When Lost in the Forest

for mixed choir or vocal quartet

Joelle Wallach
Stand still.
The trees ahead and bushes beside you are not lost.
Wherever you are is called Here.
And you must treat it as a powerful stranger;
Must ask permission to know it and be known.
The forest breathes.
Listen.
It answers.
I have made this place around you,
And if you leave it
You may come back again
Saying…
“Here.”
No two trees are the same to raven
No two branches are the same to wren.
If what a tree or branch
Does is lost on you,
Then you are surely lost.
Stand still.
The forest knows where you are.
You must let it find you.

~ David Wagner ~
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David Wagoner

Andante \( \frac{\dot{i}}{4} = 60-63 \)

SOPRANO

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Stand still, Stand still, Stand still, the

ALTO

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Stand still, Stand still, Stand still, the

TENOR

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Stand still, Stand still, Stand still, the

BASS

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Stand still, Stand still, Stand still, the

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stand still,

Whenever you are, you are here; and you must

stand still.

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stand still, stand still. Whenever you are, you are here, and you, and you must

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No two trees are the same to the raven, no two branches—no two trees are the same to the wren. Stand still, the trees and the bushes are not lost. Let_

Oh! No two trees are the same to the raven, no two branches—Let_

If them find you, still stand, stand still, Stand still. If_

If them find you, still stand, stand still, Stand still. If_

If them find you, still stand, stand still, Stand still. If_

If them find you, still stand, stand still, Stand still. If_

If them find you, still stand, stand still, Stand still. If_

If them find you, still stand, stand still, Stand still. If_

If them find you, still stand, stand still, Stand still. If_

If them find you, still stand, stand still, Stand still. If_

If them find you, still stand, stand still, Stand still. If_
what a tree or a branch does is lost on you, then, you are surely lost.

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(A tempo)

Stand still, the forest knows where you are. Let it

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find you. Stand still stand still stand still stand still, stand still.

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poco rit...