

# *A Modern Songbook*

## **Volume One**

### *Twenty Songs for High Voice and Piano*

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## Preface

*A Modern Songbook* is a three-volume collection of songs for high voice, medium voice, and baritone, respectively. The songs were composed between 2016 and 2024. Several of them appear in multiple versions to accommodate different voice types. Several others are assigned to specific voices.

Most of the poems set here date from the early twentieth century. In part this is because the years between 1900 and 1928 offer a rich trove of public domain texts, but in part it is because this was the time in which the English language assumed the modern idiom that we still use today a century later. The language of these poems has a distinct quality of freshness about it that has always attracted me. For that reason I felt no sense of discontinuity in translating several texts originally written in other languages, by Rimbaud, Mallarmé, Apollinaire, and Rilke, into the English idiom of the present.

The range of poets is broad. The big names are here, most of them represented by their earlier work, but so too are poets who have been neglected or forgotten. In a few cases the texts have been slightly altered; in others the texts are composites.

## A Talisman

### Voice

Under a splintered mast,  
torn from ship and cast  
near her hull,

a stumbling shepherd found  
embedded in the ground,  
a sea-gull

of lapis lazuli,  
a scarab of the sea,  
with wings spread—

curling its coral feet,  
parting its beak to greet  
men long dead.

--Marianne Moore

Written voice range: C4 - E5, with optional B3

Tessitura: E4 - D5

Duration: 3:20

Composed 2017

## A Talisman

♩ = 84

Lawrence Kramer

4

Un - der a splint - ered mast, \_\_\_\_\_

7

torn \_\_\_\_\_ from ship \_\_\_\_\_ and cast near her hull, \_\_\_\_\_

9

Red.

Red.

## A Talisman

11

a stumb-ling shep-herd found \_\_\_\_\_ em -

11

3 3 3 3 3 3

Rev.

[illegible][illegible]

18

sea gull, a

18

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

20

sea gull

20

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

23

of la - pis la - - - zu -

23

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

*p*

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

26

li, \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ sca - rab, \_\_\_\_\_

26

3 3 3 3

*p* *pp*

30

a sca - rab \_\_\_\_\_ of the sea \_\_\_\_\_

30

*mf* 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

*And.*

34

\_\_\_\_\_ with wings \_\_\_\_\_ spread, \_\_\_\_\_

34

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

*f*

*And.*



37

with wings spread, \_\_\_\_\_

*p* *cresc.*

*Ad.*

44

curl-ing — its — cor — al feet, \_\_\_\_\_

*f* *ff* *f*

*Ad.*

49

a — sea — gull, \_\_\_\_\_

*p*

53

part - ing its beak, \_\_\_\_\_

*mf* *cresc.*

Red.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 53 through 56. The vocal line starts in 4/4 time, then changes to 3/4 for two measures, and returns to 4/4. The lyrics are "part - ing its beak, \_\_\_\_\_". The piano accompaniment features triplets in measures 53 and 54, and a crescendo marked *mf* *cresc.* in measure 55. Measure 56 has a red note (marked "Red.") and a triplet. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

57

part-ing its beak \_\_\_\_\_ to greet \_\_\_\_\_ men,

*f*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 57 through 59. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "part-ing its beak \_\_\_\_\_ to greet \_\_\_\_\_ men,". The piano accompaniment features triplets in measures 57, 58, and 59, with a forte dynamic *f* in measure 57. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

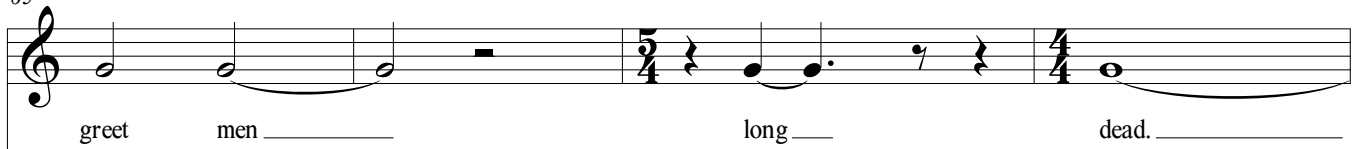
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to \_\_\_ greet men, \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_ greet men \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_

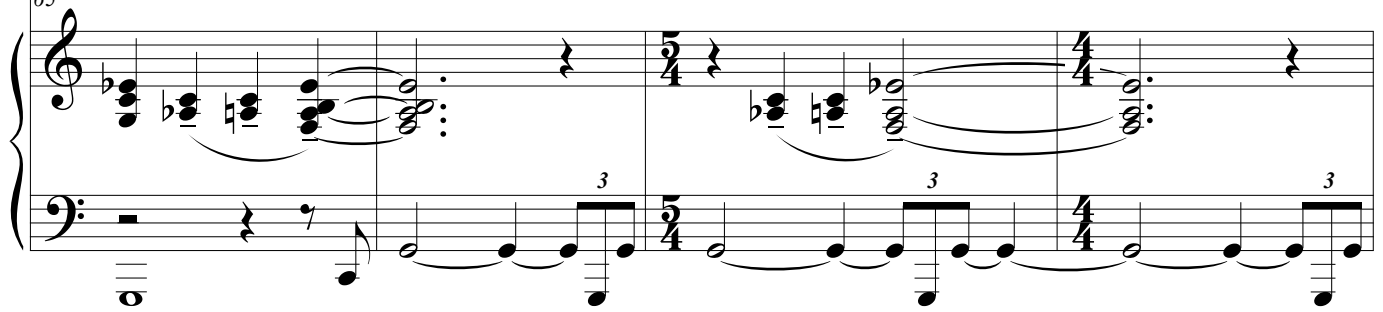
*pp*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 60 through 63. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "to \_\_\_ greet men, \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_ greet men \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_". The piano accompaniment features a piano dynamic *pp* in measure 60 and a triplet in measure 63. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

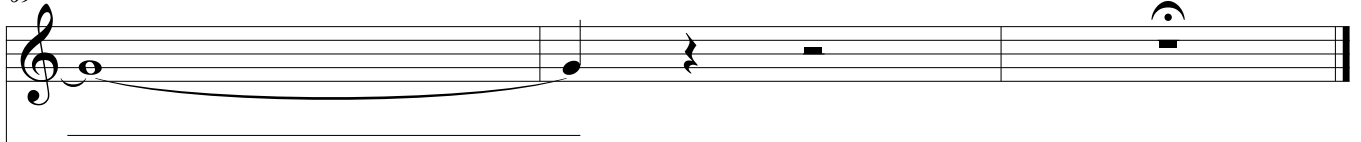
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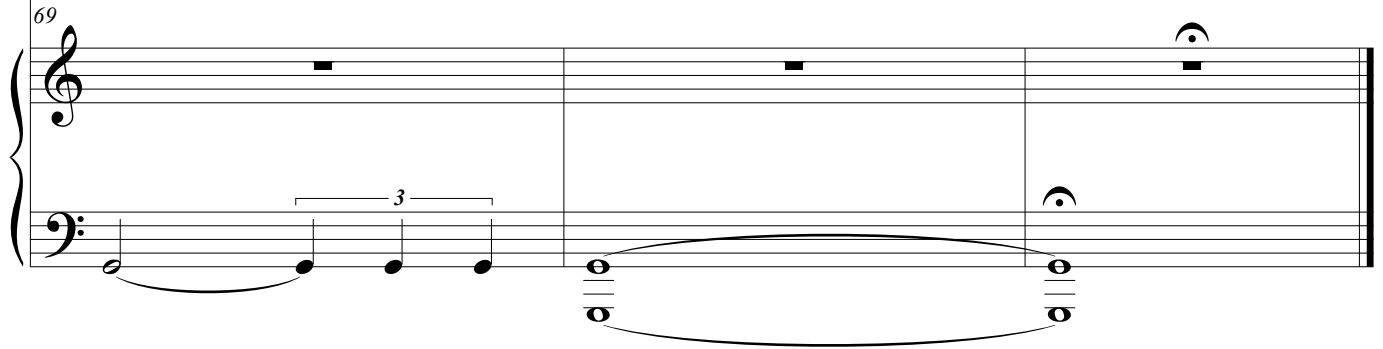
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## A Modern Songbook, Volume I

## Anecdote of the Prince of Peacocks

### High Voice

In the moonlight  
I met Berserk,  
In the moonlight  
On the bushy plain.  
Oh, sharp he was  
As the sleepless!

And, "Why are you red  
In this milky blue?"  
I said.

"Why sun-colored,  
As if awake  
In the midst of sleep?"

"You that wander,"  
So he said,  
"On the bushy plain,  
Forget so soon.  
But I set my traps  
In the midst of dreams."

I knew from this  
That the blue ground  
Was full of blocks  
And blocking steel.  
I knew the dread  
Of the bushy plain,

And the beauty  
Of the moonlight  
Falling there,  
Falling  
As sleep falls  
In the innocent air.

--Wallace Stevens

Written voice range: C4 - G5

Tessitura: D4 - E5

Duration 3:30

Composed 2019

## Anecdote of the Prince of Peacocks

♩ = 112

Lawrence Kramer

7

In the, mm... moon

7

12

light... In the moon - light I met Ber -

12

18

zerk! \_\_\_\_\_ Oh. \_\_\_\_\_ sharp he was, \_\_\_\_\_ as the sleep - less,

18 22

*ff* *p* *f* *p* *f*

*8va*

23

\_\_\_\_\_ as the sleep-less! \_\_\_\_\_ And "Why are you red in this milk - y blue?" I

23

*p*

28

said. "Why sun col - ored, \_\_\_\_\_ as if a - wake \_\_\_\_\_

28

*f*

33 *p*

— in the midst of sleep?" —

33

*sf* *p* *sf* *ff*

39

"You — that wan - der," —

39

*p*

45 *cresc.* *p*

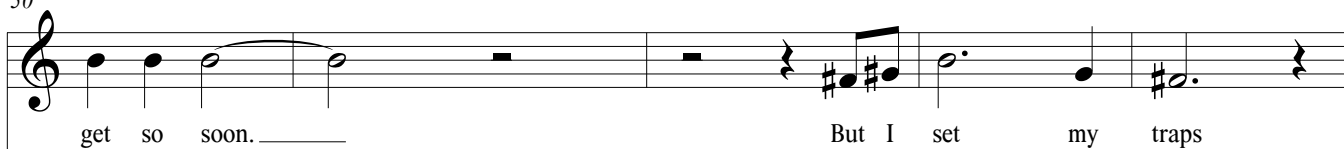
— so he said, "You that wan — der on the bush - y plain — for -

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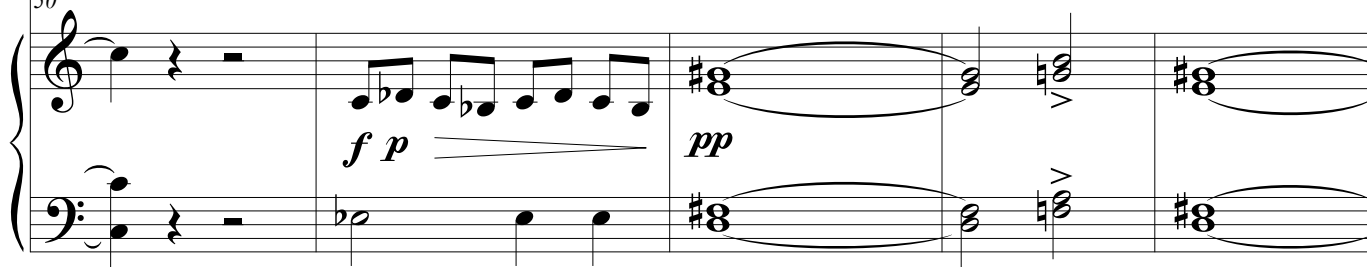
*mf* *p* *cresc.*



