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Composition: **Brow of Autumn** – SA and organ

Date: 1973

Duration: 5:36

Recording: by St. Francis Episcopal Church Children's Choir directed by Sandra Soderlund

Program Note:

This is a Bach "Overlay" which means the chorus part was written as original music over an existing Bach organ trio sonata.

Text:

Are not these days of perfect beauty?
A strand of pearls in dying light,
Strung across the brow of autumn
Gazing softly toward the night.
Are not these days of ever watching?
Two bands of glories streaming light
Lit beneath the brow of autumn
by that source of glowing night.
Are not these days of adoration?
A prayer in sighs from lips of song,
Whispered by the breath of autumn,
Walking humbly toward the dawn.
Sing to me of passing autumn,
Fair as all the youth of spring,
Lovely in her gentle wisdom
Ever bride of Christ to be.
Are not these days of perfect beauty?
-Anthony Thomas