danny, drum Danny Drum.
Now, drum Danny, Danny Drum drum.
Mine eyes have seen lithe, little jackies
singing the songs of war,
Mine eyes have seen the iron shovels
digging the fields of war;
The shovel is brother to the gun.

Let the grass grow,
let the green grass grow,
at Gettysburg and Shiloh,
green grass covering all.
Shovel them under and let me work.
I am the grass,
I cover all.

*fragments from GRASS, OLD OSWATOMIE, DRUMNOTES and IRON (1914-1918)

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IRON and GRASS

from the poetry of Carl Sandburg,

A Civil War Memorial

for Dr. William Skoog and the Rhodes College Choir

Carl Sandburg

Calm, peaceful

James DeMars

2013

$\text{♩} = 48$

TENOR I *mp*
Let the grass grow, _____ let the

TENOR II *mp*
Let the grass grow, _____ let the

BASS I *mp*
Let the grass grow, _____ let the

BASS II



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T. I *mf* $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$
green grass grow, _____ Let the grass grow un-der the morn-ing

T. II *mf*
green grass grow, _____ Let the grass grow un-der the morn-ing

B. I *mf*
green grass grow, _____ Let the grass grow un-der the morn-ing

B. II *mp* *mf*
let the grass grow Let the grass grow un-der the morn-ing

4 A Più mosso ♩ = 56

8

T. I stars. Mine eyes have seen the long, steel guns un - der the morn - ing

T. II star. un - der the morn - ing *mf*

B. I stars. Mine eyes have seen the long, steel guns un - der the morn - ing

B. II star. un - der the morn - ing *mf*

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T. I stars. Mine eyes have seen the long, steel guns six

T. II stars. Mine eyes have seen six feet of

B. I stars. Mine eyes have seen six feet of

B. II stars. Mine eyes have seen the long, steel guns six

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T. I feet of dust, un - der the morn - ing stars. *p*

T. II dust, un - der the morn - ing stars. *p*

B. I dust, un - der the morn - ing stars. *p*

B. II feet of dust, un - der the morn - ing stars. *p*

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B $\text{♩} = 48$
p *mp* *cresc.*

T. I
 let the grass grow, let green grass grow, let the

T. II
 Let the grass grow, let the green grass grow, let the

B. I
p Let the grass grow, let the green grass grow, let the

B. II
mp *cresc.*
 the grass grow, let the

26

T. I
 grass grow, at Get-tys-burg and Shi - loh green

T. II
 grass grow at Get-tys-burg and Shi - loh, green grass

B. I
 grass grow at Get-tys-burg and Shi - loh, green grass

B. II
 grass grow, at Shi - loh,

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T. I
 co - vers all. un - der the morn - ing

T. II
 co - ver - ing all. un - der the morn - ing

B. I
 co - ver - ing all. un - der the morn - ing

B. II
 co - vers all. un - der the morn - ing

6
32

C Più mosso
♩. = 52

T. I
star. _____ *mf* Now drum Dan-ny, *p* ah _____

T. II
star. _____ *mf* Now drum Dan-ny,

B. I
star. *mf* Now drum Dan-ny, drum Dan-ny Drum; _____ *mf* Now,

B. II
star. _____ now drum Dan-ny Dan-ny drum. _____

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T. I
mf now, drum Dan-ny drum Dan-ny Drum; now

T. II
p ah _____ *mf* Now drum Dan-ny,

B. I
drum Dan-ny drum Dan-ny Drum; now drum Dan-ny, Dan-ny Drum. _____ Now

B. II
Now drum Dan-ny, drum Dan-ny Drum, now drum Dan-ny

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D

T. I
drum Dan-ny, Dan-ny Drum _____ Mine eyes have seen the lithe lit - tle Jack-ies

T. II
p ah _____ *mf* Now

B. I
drum Dan-ny Drum; now drum Dan-ny, Dan-ny Drum. _____ Now

B. II
Drum. Mine eyes have seen the lithe lit - tle Jack-ies

46

T. I
sing-ing the songs of war____ Mine eyes have seen the lithe lit-tle Jack-ies

T. II
drum Dan-ny, drum Dan-ny Drum,now drum Dan-ny, Dan-ny Drum_____ Now

B. I
drum Dan-ny, drum Dan-ny Drum,now drum Dan-ny, Dan-ny Drum_____ Now

B. II
sing-ing the songs of war____ Mine eyes have seen

51

T. I
sing-ing the songs of war____ Mine eyes have seen the

T. II
drum Dan-ny, drum Dan-ny Drum, now drum Dan-ny, Dan-ny Drum____

B. I
drum Dan-ny, drum Dan-ny Drum, now drum Dan-ny, Dan-ny Drum____

B. II
sing-ing the songs of war____ Mine eyes have seen the

55

T. I
i-ron sho-vels dig-ging the fields of war.____ Now drum Dan-ny,
cresc.

T. II
Mine eyes____ have seen____ the lithe lit-tle Jack-ies sing-ing the songs of war
cresc.

B. I
Mine eyes____ have seen the lithe lit-tle Jack-ies sing-ing the songs of war
cresc.

B. II
i-ron sho-vels dig-ging the fiels of war.____ Now drum Dan-ny,

8 60

T. I drum Dan - ny Drum, now drum Dan - ny, Dan - ny Drum___ *f* the

T. II Mine eyes have seen the i - ron sho - vels

B. I Mine eyes have seen the i - ron sho - vels *f*

B. II drum Dan - ny Drum, now drum Dan - ny, Dan - ny Drum___ the



64

T. I sho - vel is bro - ther to the gun. **E**

T. II *f* the sho - vel___ is bro - ther to the gun,___

B. I *f* the sho - vel___ is bro - ther to the gun.___

B. II sho vel is bro - ther to the gun.___



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T. I *p* let the grass grow,___ *mp* let

T. II *mp* Let the grass grow,___ let the

B. I *mp* Let the grass grow,___ let the

B. II *p* ah,___

cresc.

T. I
green grass grow, _____ let the grass grow, _____

T. II
cresc.
green grass grow, _____ let the grass grow _____ at

B. I
cresc.
green grass grow, _____ let the grass grow _____ at

B. II
mp cresc.
let grass grow, _____ let the grass grow, _____

T. I
_____ at Get-tys-burg and Shi - loh _____ green co - vers all. ah, *mf*

T. II
Get-tys-burg and Shi - loh, _____ green grass co - ver - ing all. and

B. I
Get-tys-burg and Shi - loh, _____ green grass co - ver - ing all. _____

B. II
_____ at Shi - loh, co - vers all. ah,

mf

T. I
_____ sho-vel them un - der _____ sho-vel them un - der and

T. II
sho-vel them un - der _____ sho-vel them un - der _____ and let me work_

B. I
mf
sho-vel them un - der _____ sho-vel them un - der _____ and let me work_

B. II
_____ and let me

85

T. I *mp* let me work. I am the grass,

T. II ah, *p* *mp* I am the

B. I *mp* I am the grass,

B. II *mp* work. I am the grass,

90

T. I I co - ver, I co - ver all.

T. II grass, I co - ver all.

B. I I co - ver all.

B. II I co - ver all.

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