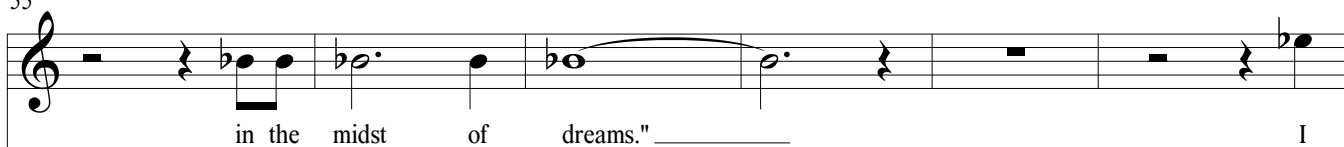
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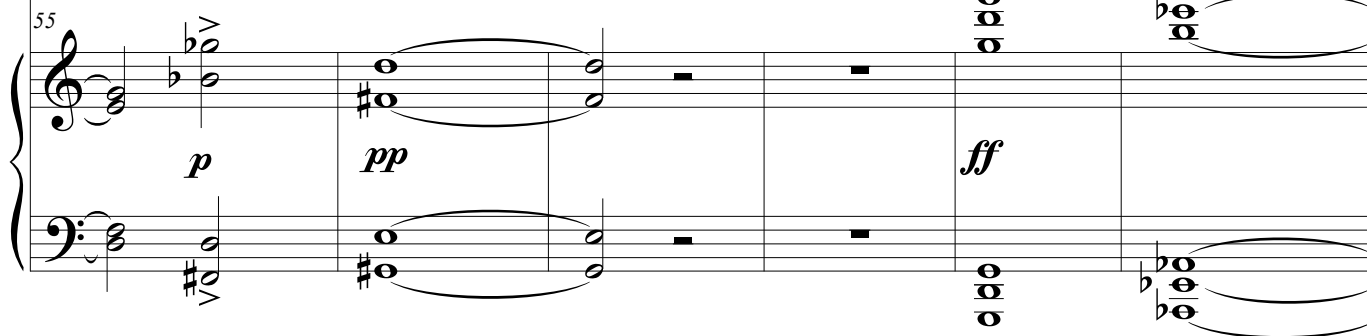
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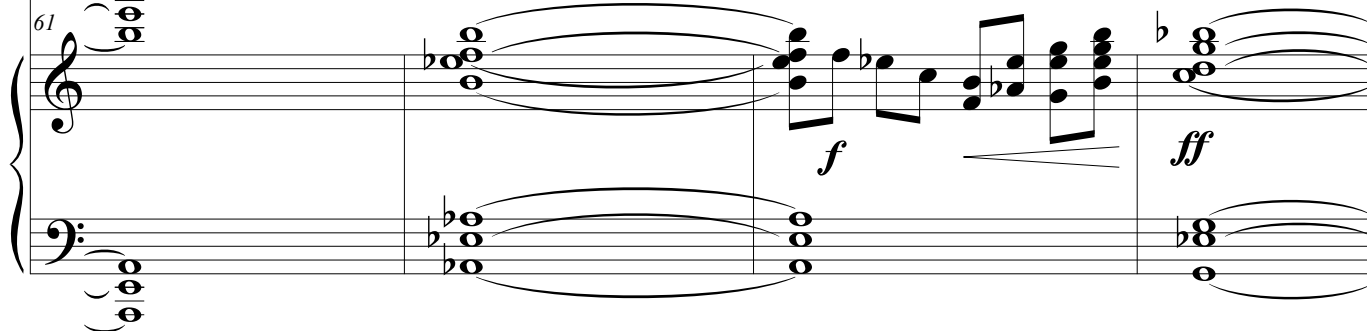
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61



61



65 *accel.* ♩ = 132

\_\_\_\_\_ was full of \_ blocks and block - ing \_ steel. \_\_\_\_\_

65 *f* *ff*

69 *accel.* ♩ = 112

\_\_\_\_\_ I knew the

69 *p*

74 *rit.* *a tempo* *sotto voce*

dread, \_\_\_\_\_ I knew the dread \_\_\_\_\_ of the bush - y plain. \_\_\_\_\_

74 *pp*

80

And the

*mf* *p* *f*

*rit.* *a tempo*

beau - ty of the moon - light fall - ing there,

83

*p* *pp*

88

fall - ing as sleep falls in the in - no-cent

88

*p* *pp*

93 *rit.*

air.

93

*p*

*pp*

8<sup>va</sup>

## Another Fan

### High Voice

Dreamer, that I may plunge  
In pathless pure delight  
Contrive by a subtle lie  
To keep my wing in your hand.

A freshness of twilight  
Comes to you with each beat  
Whose imprisoned stroke makes  
The horizon delicately retreat.

Vertigo! See how space quivers  
Like a vast kiss that,  
Mad to be born for no one,  
Can neither spill out nor be stilled.

Do you feel the fierce paradise  
That like muffled laughter  
Pours from the corner of your mouth  
To the depths of the uniform fold?

The scepter of shores of rose  
Inert on evenings of gold, it's this,  
This white closed flight you pose  
Against the bracelet's fire.

--Stéphane Mallarmé

(Translation by the composer.)

Written voice range: C4 - A5  
Tessitura: F4 - E♭5  
Duration 3:45

Composed 2020

## Another Fan

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 $\text{♩} = 80$ 

*p*

*ped.*

*3*

*ped.*

6

Dream - er, that I may plunge in path - less pure de - light, \_\_\_\_\_

*p*

*ped.*

*3*

*ped.*

10

Con - trive by a sub - tle

*5*

*6*

*3*

*ped.*

12

lie

5 6 3

\* *Ad.*

13

to keep my wing in your hand. A fresh-ness of

3 5

\*

16

twi - light comes — to you with each beat whose im - pris - oned stroke

3

20

makes the hor - i zon de-li-cate-ly, de-li-cate-ly re-treat.

*Leo.*

24

*Leo.*

27

Ver ti - go!

*cresc.* *f*

*Leo.*

*Leo.*

*Leo.*



29

Musical score for measures 29-30. The vocal line (treble clef) has a whole rest in measure 29 and a half note in measure 30. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a complex melodic line in the right hand with triplets and a sustained chord in the left hand.

see — how

31

Musical score for measures 31-32. The vocal line (treble clef) has a half note in measure 31 and a half note in measure 32. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a complex melodic line in the right hand with triplets and a sustained chord in the left hand.

space — qui - vers — like a vast —

33

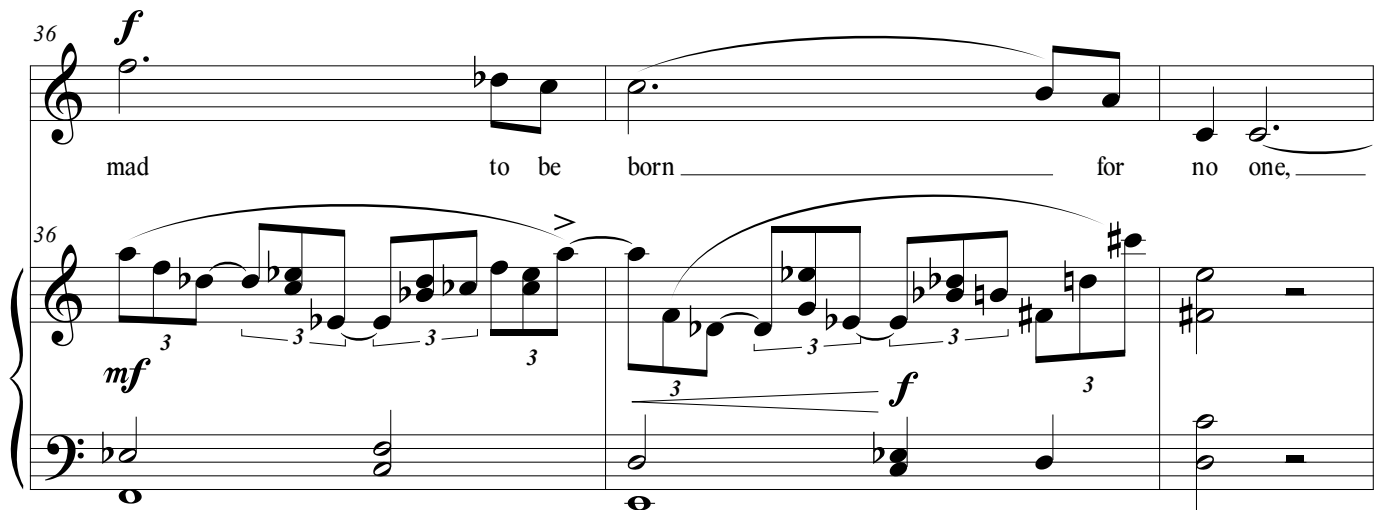
Musical score for measures 33-34. The vocal line (treble clef) has a half note in measure 33 and a half note in measure 34. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a complex melodic line in the right hand with triplets and a sustained chord in the left hand.

kiss — that,

36 *f*

mad to be born \_\_\_\_\_ for no one, \_\_\_\_\_

36 *mf* *f*



39 *p*

\_\_\_\_\_ can nei - ther spill out \_\_\_\_\_ nor be stilled. \_\_\_\_\_

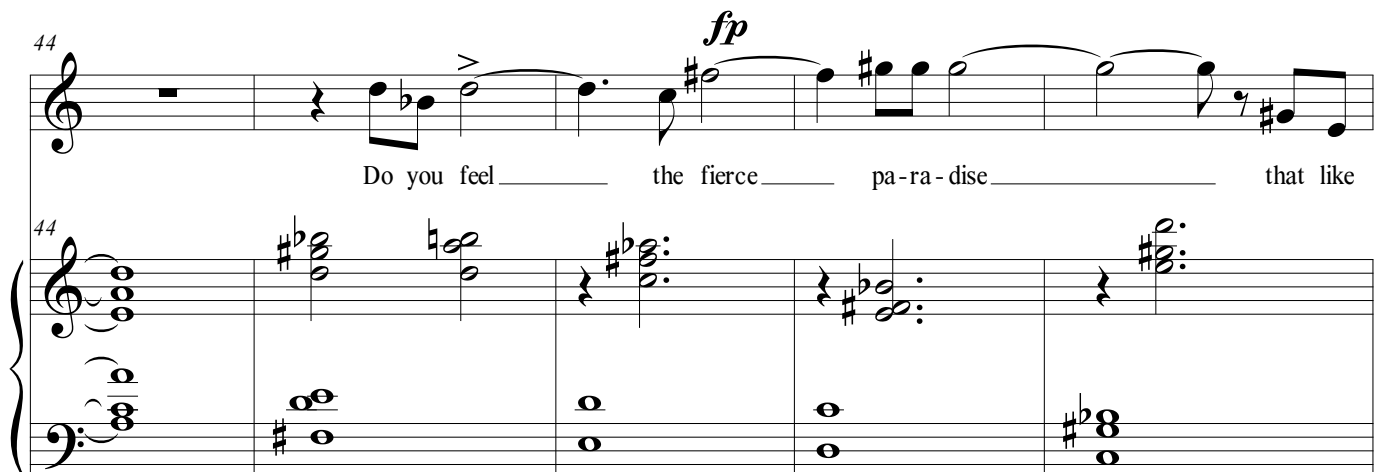
39 *p*



44 *fp*

Do you feel \_\_\_\_\_ the fierce \_\_\_\_\_ pa-ra-dise \_\_\_\_\_ that like

44



49

muf - fled laugh - ter pours \_\_\_\_\_ from the cor - ner of your mouth \_\_\_\_\_ to the

52

depths of the u - ni-form fold? \_\_\_\_\_ The scep - ter of

*p*

Ped. \* Ped.

57

shores \_\_\_\_\_ rose in - ert on

*p*

\* Ped. \* Ped. \*

61

eve - nings of gold, \_\_\_\_\_ It's this, this

65

*rit.* *a tempo*

white closed flight you pose \_\_\_\_\_ a -

69

gainst the brace - let's fire. \_\_\_\_\_

*pp*

*Red.* \* *Red.*

## Autumn Rain

### High Voice

There trudges one to a merry-making  
With a sturdy swing,  
On whom the rain comes down.

To fetch the saving medicament  
Is another bent,  
On whom the rain comes down.

One slowly drives his herd to the stall  
Ere ill befall,  
On whom the rain comes down.

This bears his missives of life and death  
With quickening breath,  
On whom the rain comes down.

One watches for signals of wreck or war  
From the hill afar,  
On whom the rain comes down.

No care if he gain a shelter or none,  
Unhired moves one,  
On whom the rain comes down.

And another knows nought of its chilling fall  
Upon him at all,  
On whom the rain comes down.

--Thomas Hardy

Written voice range: D4 - F5

Tessitura: F4 - D5

Duration: 4 minutes.

Composed 2020

# Autumn Rain

Like an old ballad.

