

I remember

A setting of the song by Stephen Sondheim,
from the 1966 television special, *Evening primrose*,
for six-part chorus (SMATRB) *a cappella* with *divisi*

I remember sky
It was blue as ink
Or at least I think
I remember sky

And ice, like vinyl
On the streets
Cold as silver
White as sheets

I remember trees
Bare as coat-racks
Spread like broken umbrellas

I remember days
Or at least I try
But as years go by
They're a sort of haze

I remember snow
Soft as feathers
Sharp as thumb-tacks

Rain like strings and
Changing things
Like leaves

And parks and bridges
Ponds and zoos
Ruddy faces
Muddy shoes

And the bluest ink
Isn't really sky
And at times I think
I would gladly die

Coming down like lint
And it made you squint
When the wind would blow

I remember leaves
Green as spearmint
Crisp as paper

Light and noise and
Bees and boys
And days

For a day of sky

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For Skylar and Tim

I remember

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S
I re-mem-ber sky It was blue as ink

M
I re-mem-ber sky It was blue as ink

A
I re-mem-ber sky It was blue as ink Or at

T
I re-mem-ber sky It was blue as ink Or at

R
I re-mem-ber sky It was blue as ink Or at least I

B
I re-mem-ber sky It was blue as ink Or at least I

S
Or at least I think I re-mem-ber sky I re-mem-ber

M
Or at least I think I re-mem-ber sky I re-mem-ber

A
least I think I re-mem-ber sky I re-mem-ber

T
least I think I re-mem-ber sky (sky) I re-mem-ber

R
think I re-mem-ber sky snow

B
think I re-mem-ber sky (sky)

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S snow Soft as feath - ers Sharp as thumb tacks Com - ing down like lint

M snow Soft as feath - ers Sharp as thumb tacks Com - ing down like lint

A I re - mem - ber Soft as feath - ers Sharp as thumb tacks Com - ing down like Com - ing down like

T I re - mem - ber Soft as feath - ers Sharp as thumb tacks Com - ing down like Com - ing down like

R snow snow snow snow lint

B snow snow snow snow lint

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S And it made you squint When the wind would blow You *mf* >

M And it made you squint When the wind would blow You *mf* >

A And it made you I re - mem - ber When the wind would blow You *mf* >

T And it made you I re - mem - ber When the wind would blow You *mf* > You

R lint squint squint blow, You re - mem - ber And *mf* >

B lint squint squint blow You re - mem - ber And *mf* >

crescendo

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S You re - mem - ber You re - mem - ber You re -

M You re - mem - ber You re - mem - ber You re - mem - ber

A You re - mem - ber You re - mem - ber You re - mem - ber

T re - mem - ber You re - mem - ber You re - mem - ber You

R ice like vi - nyl on the streets Cold as sil - ver

B ice like vi - nyl on the streets Cold as sil - ver

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S mem - ber You Rain strings Change things leaves *mp*

M You re - mem - ber re - mem - ber re - mem - ber re - mem - ber re - mem - ber leaves *mp*

A You re - mem - ber Rain strings Change things leaves *mp*

T re - mem - ber re - mem - ber re - mem - ber re - mem - ber re - mem - ber leaves *mp*

R White as sheets Rain like strings and Chang - ing things Like leaves *mp*

B White as sheets Rain like strings and Chang - ing things Like leaves *mp*

diminuendo

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S I re-mem - ber I re-mem - ber Green as spear - mint Crisp as pa - per I re-mem - ber

M leaves leaves leaves And

A I re-mem - ber I re-mem - ber Green as spear - mint Crisp as pa - per I re-mem - ber

T I re-mem - ber leaves Green as spear - mint Crisp as pa - per I re-mem - ber

R I re-mem - ber leaves Green as spear - mint Crisp as pa - per I re-mem - ber

B I leaves leaves leaves And

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S Green as spear-mint Bare as coat-racks spread like bro - ken spread like bro-ken um - brel - las *mf*

M trees trees trees trees spread like bro - ken um-brel-las

A Green as spear-mint Bare as coat-racks spread like bro - ken spread like bro-ken um - brel - las *f* And

T trees Bare as coat-racks spread like bro-ken um - brel - las And

R trees Bare as coat-racks spread like bro-ken um - brel - las

B trees trees trees trees spread like bro - ken um-brel-las

crescendo *crescendo* *crescendo* *crescendo*

f

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S re - mem - ber | re - mem - ber | re - mem - ber |

M *mf* re - mem - ber | re - mem - ber | re - mem - ber |

A parks and brid - es Ponds and zoos Rud - - dy fac - es

T 8 parks and brid - es Ponds and zoos Rud - - dy fac - es

R *mf* re - mem - ber | re - mem - ber | re - mem - ber |

B *mf* re - mem - ber | re - mem - ber | re - mem - ber | re -

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S re - mem - ber | *diminuendo* Light noise bees boys days *mp* *p*

M | re - mem - ber | *diminuendo* Light noise bees boys days *mp* *p*

A Mud - - - dy shoes | *diminuendo* Light and noise and bees and boys and days *mp* *p*

T 8 Mud - - - dy shoes | *diminuendo* Light noise Light and bees and boys and days *mp* *p*

R | re - mem - ber | *diminuendo* Light noise bees boys days *mp* *p*

B mem - ber | *diminuendo* Light noise bees boys days *mp* *p*

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