

Prairie Spring

a round in five parts with pes in two parts

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1 **Adagio** (♩ = 40)

Eve - ning and the flat land, Rich and som - bre
Heav - y and black full of strength and harsh - ness; The grow - ing wheat, the grow - ing
Sul - len fires of sun - set fad - ing The e - ter - nal
Sing - ing like the larks o - ver the plowed fields Flash - ing like a star
Its fierce ne - cess - it y, Its sharp de - sire,
Out of the earth - - -

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and al - ways si - lent; The miles of fresh plowed soil,
weeds, The toil - ing hors-es the tir - ed men; The long emp - ty roads,
un - re - spon-sive sky. A - gainst all this, Youth, flam-ing like the wild ros-es,
out of the twi - light; Youth with its in - sup-port-i - ble sweet-ness,
sing-ing and sing - - ing, out of the lips of si - lence.

ly dusk.