Lawrence Kramer

♩ = 88

There

5

trud - ges one to a mer - ry mak - ing With a stur - dy swing, \_\_\_\_\_

9

On whom the rain comes down On whom the rain comes down \_\_\_\_\_

9

*p*

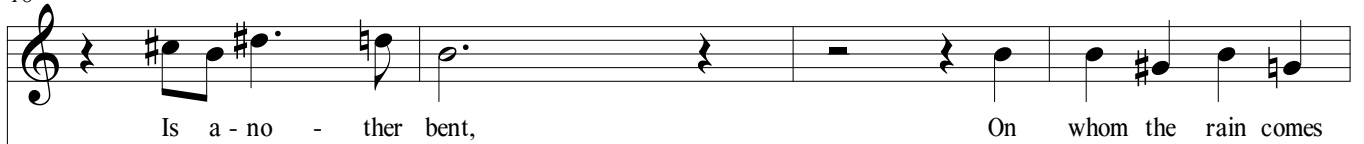
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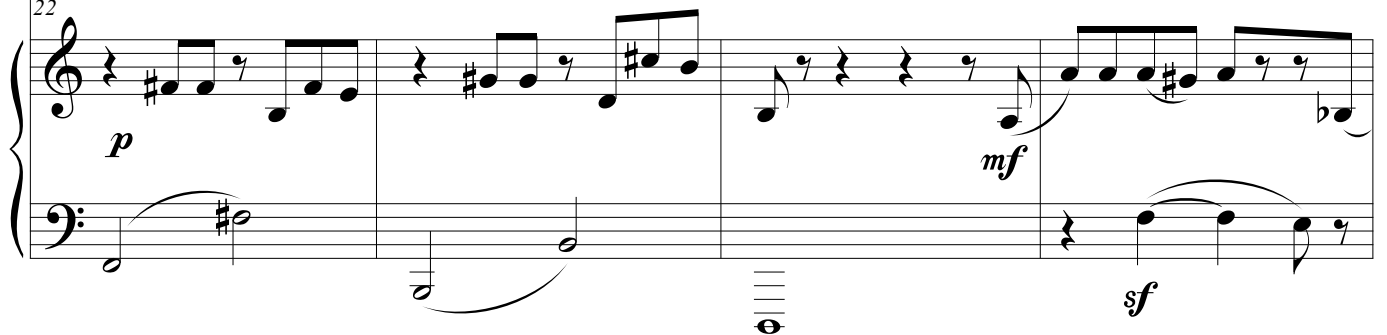
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22



22



$\text{♩} = 116$ 

26

slow - ly drives his herd to the stall Ere ill \_\_\_\_\_ be -

*sf* *sf* *sf*

Detailed description: This block contains measures 26 through 29 of the musical score. The vocal line (treble clef) has a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are "slow - ly drives his herd to the stall Ere ill \_\_\_\_\_ be -". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand, and sustained chords and moving lines in the left hand. Dynamic markings *sf* (sforzando) are placed under the piano part at measures 26, 27, and 28.

30

fall, \_\_\_\_\_ On whom the rain comes

*cresc.* *f* *cresc.*

Detailed description: This block contains measures 30 through 33. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "fall, \_\_\_\_\_ On whom the rain comes". The piano part features a more active melody in the right hand, with dynamic markings *cresc.* (crescendo) at measures 30 and 33, and *f* (forte) at measure 32.

34

 $\text{♩} = 88$ 

down \_\_\_\_\_ This bears his mis - sives \_\_\_\_\_

*ff* *p*

Detailed description: This block contains measures 34 through 37. The tempo changes to 88 beats per minute. The vocal line has the lyrics "down \_\_\_\_\_ This bears his mis - sives \_\_\_\_\_". The piano part begins with a very loud *ff* (fortissimo) dynamic, marked with accents (^) on the notes, and then transitions to a softer *p* (piano) dynamic in measure 35. The piano part features a mix of sustained chords and moving lines in both hands.



*accel.*

38

of life and death with quick - en - ing

42

*a tempo*

breath, On whom the rain comes

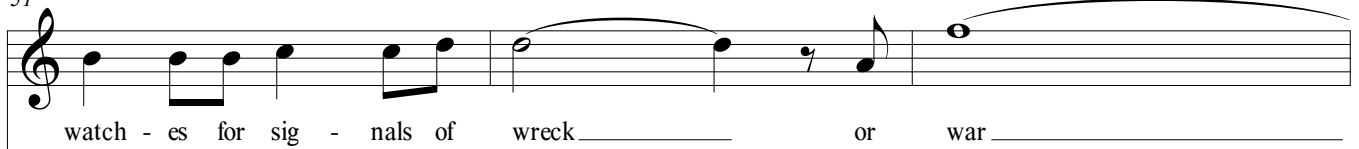
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*mf p*

♩ = 104

down On whom the rain comes down One

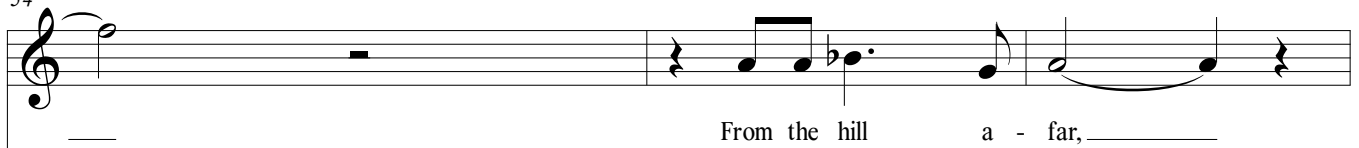
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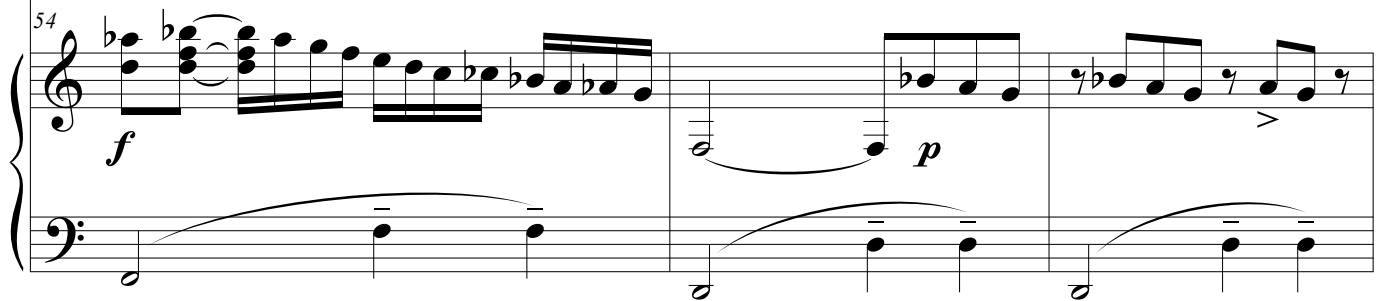
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*rit.*

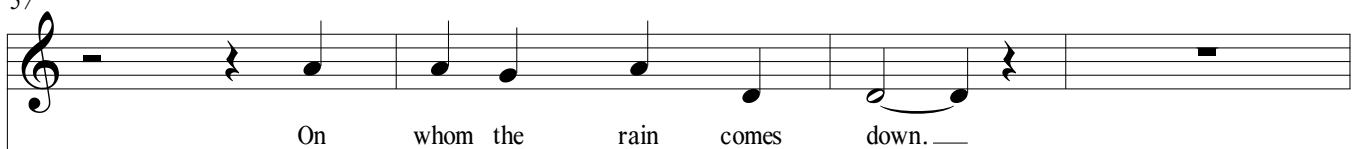
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54



57

*a tempo*

57



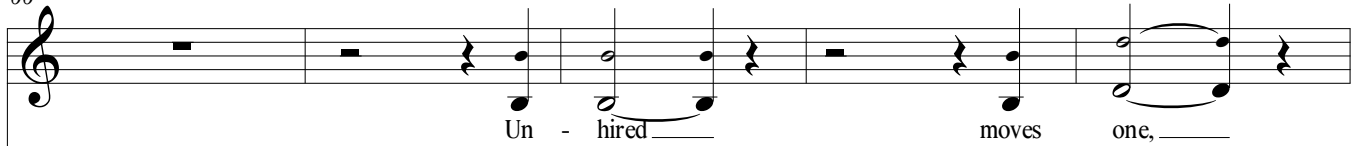
$\text{♩} = 88$ 

61



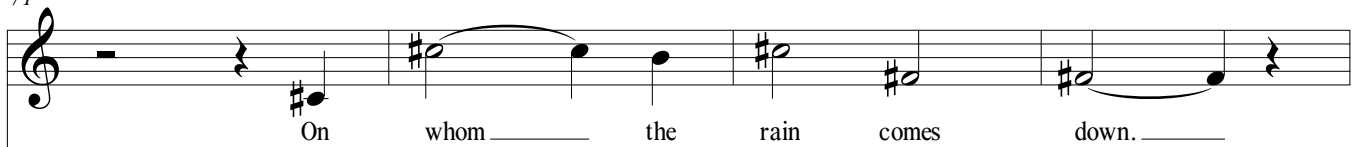
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*p*  
*p*  
*p*

66



66  
*pp*  
RH  
*p*  
*mf*  
*f*

71

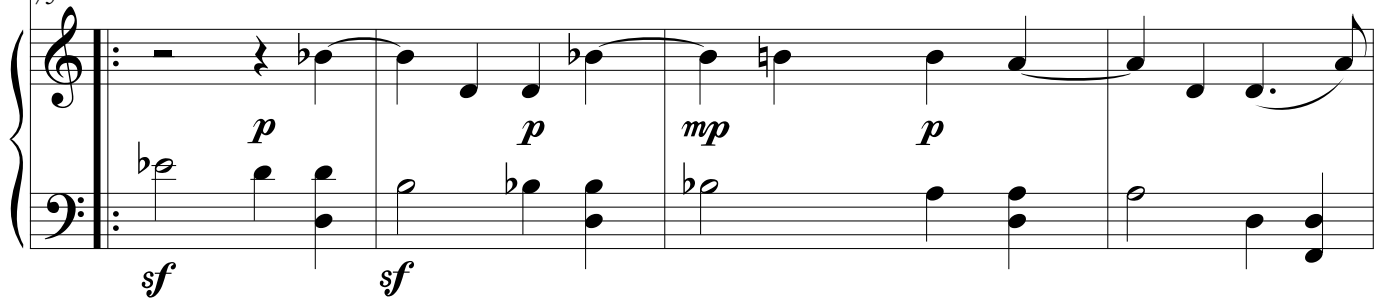


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75



75



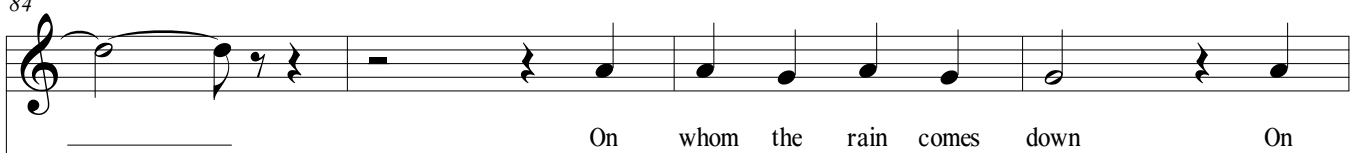
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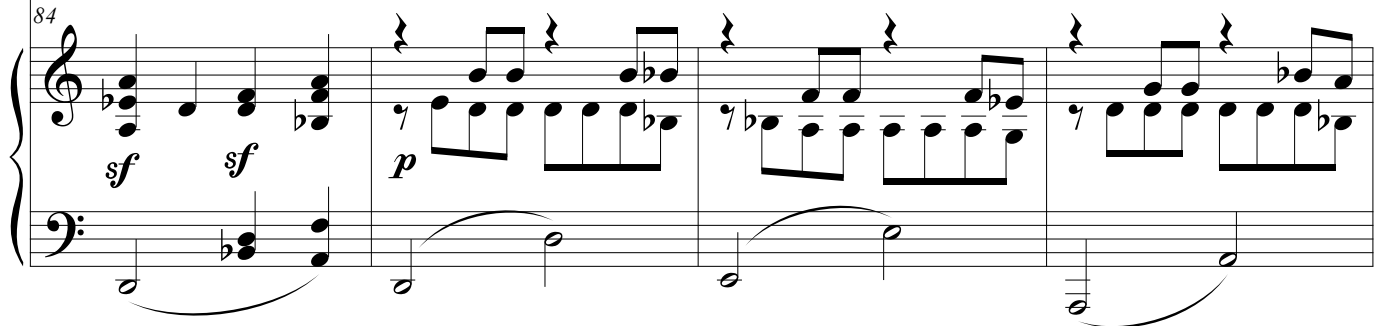
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84



84



88

whom the rain comes down

long

88

long

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system is a vocal line in treble clef with lyrics 'whom the rain comes down' and 'long'. The second system is a piano accompaniment in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The right hand has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, and the left hand has a bass line with three whole notes. The score is divided into three measures by bar lines.

