

OCTOBER TWILIGHT
Christensen

SA, accompanied

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SA with Piano

Music & Lyrics by
Casper Christensen


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About the Work

October Twilight serves as a reminder to be grateful for the people around us and the food on our table. The soaring piano part conjures up images of birds flying south for winter, falling leaves, and violent thunderstorms, whilst the descending arpeggio of the melody brings with it a reflective melancholy.

October Twilight was written for South Hampstead Junior School Chamber Choir—an ode to the friendships that helped the singers in the choir navigate the many challenges they faced during the recent pandemic—and was intended for a Harvest festival or an autumn concert.

-Casper Christensen

October Twilight

When summertime is over
When the leaves are turning brown
And everything you see
Is slightly darker than it seemed
Only a few weeks ago

Then harvest time comes calling
A reminder to be grateful
For what we share
And keep in mind that we have more
Than most people wish for in life

See the falling leaves
and their enchanting colours
As they disappear before your eyes
Now the lights grow dim
let's share the warmth among us
In the October twilight

Can you lay upon the table
The hand that you've been dealt
In love and in life
And say you've done all that you could
To act as we all should; be kind

Just listen to the wind blow
The sound of yet another year running out
Reach out to those who are in need
Get them back on their feet in time

Hear the thunderstorms are calling
Birds are flying south
Autumn through the land is sprawling
Whistling through the house

When summertime is over
We step into October

About the Composer

Composer, choral leader, and pianist Casper Christensen was born in Denmark in 1987 and moved to the UK in 2006 to study music in London, where he currently resides.

With a background in jazz piano, Casper's compositions draw on elements from the English choral tradition, the colourful harmony of American jazz, and the folk tunes of Scandinavia.

Casper is the Director of Music at South Hampstead Junior School in North London and conducts the SHJS Chamber Choir, to whom *October Twilight* is dedicated.

Duration: Approx. 3:30

for South Hampstead Junior School Chamber Choir

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Reflectively (♩ = ca. 90)

Piano

p

con Ped.

5 *opt. solo*
mp

S
A

When sum-mer-time is o-ver — When the leaves are turn-ing

F Bbsus2/F F

8

brown and ev'-ry-thing you see — Is slight-ly

Bbm/F F/C F#aug/C#

10 *(end solo)*

dark-er than it seemed — On-ly a few weeks a-go —

Bbsus2/D Bbm/D# C

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13 *tutti*
mp

Then har-vest time comes call-ing — A re-mind-der to be

F Bbsus2/F F

16

grate-ful for what we share — And keep in mind that we have more Than

Bbm/F F/C F aug/C# Bbsus2/D

19 *mf*

most peo-ple wish for in life — See the fall-ing leaves and their en-

Bbm/Db F/C Bb6/C Gm1 Fsus2/A

22

chant-ing col-ours As they dis-ap-pear be-fore your eyes —

Bbsus2 C F/C Gm1 Fsus2/A Bbsus2 C Dm11

25

Now the lights grow dim let's share the warmth a-mong us In the Oc-to-ber twi-light

Gm11 Fsus2/A Bbsus2 C F/C Eb9#11 Csus4

28

mp

Can you lay u - pon the ta - ble

F Bbsus2/F

mp

31

The hand that you've been dealt in love and in life And say you've

F Bbm/F F/C F#aug/C#

34

done all that you could To act as we all should; be kind

Bbsus2/D Bbm/D# C

37 *p*

S
Oo ————— oo —————

A
mp
Just lis-ten to the wind blow ————— The sound of yet a -

F B \flat sus2/F F

40 *unis. mp*

S
no - ther year run-ning out ————— Reach out to those who are in need — Get them

A
mp
no - ther year run-ning out ————— Reach out to those who are in need — Get them

B \flat m/F F/C F \sharp /C \sharp B \flat sus2/D

43 *mf*

back on their feet in time ————— See the fall - ing leaves and their en -

B \flat m/D \flat F/C B \flat 6/C Gm1 F \sharp sus2/A

mf

46

chan - ting col - ours As they dis - ap - pear be - fore your eyes —————

B \flat sus2 C F/C Gm1 F \sharp sus2/A B \flat sus2 C Dm1

49

Now the lights grow dim let's share the warmth a-mong us In the Oc-to-ber twi-light

Gm11 Fsus2/A Bbsus2 C Eb7 Bb6/D

52

Hear the thun - der - storms are call - ing

Bb6/C D \flat A \flat

f

55

Birds are fly - ing south Au - tumn through the land is sprawl - ing

D \flat /F A \flat Fm Eaug A \flat /E \flat B \flat /D

mf

59

Whist - ling through the house When sum - mer - time is o - ver

Gsus4 C F Bbsus2/F

p

rit.----- a tempo

63 *mf*

We step in - to Oc - to - ber See the fall - ing leaves and their en -

F Bb/D C/E Gm1 Fsus2/A

mp *mf*

66

chan - ting col - ours As they dis - ap - pear be - fore your eyes

Bbsus2 C F/C Gm1 Fsus2/A Bbsus2 C Dm1

69

Now the lights grow dim let's share the warmth a - mong us In the Oc -

Gm1 Fsus2/A Bbsus2 C F/C Gm1 Eb13 D/E

72 *p* *molto rall.*-----

to - ber twi - light

Bbm/Db Bm7(b5) Bb6/C F Bbsus2/F F/C

p *pp*



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