Requiescat,
for voice and piano

lyrics by
Oscar Wilde
(1854-1900)
written in 1881

music by
Phyllis Gummer
(1919-2005)
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Tenderly

Allegretto

Tread light-ly, she is near

Under the snow, speak gently, she can hear

the dais-ies grow.

All
her bright golden hair

Tar nished with rust.

she that was young and fair,

Fall en to

dust.

Li ly-like,
White as snow, she

hardly knew she was a woman, so sweet

ly she grew. Cof fin board,
Heav----y stone---- j = j. Lie on her breast----

I vex my heart---- a - lone.---- She---- is---- at

rest----

Peace, peace, she can-not hear----

a tempo, ma tranquillo

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Ly-re__ or son__net,  
All my life is bu-ried here,

Heap ear-th up-on it.

poco rit.
requiescat

Tread lightly, she is near,
Under the snow,
Speak gently, she can hear,
The daisies grow.

All her bright golden hair
Tarnished with rust,
She that was young and fair
Fallen to dust.

Lily-like, white as snow,
She hardly knew
She was a woman, so
Sweetly she grew.

Coffin-board, heavy stone,
Lie on her breast,
I vex my heart alone,
She is at rest.

Peace, peace, she cannot hear
Lyre or sonnet,
All my life's buried here,
Heap earth upon it.

by Oscar Wilde