# Candle and Thorn

High Voice

## The Moods

Time drops in decay,  
Like a candle burnt out,  
And the mountains and woods  
Have their day, have their day;  
What one in the rout  
Of the fire-born moods  
Has fallen away?

## The Old Men Admiring Themselves in the Water

I heard the old, old men say,  
"Everything alters,  
And one by one we drop away."  
They had hands like claws, and their knees  
Were twisted like the old thorn-trees  
By the waters.  
I heard the old, old men say,  
"All that's beautiful drifts away  
Like the waters."

*Candle and Thorn* takes its title from key images in the two poems by W. B. Yeats that the composition sets to music in a single movement. The poems are reflections on lost time and old age, topics that famously preoccupied Yeats from his earliest youth. The setting interweaves and fragments the two texts so that they comment on each other and at the same time dissolve each other, thus enacting what the second of the poems describes: the utterances drift away--and, this being poetry and becoming music, they arrive and acquire form precisely by doing so.

Written voice range: C4 - G#5.

Tessitura: F4 - F5

Duration: 6.5 minutes.

Composed 2016

♩ = 76

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3

heard the old, old men say,

3

5

5

5

5

5

5

5

5

Ped.

[illegible]

7

"Eve - ry-thing al - ters

7

5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

Ped.

\*

9

and one by one

9

5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

Ped.

\*

11

$\text{♩} = 60$

we drop a - way. Time drops in de - cay like a

11

3 3 3 3 3 3 3

8



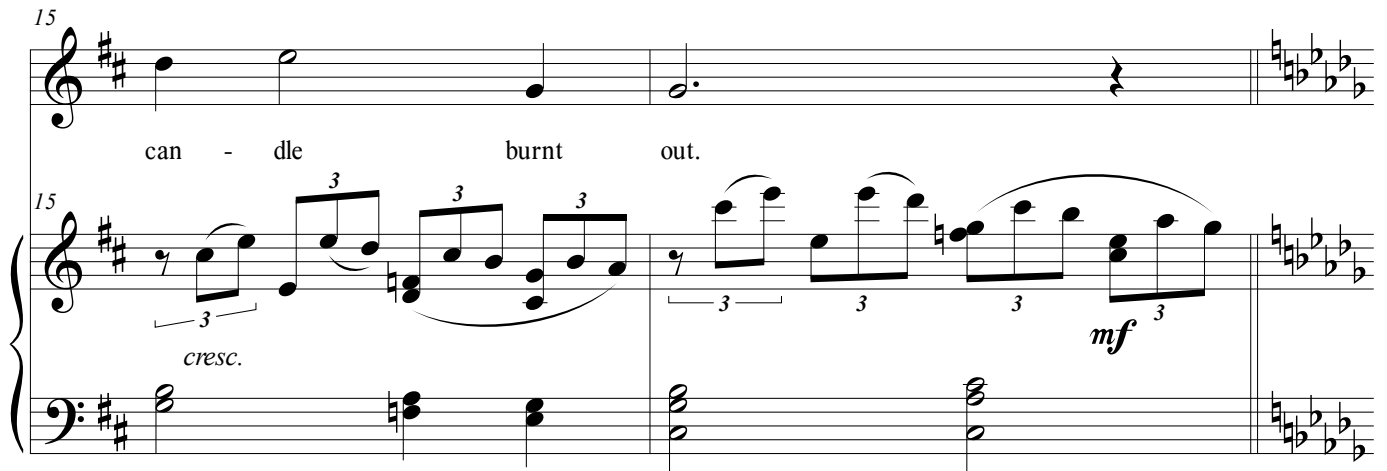
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can - dle burnt out.

15

*cresc.*

*mf*



17

*accel.*

$\text{♩} = 76$

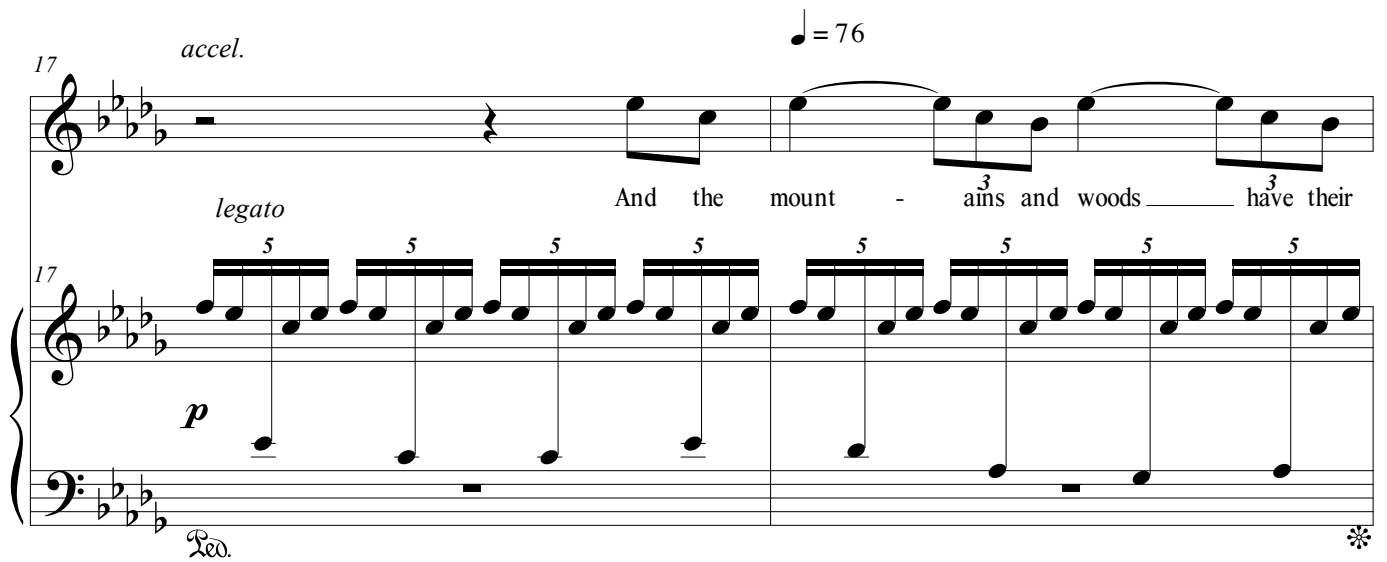
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And the mount - ains and woods have their

17

*p*

*leg.*

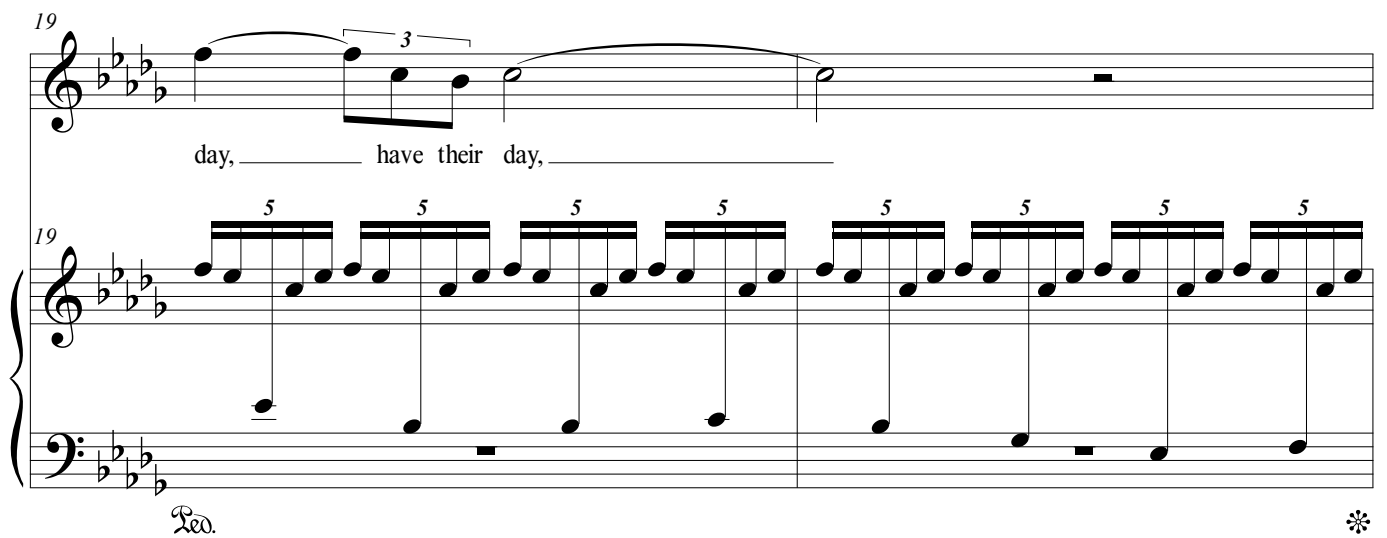


19

day, have their day,

19

*leg.*



21

the mount-ains and woods have their day, have their day,

23

*accel.* *a tempo*

and one by

*p*

*Ped.*

25

one we drop a - way.

*cresc.*

\* *Ped.*

27

"Eve - ry - thing al - ters,"

*mf*

\* *Ped.*

29

*rit.*

I heard the old, old men say,

*p*

\*

31

$\text{♩} = 60$

*rit.*

"Eve-ry-thing al ters," "Eve - ry-thing al - ters,"

*mf p*

35  $\text{♩} = 112$  *rit.*

They had hands like claws, \_\_\_\_\_ and their

*p sf sf sf*

40  $\text{♩} = 76$

knees \_\_\_\_\_ were twist \_\_\_\_\_ ed like the old thorn trees \_\_\_\_\_

*sf*

44

\_\_\_\_\_ by the wa - ters, \_\_\_\_\_ by the

*sf*

47

wa - ters. And the mount - ains and woods\_\_ have their

50

day,\_\_ have their day,\_\_ What one in the rout of the fire - born

54

*rit. a tempo*

moods has fall - en a - way? By the wa -

*rit. a tempo*

59

ters, by the wa - ters. \_\_\_\_\_

59 *legato*

*Red.*

62

62

*\* Red.*

64

heard the old, old men say, \_\_\_\_\_

64

*\* Red.*

66

"Eve - ry-thing al - ters,

*p*

\* *Reo.*

68

"Eve - ry-thing al - ters,

\* *Reo.*

70

And

*cresc.*

\* *Reo.*

72

one by one we - drop a - way,

72

*f*

75 *rit.* *a tempo*

All that's

75

*p* *fp* *p* *fp*

78

beau - ti-ful drifts a - way

78

*fp* *mf* *f*

*rit.*



*a tempo*

81

like the wa - ters, \_\_\_\_\_ and the

*p*

Measures 81-82: Vocal melody in G minor with lyrics "like the wa - ters, \_\_\_\_\_ and the". Piano accompaniment features triplet patterns in the right hand and chords in the left hand.

83

mount - ains and woods \_\_\_\_\_ have their day, \_\_\_\_\_ have their day, \_\_\_\_\_

*cresc.*

*Red.* \* *Red.*

Measures 83-84: Vocal melody continues with lyrics "mount - ains and woods \_\_\_\_\_ have their day, \_\_\_\_\_ have their day, \_\_\_\_\_". Piano accompaniment includes triplet patterns and a crescendo marking. The system ends with a repeat sign and the word "Red.".

85

\_\_\_\_\_ like the old thorn trees \_\_\_\_\_

*dim.* *p*

\* *Red.* \*

Measures 85-86: Vocal melody continues with lyrics "\_\_\_\_\_ like the old thorn trees \_\_\_\_\_". Piano accompaniment includes triplet patterns, a decrescendo marking, and a piano marking. The system ends with a repeat sign and the word "Red.".

88

by the wa ters. Eve-ry-thing

*mf* *p* *mf* *p*

92

al - - - ters.

95

*legato*

*p*

*Red.* \* *Red.* \*

97

And one \_\_\_\_\_ by one we

97

Red. \* Red. \* Red. \*

100

drop a - way. \_\_\_\_\_

100

Red. \* Red.

