

Betelgeuse

Percy Snowdon

words from H Wolfe

SATB div. - unaccompanied

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The editor would like to hear of any performance.

Betelgeuse should be pronounced Bet-el-jœz, with a soft j, and rhyming with Stirs.
The repeated chords should be sung legato, but with a slight emphasis, to give a pulsating effect.

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in F **Slow** *p*

S
The gold leaves hang in gol - den aisles For twice a thou - sand mil - lion

A

T *p (half closed)*
Ah -

B *p (half closed)*
Ah -

5

miles, And twice a thou - sand mil - lion years they gol - den hang

10 *p (half closed)*
and no - thing stirs on Bet - el - geuse. Ah -
p (half closed)
Ah -
mp
No

sun, no star, nor day nor night per - turb the leaves' clear gol - den light.

15

A cla - ri - ty that no mist blurs a - long each a - ve - nue re - curs — On

div. 1st 2nd

p *cresc. poco a poco*

mp *cresc. poco a poco*

p *cresc. poco a poco*

p *cresc. poco a poco*

Bet - el - geuse.

Ah -

And the God of whom we are

20

in - fin - ite dust is there, is there.

mf sost. solo mp pp

S1 S2 tacet

25

gold leaves hang in gol - den aisles, mm - Ah -

pp A1 A2 tacet tutti

30

There, on Bet - el - geuse. There, on Bet - el - geuse. There, on Bet - el - geuse. There, on Bet - el - geuse.

tutti mf sost. p pp