ASI WALK THROUGH THE WOODS ATNIGHT

For TTB voices and piano

Corbin Montenegro

About the piece:

Text:

As I walk through the woods at night My way is lit by many lights. As I walk through the woods at night The stars are my guide.

Guiding me through the pines I feel safe and sound With the lights of the stars Dancing around.

Wolves howl and creatures prowl
But I have no fear
The moon and stars will take me far
As the night sky remains clear.

As the sun pokes its head above
The horizon, its rays shine with love
Love and warmth, its rays do send
My journey reaches its end.

Guiding me home again
I feel peace upon
This land, the pines, and the animals
In the glowing dawn.

Note from the composer:

I submitted this piece as part of a composition competition whose prompt was simply "True North." For me, the first thing that came to my mind when I saw the prompt was an air freshener manufactured by Little Trees called True North. The scent of that air freshener, to me, smells like pine trees. Based on this, I wrote the text from the point of view of someone walking through northern woods at night (specifically mentioning pine trees) and also referencing stars (and indirectly, Polaris, aka "The North Star"), which have been used for thousands of years by many different civilizations to navigate their path. As for the music, I wrote most of the piece using the Lydian and Dorian modes, as I found those to be majestic and ethereal, evoking a sense of wonder and beauty.

About the composer:

Corbin Montenegro (b. 2004) is a composer, performer, and scholar currently based in St. George, Kansas. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Music Education from Kansas State University, where he is a member of the school's flagship choral ensemble, Concert Choir. He holds membership in the National Association for Music Education, the American Choral Directors Association, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

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