102

One \_\_\_\_\_ by

102

*p*

\* Red. \*

[illegible]

106

one by one

106

3 3 3 3

Ped. \*

Ped. \*

[illegible]

110

drop a - way. Eve - ry - thing

*mf* *p*

114

*rit.* ♩ = 66

Eve - ry - thing

*mf* *p*

*Red.* \*

117

beau - ti - ful

*Red.* \* *Red.* \* *Red.* \* *Red.* \*

119

Musical score for measures 119-120. The vocal line (treble clef) has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). Measure 119 contains the lyrics "drifts a - way," with a dotted half note on "drifts" and a half note on "a". Measure 120 contains a whole note on "way,". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a right hand with a continuous eighth-note arpeggiated pattern, marked with a *pp* dynamic and fingerings of 5. The left hand has a sparse accompaniment with notes and rests, marked with *ped.* and asterisks. A crescendo hairpin is present over measures 119 and 120.

121

Musical score for measures 121-122. The vocal line (treble clef) has a key signature of two sharps. Measure 121 contains the lyrics "a way" with a half note on "a" and a half note on "way". Measure 122 contains a whole note on "way" with a *rit.* marking above it. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) continues the eighth-note arpeggiated pattern in the right hand, marked with a *pp* dynamic and fingerings of 5. The left hand has notes and rests, marked with *ped.* and asterisks. A *rit.* marking is also present above the piano part in measure 122. The piece concludes with a final chord in the right hand and a whole note in the left hand.

## Fan Piece

O fan of white silk,  
clear as frost on the grass-blade,  
you also are laid aside.

--Ezra Pound

Written Voice Range: C4-G5

Tessitura: E $\flat$ 4 - E5

Duration: 3:30

# Fan Piece

Lawrence Kramer

♩ = 88

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The top staff is a single treble clef staff with three measures of whole rests. The middle staff is a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a piano (*pp*) dynamic marking. It features a series of eighth-note runs in the treble clef, each marked with a '7' for a seven-fingered chord. The bottom staff is a single bass clef staff with three measures of whole notes.

The second system of the musical score continues from the first. It consists of three staves. The top staff has a measure rest followed by the lyrics "O fan, O fan of". The middle staff is a grand staff with a piano (*p*) dynamic marking and eighth-note runs marked with a '7'. The bottom staff is a single bass clef staff with a piano reduction (*Red.*) and a measure rest marked with an asterisk (\*).

The third system of the musical score continues from the second. It consists of three staves. The top staff has the lyrics "white silk, Clear as frost,". The middle staff is a grand staff with eighth-note runs marked with a '7'. The bottom staff is a single bass clef staff with a piano reduction (*Red.*) and a measure rest marked with an asterisk (\*).



12

0 — fan, 0 —

*pp*

8

\*

16

fan — of white silk, —

*p*

Red.

\*

20

Clear as frost, —

8va

\*

23

clear as frost, \_\_\_\_\_

23

24

26

clear as frost on the grass blade, \_\_\_\_\_

26

29

on the grass blade, \_\_\_\_\_

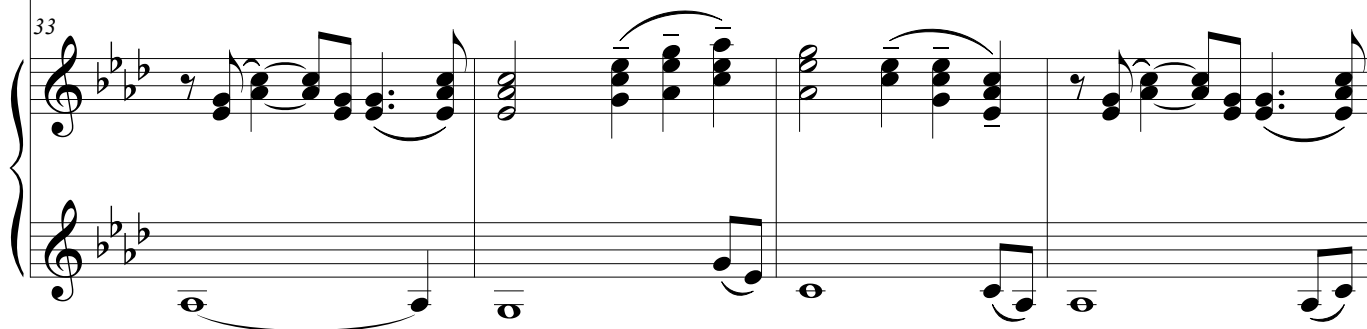
*rit.* *a tempo*

*cresc.* *mf* *pp* *p*

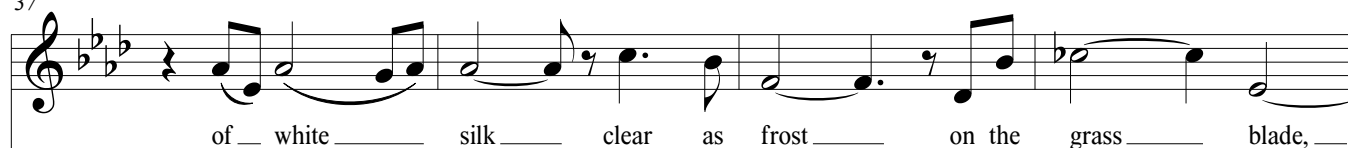
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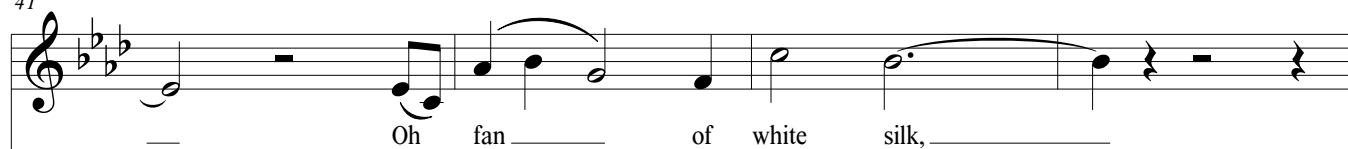
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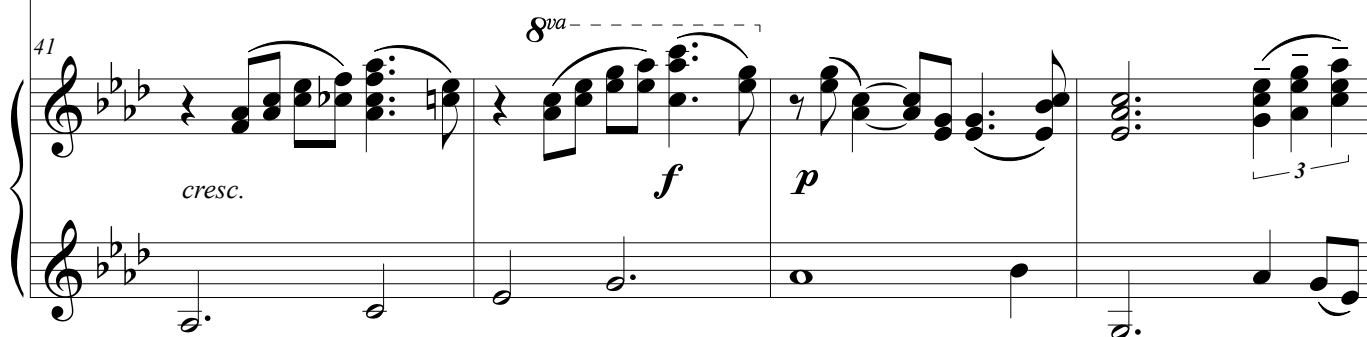
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41



41



45

of — white — silk you al - so, — you, —

Measures 45-48. The vocal line is in G major (three flats). Measures 45-46 are in 3/4 time, and measures 47-48 are in 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment features triplets in the right hand and a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand.

*rit.**a tempo*

49

— you al - so —

Measures 49-51. Measures 49-50 are in 3/4 time, and measure 51 is in 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment includes a *pp* (pianissimo) section in measure 51 with a descending scale in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

52

O — fan of —

Measures 52-54. Measures 52-53 are in 3/4 time, and measure 54 is in 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a descending scale in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, with a *pp* (pianissimo) section in measure 54.

55

white \_\_\_\_\_ silk, \_\_\_\_\_ clear as frost \_\_\_\_\_

59

\_\_\_\_\_ on the grass blade, \_\_\_\_\_

*cresc.* *f*

63

you, \_\_\_\_\_ you

*p* *mp cresc.* *mf*

66

al - so, you al - so

*f* *p*

68

are laid a - side.

*pp*

71 *rit.*

*rit.*



# Its Own Summer

High Voice

From *Kora in Hell*

Seeing the leaves dropping from the high and low branches the thought rises: this day of all others is the one chosen, all other days fall away from it on either side and only itself remains in perfect fulness. It is its own summer, of its leaves as they scrape on the smooth ground it must build its perfection.

--William Carlos Williams

Written Voice Range: D4 - G5

Tessitura: F4 - E♭5

Duration 3:50

Composed 2019



Its Own Summer (from *Kora in Hell*)

♩ = 80

Lawrence Kramer

See - ing the leaves \_\_\_\_\_

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note Bb4 tied to the next measure. The piano accompaniment starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic, featuring a continuous eighth-note pattern in the right hand and whole notes in the left hand.

drop-ping from the high and low bran - ches \_\_\_\_\_ the thought ris - es: \_\_\_\_\_

The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line has a whole rest, then a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note Bb4 tied to the next measure. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note pattern in the right hand and whole notes in the left hand.

\_\_\_\_\_ this day \_\_\_\_\_ of all \_\_\_\_\_

The third system continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line has a whole rest, then a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note Bb4 tied to the next measure. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note pattern in the right hand and whole notes in the left hand. A *cresc.* marking is present in the piano part.

12

oth - ers is the one cho - sen, \_\_\_\_\_

*f*

15

15

8va - - - - -

17

all oth - er days fall a - way \_\_\_\_\_

17 (8va)

*p*

21

— from it on ei - ther side, —

*mp* *mf* *f*

*8va* — — — —

Detailed description: This system contains measures 21 through 24. The vocal line (treble clef) has lyrics: "from it on ei - ther side,". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features complex chords and arpeggiated patterns. Dynamics are marked as *mp* (measures 21-22), *mf* (measure 23), and *f* (measure 24). An *8va* marking is present in measure 24.

25

a - way — from it on ei - ther side, —

*p* *pp* *p*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 25 through 28. The vocal line (treble clef) has lyrics: "a - way — from it on ei - ther side,". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) continues with arpeggiated figures. Dynamics are marked as *p* (measures 25-26), *pp* (measure 27), and *p* (measure 28).

29

— and on - ly it - self — re - mains, —

*cresc.* *f* *p*

*8va* — — — —

Detailed description: This system contains measures 29 through 32. The vocal line (treble clef) has lyrics: "— and on - ly it - self — re - mains,". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a crescendo in measure 29, followed by *f* (measure 30) and *p* (measures 31-32). An *8va* marking is present in measure 32.

33

on - ly it - self — re - mains, —

*pp* *p* *cresc.*

36

*f* *p*

39

re - mains, — in per - fect full -

*rit.* *cresc.*

43 *a tempo*

ness. It is its own

*p* *pp*

46

sum - mer, it is its own

*p cresc.* *f* *p* *pp*

49

sum - mer,

8<sup>va</sup>

*mf cresc.* *f* *p*

52

Of its leaves \_\_\_\_\_ as they scrape \_\_\_\_\_ on the

*f* *p* *pp* *p*

This system contains measures 52 through 55. The vocal line begins with a whole rest in measure 52, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note Bb4, and a quarter note G4 in measure 53. Measures 54 and 55 continue the melody with a half note F4, a quarter note E4, a half note D4, and a quarter note C4. The piano accompaniment starts with a fortissimo (*f*) chord in measure 52, then transitions to piano (*p*) in measure 53, pianissimo (*pp*) in measure 54, and back to piano (*p*) in measure 55. The piano part features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes.

56

smooth ground, \_\_\_\_\_

*cresc.* *p*

This system contains measures 56 through 58. The vocal line has a whole note G4 in measure 56, followed by a half note A4 in measure 57, and a whole rest in measure 58. The piano accompaniment features a crescendo (*cresc.*) in measure 56, followed by a piano (*p*) dynamic in measure 57 and 58. The piano part includes a melodic line with a sharp sign in measure 57.

