

Antonio Vivaldi: two movements from the Four Seasons with accompanying sonnets

Autumn – Concerto in F Major

Allegro

The peasant celebrates with song and dance
the harvest safely gathered in.
The cup of Bacchus flows freely,
and many find their relief in deep slumber.

Adagio molto

The singing and the dancing die away
as cooling breezes fan the pleasant air,
inviting all to sleep without a care.

Allegro

The hunters emerge at dawn, ready for the chase,
with horns and dogs and cries.
Their quarry flees while they give chase.
Terrified and wounded, the prey struggles on,
but, harried, dies.