

## The Cross of Snow

In the long, sleepless watches of the night,  
A gentle face--the face of one long dead--  
Looks at me from the wall, where round its head  
The night-lamp casts a halo of pale light.  
Here in this room she died; and soul more white  
Never through martyrdom of fire was led  
To its repose; nor can in books be read  
The legend of a life more benedight.  
There is a mountain in the distant West  
That, sun-defying, in its deep ravines  
Displays a cross of snow upon its side.  
Such is the cross I wear upon my breast  
These eighteen years, through all the changing scenes  
And seasons, changeless since the day she died.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow  
1879

--Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882).  
His beloved wife Frances Appleton had died in 1861 of burns suffered when her dress caught fire.  
The famous photographer William Henry Jackson took the photo in the mountains of Colorado in 1873;  
the photo became famous and the mountain was named Mountain of the Holy Cross.

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SATB

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

Tim Risher

*p* = 65 Gently

Soprano  
In the long, sleep-less watch - es

Alto  
In the long, sleep-less watch - es of the night, \_\_\_\_\_

Tenor  
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In the long, sleep-less watch - es of the night, \_\_\_\_\_ the night, \_\_\_\_\_

Bass  
In the long, sleep-less watch - es of the night, \_\_\_\_\_

Piano  
(rehearsal only)

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S *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*  
of the night, a gen-tle face a gen-tle face the

A *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*  
a gen-tle face a gen-tle face the

T *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*  
a gen-tle face a gen-tle face the

B *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*  
a gen-tle face a gen-tle face the

Pf. *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*

8

S *slight* ,  
face of one long dead from the wall,

A *slight* ,  
face of one long dead from the wall,

T *slight* ,  
face of one long dead looks at me from the wall,

B *slight* ,  
face of one long dead looks at me from the wall,

Pf. *slight* ,