59

*rit.* *a tempo*

it must build, \_\_\_\_\_ it must

*p*

This system contains measures 59 through 62. The vocal line has whole rests in measures 59 and 60, followed by a half note G4 in measure 61, and a half note F4 in measure 62. The piano accompaniment starts with a ritardando (*rit.*) in measure 59, followed by a return to tempo (*a tempo*) in measure 60. The piano part includes a piano (*p*) dynamic in measure 61 and 62.

64

build its per - fec - tion,

Measures 64-66: The vocal line begins with a whole note 'build' on a high note, followed by a half note 'its' and a quarter note 'per -' on a lower note, and a quarter note 'fec -' and a half note 'tion,' on the same lower note. The piano accompaniment features a continuous eighth-note melody in the right hand and sustained chords in the left hand.

67

build its per - fec - tion.

Measures 67-69: The vocal line continues with a whole note 'build' on a high note, followed by a half note 'its' and a quarter note 'per -' on a lower note, and a quarter note 'fec -' and a half note 'tion.' on the same lower note. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note melody and sustained chords.

70

*rit.*

*pp*

Measures 70-74: The vocal line consists of a half note on a high note, followed by four measures of whole rests. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note melody. A *pp* (pianissimo) dynamic marking appears in measure 73. The piece concludes with a final chord in measure 74.

## Look! We Have Come Through

### High Voice

Not I, not I, but the wind that blows through me!  
 A fine wind is blowing the new direction of Time.  
 If only I let it bear me, carry me, if only it carry me!  
 If only I am sensitive, subtle, oh, delicate, a winged gift!  
 If only, most lovely of all, I yield myself and am borrowed  
 By the fine, fine wind that takes its course through the chaos of the world  
 Like a fine, an exquisite chisel, a wedge-blade inserted;  
 If only I am keen and hard like the sheer tip of a wedge  
 Driven by invisible blows,  
 The rock will split, we shall come at the wonder, we shall find the Hesperides.

Oh, for the wonder that bubbles into my soul,  
 I would be a good fountain, a good well-head,  
 Would blur no whisper, spoil no expression.

What is the knocking?  
 What is the knocking at the door in the night?  
 It is somebody wants to do us harm.

No, no, it is the three strange angels.  
 Admit them, admit them.

--D. H. Lawrence

Written voice range: C4 - G5

Tessitura: E4 - D5

Duration: 7 minutes

Composed 2016



## Look! We Have Come Through.

♩ = 104

Lawrence Kramer

5

*mf p*

*8va* -----

*rit.* *a tempo*

5

*cresc.* *p* *fp* *mf p*

*8va* -----

Not I, not I, \_\_\_

not I \_\_\_ but the wind \_\_\_ that blows through me!

11

*fp*

15

Not I, but the wind \_\_\_\_\_ that blows through me!

*mf*

19

A fine wind is blow - ing \_\_\_\_\_ the

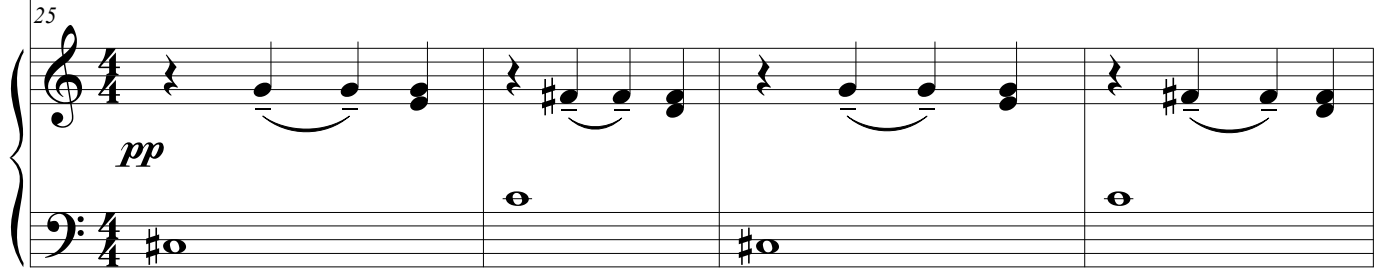
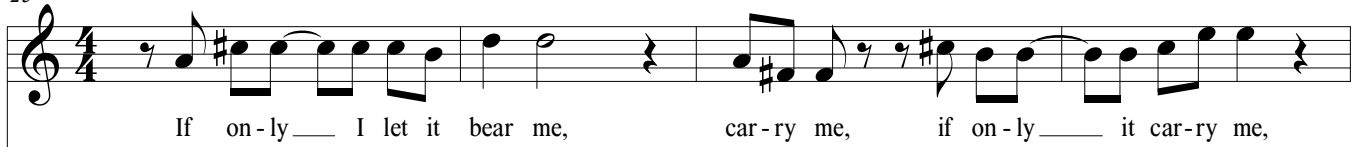
*p* *cresc.* *p*

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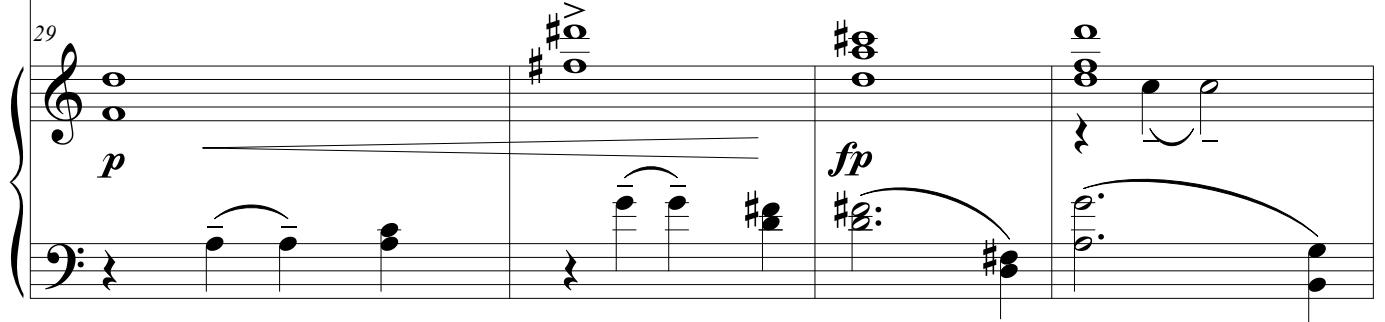
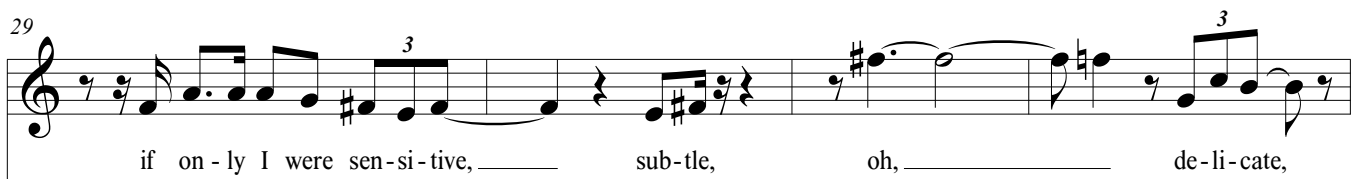
new \_\_\_\_\_ di - rec - tion of time. \_\_\_\_\_

*cresc.* *mf*

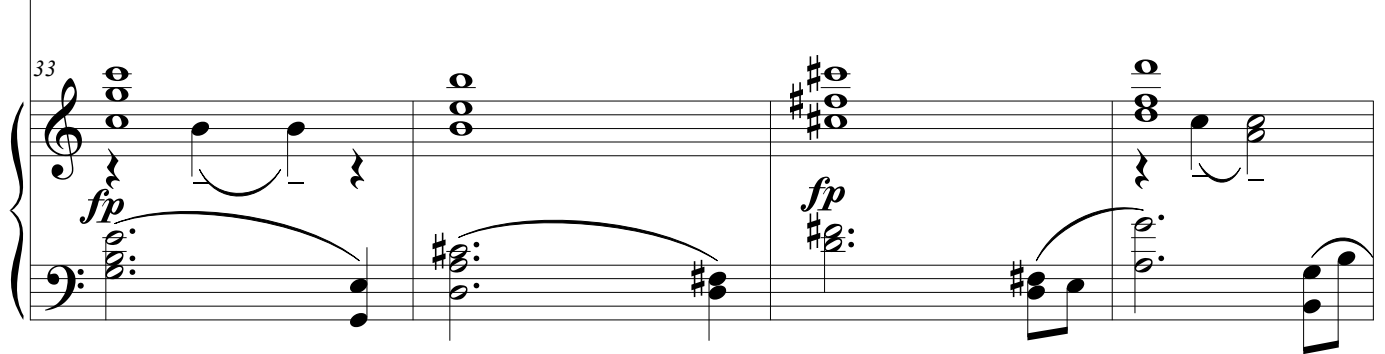
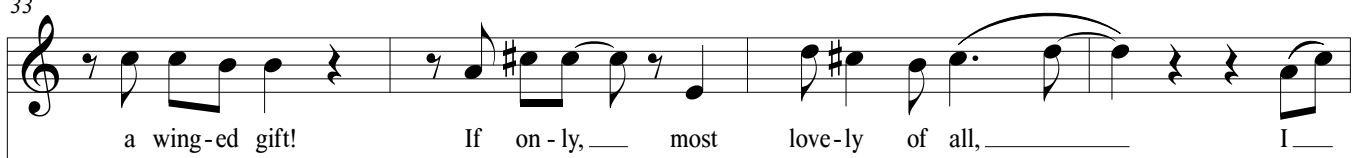
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29



33



37

yield my-self, I yield my-self and am bor-rowed by the

*fp* *cresc.*

41

fine, fine wind that takes its

*f*

45

course through the cha-os of the world,

3

49

like a fine, a

*p*

*8va*

54

fine, an ex - qui-site chi - sel,

*8va*

*p*

58

a wedge blade in ser-ted;

*8va*

*mp*

*p*

61

if on - ly, \_\_\_\_\_ if

63

on - ly, \_\_\_\_\_ if on - ly I am keen, \_\_\_\_\_

65

if on - ly I am keen and

67

hard

*f*

67

70

keen and hard like the sheer tip of a wedge

*p fp fp*

70

76

dri - ven by in - vi - si - ble

*f ff*

76

81 *p* *f*

blows, \_\_\_\_\_ the rock will split, \_\_\_\_\_

81 *ff* *f*

86 \_\_\_\_\_ we shall come at the wond - der, \_\_\_\_\_

86

90 *rit.* *molto rit.* ♩ = 72 3

we shall find the Hes - per - i -

90 *ff* *mf* *pp*



95  $\text{♩} = 104$

des. \_\_\_\_\_ Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ for the won - der that

*mp p*

99 3

bub-bles in - to my soul, \_\_\_\_\_ I would be a good \_\_\_\_\_

*mf*

103

\_\_\_\_\_ foun - tain, a good \_\_\_\_\_ well - head,

*p pp*

107

would blur no — whis-per, spoil — no ex-pres -

112

$\text{♩} = 72$

sion. —

117

What? What is the knock-ing? —

121 *accel.* ♩ = 104

What is the knock-ing, \_\_\_\_\_ the

121 *mp*

124 knock - ing \_\_\_\_\_ at the door \_\_\_\_\_

124

126 \_\_\_\_\_ in the night? \_\_\_\_\_

126 *fp* *fp*

128

*rit.*

Musical score for measures 128-132. The vocal line (treble clef) has whole rests. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include *ff*, *pp*, and *p*. An *8va* marking is present in the right hand of measure 132. A tempo marking of  $\text{♩} = 72$  is shown below measure 132.

133

*pp*

Musical score for measures 133-136. The vocal line (treble clef) includes a triplet in measure 133. The lyrics are: "It is some - bo-dy wants to do us harm." The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features sustained chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include *ff*. The time signature changes to 5/4 at the end of measure 136.

137

 $\text{♩} = 104$ 

Musical score for measures 137-140. The vocal line (treble clef) includes the lyrics: "No, — no, no, no, no". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a rhythmic pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include *f*. The time signature changes from 5/4 to 4/4 in measure 138 and back to 5/4 in measure 140.

141

It is — the three strange an - - - gels, —

144

*p*

Ad - mit them.

144

*ff*

149

$\text{♩} = 80$

*p*

Ad - mit

149

*p*

*mf*

153  $\text{♩} = 72$

them. Ad - mit them.

