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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Webb', with a horizontal line underneath.

The Way Through The Woods

SATB

Program Notes:

Rudyard Kipling's inspiring poem, 'The Way through the Woods' deals with themes around the healing power of nature, the ultimate power of nature over humanity, and also how our impact on this world can never entirely be removed.

Although nature, and our planet have an incredible ability to heal, and reclaim what was destroyed by humanity, the scars of our impact can never entirely be erased. However, in the end, nature is far more powerful and larger than us, and will continue to exist long after we are gone.

Although the text is serious in nature, the piece should be sung from a place of hope and courage. We are to blame for much of the world's environmental damage, but we also have the ability to heal and repair much of the damage that has been done.

The ending containing the moving 8th notes at the bottom of page 6, should be sung gently, like the shifting seas or moving branches in the wind.

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$\text{♩} = 63$
mp *p*

SOPRANO
They shut the ro-ad through the woods_____

ALTO
mp *p*
They shut the ro - ad through the woods_____

TENOR
mp
They shut the ro - ad through the woods_____

BASS
mp
They shut the roadthrough the woods

4 *p* 3 *mf* *p*

Se-ven-ty years a-go_____ Wea - ther and ra-in_ have un - done

p 3 *mf* 3
Se-ven-ty years a-go_____ Wea - ther and rain have un - done it a-gain_ and

p 3 *mf*
Se-ven-ty years a go_____ Wea - ther and rain have un done it a-gain and

p 3 *mf*
Se-ven-ty years a go_____ Wea - ther and rain have un - done it

9 *mf* *mp* *p* **poco rit.** . . .

now you would ne - ver know There once was a road through the

now you would ne - - ver know There once was a road through the

now you would ne - ver know There once was a road through the

now you would ne - ver know

now ne - ver know There once was a road through the

13 *mf* **A** **A tempo** ♩=63

woods Be-fore they plan-ted the trees. It is un - der neath un - der neath the

woods plan-ted the trees. It is un - der neath un - der neath the

woods plan-ted the trees It is un-der neath un - der neath the

woods plan-ted the trees un-der neath un - der neath the

18 *f* *mp* **B**

co-ppice and heath, the co - ppice and heath, And the thin a - ne - mo nes.

co-ppice and heath, the co - ppice and heath, And the thin a -

co-ppice and heath, the co - ppice and heath, And the

co-ppice and heath, the co - ppice and heath,

22 *p*

On-ly the kee - per sees That,

ne - mo - nes. On-ly the kee - per sees That,

thin a - ne - mo - nes On-ly the kee-per sees That,

mp And the thin a - ne - mo nes On - ly sees That,