*p*

157

157

The image shows a musical score for a song. The title 'Look! We Have Come Through.' is at the top. The page number '84' is in the top right. The score starts at measure 153, with a tempo marking of a quarter note equal to 72 beats. The vocal line (treble clef) has lyrics 'them. Ad - mit them.' with a long note spanning several measures. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features chords and moving lines in both hands. A piano dynamic marking 'p' is present. The score continues to measure 157, where it ends with a double bar line. There are some additional markings at the bottom right, possibly indicating a repeat or a specific performance instruction.

# May Day

## High Voice

A delicate fabric of bird song  
Floats in the air,  
The smell of wet wild earth  
Is everywhere.

Red small leaves of the maple  
Are clenched like a hand,  
[Half-bent with anticipation]  
The pear trees stand.

Oh I must pass nothing by  
[And think nothing too] much,  
The raindrop try with my lips,  
The grass with my touch;

For how can I be sure  
I shall see again  
The world on the first of May  
Shining after the rain?

--Sara Teasdale

Written voice range: E $\flat$ 4 - G#5

Tessitura: A4 - F5

Duration 3:20

Composed 2017

## May Day

Lawrence Kramer

♩ = 80

A de-li-cate fab-ric of bird-song

floats in the air, The smell of

wild wet earth is ev'-ry where,

*mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

*as before* *p* *cresc.*

*mf* *p* *as before*



15

The smell of wild wet earth \_\_\_\_\_ is

*f* *p*

19

ev'-ry where, \_\_\_\_\_

*p* *cresc.* *Simile*

Red. \*

22

Red small leaves of the map - le are clenched like a

*f* *p*

25

hand, half bent with an - ti - ci - pa - tion the pear trees -

Measures 25-28 of the vocal line. Measure 25 starts with a whole note. Measures 26-28 contain a triplet of eighth notes and a half note, with a 3/4 time signature change at the end of measure 28.

25

*mf* *p* as before

Measures 25-28 of the piano accompaniment. Measure 25 has a whole note. Measures 26-28 feature a triplet of eighth notes and a half note, with a 3/4 time signature change at the end of measure 28.

29

stand. Oh,

Measures 29-32 of the vocal line. Measure 29 starts with a whole note. Measures 30-32 contain a half note and a quarter note, with a 4/4 time signature change at the end of measure 32.

29

*cresc.*

Measures 29-32 of the piano accompaniment. Measure 29 has a whole note. Measures 30-32 feature a half note and a quarter note, with a 4/4 time signature change at the end of measure 32.

34  $\text{♩} = 72$

I must pass no-thing by, and think no-thing too much,

Measures 34-37 of the vocal line. Measure 34 starts with a whole note. Measures 35-37 contain a triplet of eighth notes and a half note, with a 4/4 time signature change at the end of measure 37.

34

*p* LH

Measures 34-37 of the piano accompaniment. Measure 34 has a whole note. Measures 35-37 feature a half note and a quarter note, with a 4/4 time signature change at the end of measure 37.

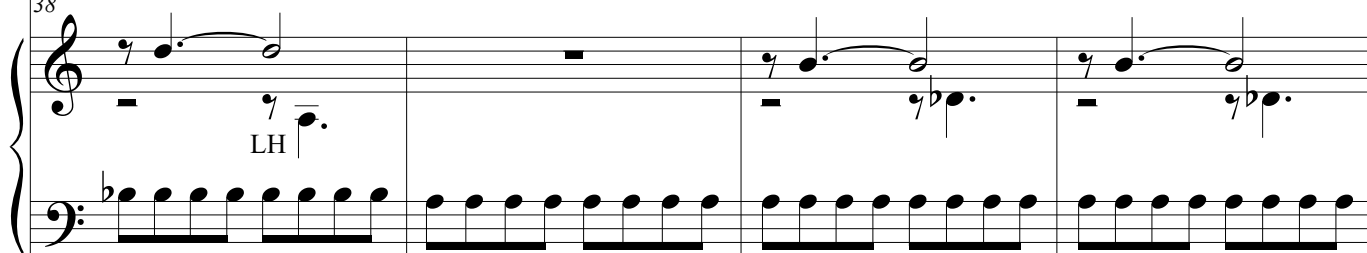
Ped.

\* Ped.

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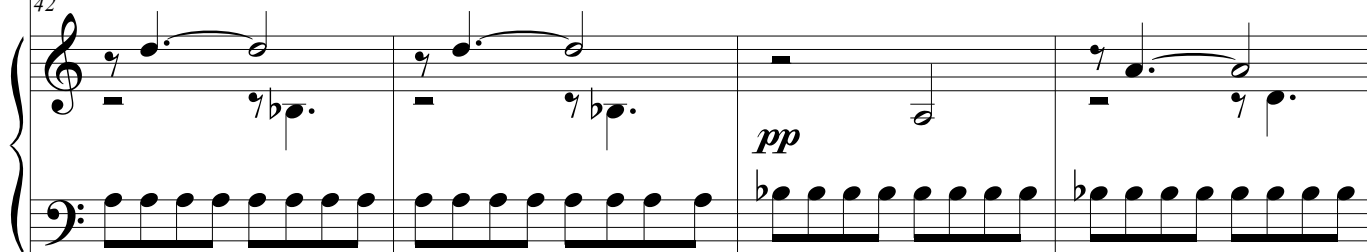
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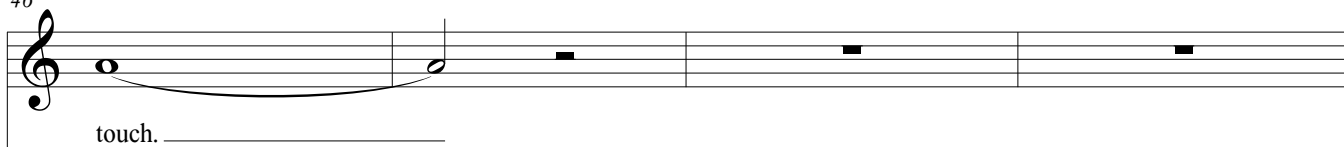
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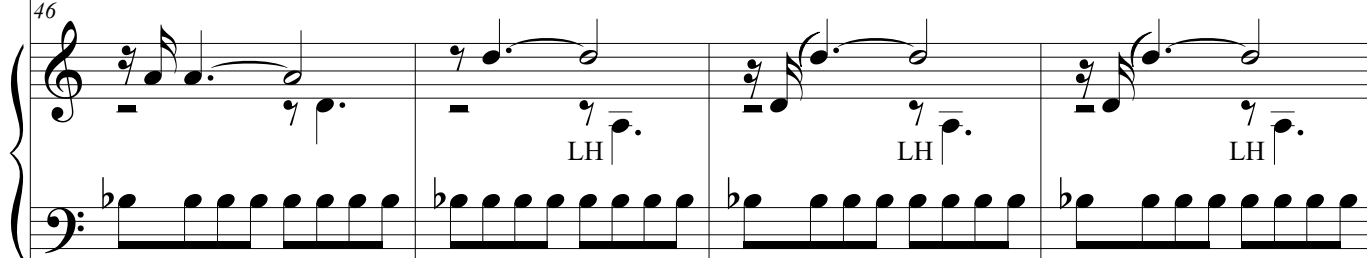
Ped.

\* Ped.

46



46



\* Ped.

\* Ped.

\*

50

For how can I \_\_\_\_\_ be sure \_\_\_\_\_

53

\_\_\_\_\_ that I shall see \_\_\_\_\_ a - gain \_\_\_\_\_

56

The world \_\_\_\_\_ on the first of May, \_\_\_\_\_ the world \_\_\_\_\_ on the

*mf* *p* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

*mf*

*p* *cresc.* *mf* *p*

60

first of May \_\_\_\_\_ shin - ing af - ter the rain. \_\_\_\_\_

60

*cresc.* *mf* *f*

62

64

*rit.*

shin - - - ing af - ter the

64

*mf*

67 *a tempo*

rain? \_\_\_\_\_

67

*f*

*p*

*Ped.*

## On the Way

The trees fret fitfully and twist,  
Shutters rattle and carpets heave,  
Slime is the dust of yestereve,  
And in the streaming mist  
Fishes might seem to fin a passage if they list.

But to his feet,  
Drawing nigh and nigher  
A hidden seat,  
The fog is sweet  
And the wind a lyre.

A vacant sameness grays the sky,  
A moisture gathers on each knop  
Of the bramble, rounding to a drop,  
That greets the goer-by  
With the cold listless lustre of a dead man's eye.

But to her sight,  
Drawing nigh and nigher  
Its deep delight,  
The fog is bright  
And the wind a lyre.

--Thomas Hardy

Written Voice Range: E4 - F5

Tessitura: G4 - D5

Duration 4:15

Composed 2021

## On the Way

Lawrence Kramer

♩. = 84

The

trees fret fit - ful - ly and

twist, Shut - ters rat - tle and car - pets heave,

*p*

*cresc.*

*mf*

*p*

13

Slime is the dust of yes - ter - eve,

17

And in the

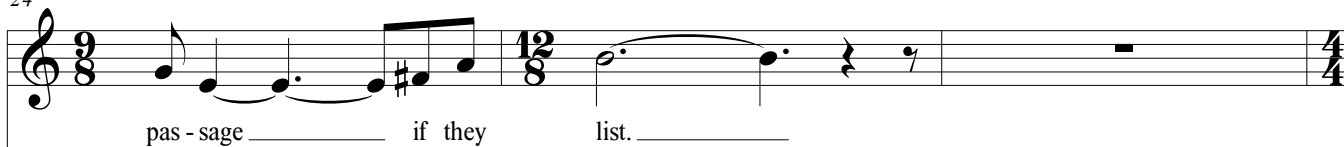
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$\text{♩} = 72$

stream ing mist Fish - es might seem to fin a



24



24

*p*

# $\bar{6}$ .  
S.P.

# $\bar{6}$ .

27

♩ = 66

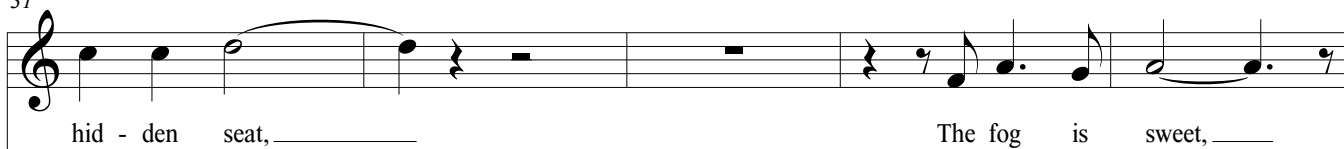


27

*p*

*p*

31



31

*p*

36

And the wind a lyre. \_\_\_\_\_ The fog is sweet, \_\_\_\_\_

This system contains measures 36 through 40. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a whole rest in measure 36, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a dotted half note B4 in measure 37. Measure 38 has a whole rest, measure 39 has a quarter rest followed by a half note G4, and measure 40 has a whole note A4. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a complex texture with many chords and moving lines in both hands. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#).

41

\_\_\_\_\_ And the wind \_\_\_\_\_ a lyre. \_\_\_\_\_

$\text{♩} = 84$

This system contains measures 41 through 45. The vocal line has a whole rest in measure 41, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a dotted half note B4 in measure 42. Measure 43 has a whole rest, measure 44 has a quarter rest followed by a half note G4, and measure 45 has a whole note A4. The piano accompaniment continues with complex textures. A dynamic marking of *p* (piano) appears in measure 44. The key signature has two sharps.

46

A vac - ant same - ness

This system contains measures 46 through 50. The vocal line has whole rests in measures 46 and 47, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a dotted half note B4 in measure 48. Measure 49 has a half note G4 and a quarter note A4, and measure 50 has a dotted half note B4. The piano accompaniment features a more active melody in the right hand, often using doublets (marked with a '2' over the notes). The key signature has two sharps.

50

grays the sky, A mois-ture ga - thers on each

*cresc.* *mf*

54

knop of the bran - ble, Round - ing to a drop

*p*

58

That greets the go - er by

*p*

62

With the cold

*cresc.* *mf* *pp*

66  $\text{♩} = 72$

list - less lus - tre of a dead man's eye.

*p*

69  $\text{♩} = 72$  (A little faster than before)

*p*

#6.  
S.P.

72

But to her sight Draw - ing nigh and nigh - er its deep de - light, \_\_\_\_\_

*p*

This system contains measures 72 through 75. The vocal line begins with a whole rest in measure 72, followed by a half note B-flat, a quarter note A, a half note G, a quarter rest, a half note F-sharp, a quarter note E-flat, an eighth note D, an eighth note C, a quarter note B, and a half note A. The piano accompaniment features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, both marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The key signature has one flat (B-flat major or D minor).

76

The fog is bright \_\_\_\_\_ And the wind a

*p*

This system contains measures 76 through 80. The vocal line has a whole rest in measure 76, followed by a half note B-flat, a quarter note A, a half note G, a quarter rest, a half note F-sharp, a quarter note E-flat, an eighth note D, an eighth note C, a quarter note B, and a half note A. The piano accompaniment continues with a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, both marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic.

81

lyre. \_\_\_\_\_ The fog is bright, \_\_\_\_\_ And the

*p*

This system contains measures 81 through 84. The vocal line begins with a half note B-flat, a quarter note A, a half note G, a quarter rest, a half note F-sharp, a quarter note E-flat, an eighth note D, an eighth note C, a quarter note B, and a half note A. The piano accompaniment continues with a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, both marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic.

86 *rit.* *a tempo*

wind \_\_\_\_\_ a lyre. \_\_\_\_\_

86

*p*

## Range Finding

### High Voice

The battle rent a cobweb diamond-strung  
 And cut a flower beside a ground bird's nest  
 Before it stained a single human breast.  
 The stricken flower bent double and so hung.  
 And still the bird revisited her young.  
 A butterfly its fall had dispossessed  
 A moment sought in air his flower of rest,  
 Then lightly stooped to it and fluttering clung.

On the bare upland pasture there had spread  
 O'ernight 'twixt mullein stalks a wheel of thread  
 And straining cables wet with silver dew.  
 A sudden passing bullet shook it dry.  
 The indwelling spider ran to greet the fly,  
 But finding nothing, sullenly withdrew.

--Robert Frost

This setting changes the poeticism "O'ernight 'twixt"  
 to "Between the" in keeping with the otherwise modern  
 idiom of the poem (first drafted in 1911).

Written voice range: C#4-F5  
 Tessitura: F4 - E5  
 Duration: 5:00

Composed 2016

## Range Finding

Lawrence Kramer

$\text{♩} = 76$

*f* Sostenuto Pedal, here and throughout

*mp* *p*

*p* *sf*

The bat-tle



10

rent a cob - web dia - mond strung and cut a flower be - side a ground bird's

10

*p* <sup>3</sup> *f* <sup>3</sup>

10

*f*

r.h.

l.h.

8

*p*

14

nest be - fore it stained a sin - gle hu - man

14

*p* <sup>3</sup> *f*

14

*p* *mf*

8

17

breast. The strick-en flower bent \_\_\_\_\_ doub-le,

17

*p* <sup>3</sup> *mp* *mf*

17

*p* *p* *p*

8

*f*

21

and so hung. \_\_\_\_\_

21

*p* <sup>3</sup> *pp* <sup>3</sup>

21

*p* *pp*

8

25

And still the bird re - vi - si - ted her young. A but - ter - fly — its

25

25

r.h. l.h.

*mp*

*p*

8

29

fall had dis - pos - sessed A mo - ment sought in

29

29

*mp*

*p*

*mf*

l.h.

*rit.*

3

3

3

32 *a tempo*

air his flower of rest, Then light - ly stooped

*mp* *p* *mf* *p*

8

35

to it and flut - ter - ring clung.

3 3

35

8

*pp* *pp*

39

39

8va

*pp*

*p*

*pp*

*p*

*mf*

Red.

45

45

8va

*f*

*pp*

*p*

*mf*

*pp*

*p*

*pp*

\*

50

On the bare up-land pas - ture — there had

50

50

8

*p*

*f*

*f*

*p*

54

spread be - tween the mul - lein stalks a wheel — of thread,

54

54

8

*p*

*fp*

*p*

58

a wheel of thread — and strain - ing cab - les wet with

58

8<sup>va</sup> — — — — —

58

8

62

sil - ver dew. A sud - den

62

8

pp

p

pp

mf

p

mp

p

pp

pp

p

p

fp

p

67

pas - sing bul - let — shook it dry.

67

*f* 3

67

*cresc.*

*f*

*f*

8

*fz*

*p*

71

A — sud - den pas - sing bul - let — shook it dry.

71

*sf*

*mf* 3 3

71

*fp*

8

*f*

*p*



75

The in - dwel - ling spi - der

*f* *ff* *p*

8

80 *rit.* *a tempo*

ran to greet the fly, but,

*f* *ff*

8

86

but, but see - ing no - thing, \_\_\_\_\_

86

*8va*

*p* *3*

*f*  $\text{f} > \text{p}$

8

Red. \*

*pp*

90

sul - len - ly with drew. \_\_\_\_\_

90

*pp* *3*

8

## Saint

High Voice

At the window concealing  
the old flaking sandalwood  
of her viol once sparkling  
with flute and with lute  
is the pale saint displaying  
the old book of the Magnificat  
that unfolds itself as streaming  
once with vespers and compline

at this monstrance of glass  
that brushes a harp formed by the angel  
with the flight of the evening  
for the delicate joint of the finger  
that, without the old sandalwood,  
nor with the old book, she balances  
on the instrumental plumage,  
she, musician of silence.

--Stephane Mallarme

(Translation by the composer.)

Duration 4:45

Written Voice Range: D4 - G#5

Tessitura: F4 - E5

Composed 2021

## Saint

Lawrence Kramer

♩ = 80

First system of musical notation for 'Saint'. The vocal line consists of five measures of whole rests. The piano accompaniment is in 4/4, 5/4, 4/4, 5/4, and 4/4 time signatures. The first and third measures are marked *p* (piano), and the second and fourth measures are marked *pp* (pianissimo).

Second system of musical notation. The vocal line begins at measure 5 with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. The first measure of the piano part is marked *p*.

At the win - dow — con -

Third system of musical notation. The vocal line begins at measure 10 with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. The first measure of the piano part is marked *p*.

ceal - ing the old — flak - ing sand - al - wood — of her

14

vi - ol once spark - ling with flute and with lute

*p* *pp*

18

is the pale saint dis - play - ing the old book

*p*

22

of the Mag - ni - fi - cat, the Mag - ni - fi -

25

cat that un - folds it - self as stream - ing once with ves - pers and com -

Measures 25-29: The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest, then eighth notes A4 and Bb4. Measure 26 continues with a quarter note C5, an eighth note D5, and a quarter note E5. Measure 27 has a half note F5, a quarter note G5, and a half note A5. Measure 28 has a half note Bb5, a quarter note C6, and a half note D6. Measure 29 has a half note E6, a quarter note F6, and a half note G6. The piano accompaniment features chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand, with a key signature change to B major in measure 26.

30

pline with ves - pers and com - pline, \_\_\_\_\_

Measures 30-34: The vocal line continues with a half note G5, a quarter rest, and then eighth notes A5 and Bb5. Measure 31 has a quarter note C6, an eighth note D6, and a quarter note E6. Measure 32 has a half note F6, a quarter note G6, and a half note A6. Measure 33 has a half note Bb6, a quarter note C7, and a half note D7. Measure 34 has a half note E7, a quarter note F7, and a half note G7. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes, maintaining the B major key signature.

35

\_\_\_\_\_ at this

Measures 35-39: The vocal line has a half note G5, a quarter rest, and then eighth notes A5 and Bb5. Measure 36 has a quarter note C6, an eighth note D6, and a quarter note E6. Measure 37 has a half note F6, a quarter note G6, and a half note A6. Measure 38 has a half note Bb6, a quarter note C7, and a half note D7. Measure 39 has a half note E7, a quarter note F7, and a half note G7. The piano accompaniment features chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand, with dynamics *pp* in measures 36, 37, and 38.

39

mon-strance of glass that brush - es a harp

44

*rit.* *a tempo*

formed by an

48

an-gel with the flight of the eve - ning

52

for the del - i - cate joint \_\_\_ of the

55

fin - ger

59

the fin - ger \_\_\_ that with - out \_\_\_ the



63

old san - dal wood, nor with the old \_\_\_\_\_ book, \_\_\_\_\_

63

68

she ba - lan - ces, \_\_\_\_\_ she ba - lan -

68

73

*rit.* *a tempo*

ces, \_\_\_\_\_ ba - lan-

73

78

ces on the in-stru - men - tal plu - - - mage, \_\_\_\_\_

78

83

she, mu - si - cian \_\_\_\_\_ of sil - lence. \_\_\_\_\_

83

The image shows a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree". It consists of three staves. The top staff is a single treble clef line. The middle and bottom staves are grand staves, each with a bass clef line and a tenor clef line. The music is written in 2/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble staff, starting on a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass line in the grand staves starts with a whole note G3, followed by a half note A3, a quarter note B3, and a quarter note C4. The lyrics "The Rose Tree" are written below the bass line. The score ends with a double bar line.

## She Sweeps with Many-Colored Brooms

Soprano

She sweeps with many-colored brooms,  
And leaves the shreds behind;  
Oh, housewife in the evening west,  
Come back, and dust the pond!

You dropped a purple raveling in,  
You dropped an amber thread;  
And now you've littered all the East  
With duds of emerald!

And still she plies her spotted brooms,  
And still the aprons fly,  
Till brooms fade softly into stars --  
And then I come away.

--Emily Dickinson

Voice Range: D4- A5

Tessitura: G#4 - E5

Duration: 3:30

Composed 2017

# She Sweeps with Many-Colored Brooms

$\text{♩} = 84$  *accel. sempre* Lawrence Kramer

She sweeps with

ma - ny col - ored brooms, \_\_\_\_\_

and leaves the shreds be -

$\text{♩} = 126$  *rit. sempre*

$\text{♩} = 126$  *rit. sempre*

10

hind; \_\_\_\_\_ Oh \_\_\_\_\_

10 12

3 3 3 3 3 3

13  $\text{♩} = 84$  *rit.* *a tempo*

house - wife in the eve - ning west, \_\_\_\_\_

13  $\text{♩} = 84$  *rit.*

3 3 3 3 3 3

17 *accel. sempre*

come back, \_\_\_\_\_ come back and dust the

17 *accel. sempre*

3 3 3 3 3 3

23 ♩ = 152

*rit. sempre*

pond! \_\_\_\_\_ Come back and

28 ♩ = 84

*accel.*

dust the pond! \_\_\_\_\_

32 ♩ = 152

*rit. sempre*

You dropped a pur - ple ra -

37  $\text{♩} = 84$  *rit.* *a tempo*

- vel-ing in, you

41 *accel. sempre*  $\text{♩} = 126$

dropped an am - - - ber thread;

45 *rit.*

And

48 *accel.* ♩ = 126

now you've lit - tered all

51 *rit. sempre*

the East with

55 ♩ = 84

duds of e - mer - ald,



59 *rit.* *a tempo* *rit.*

and now you've

63 *a tempo* *rit.*

lit - tered all the East

67 *a tempo* *accel. sempre*

with duds of e - mer -

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 59-62) features a vocal line with lyrics 'and now you've' and a piano accompaniment with triplets and a ritardando. The second system (measures 63-66) features a vocal line with lyrics 'lit - tered all the East' and a piano accompaniment with triplets and a ritardando. The third system (measures 67-70) features a vocal line with lyrics 'with duds of e - mer -' and a piano accompaniment with triplets and an accelerando. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and dynamic markings.

71  $\text{♩} = 126$  *accel.*  $\text{♩} = 152$

ald!

$\text{♩} = 126$  *accel.*  $\text{♩} = 152$

75  $\text{♩} = 84$  *rit.* *a tempo*

And

$\text{♩} = 84$  *rit.* *a tempo*

78 *accel. sempre*

still she plies her spot - ted brooms, \_\_\_\_\_ and still the

*accel. sempre*

# She Sweeps

129

84  $\text{♩} = 126$  *accel.*

ap - rons fly

89  $\text{♩} = 152$   $\text{♩} = 126$

92

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system (measures 84-88) features a vocal line with lyrics 'ap - rons fly' and a piano accompaniment. The tempo is marked as 126 beats per minute, and the piece accelerates. The second system (measures 89-91) continues the piano accompaniment with triplets and a tempo change to 152 beats per minute, then back to 126. The third system (measures 92-94) shows the vocal line with a whole rest and the piano accompaniment with a complex melodic line. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, notes, rests, triplets, and dynamic markings.

94 *rit.*  $\text{♩} = 84$

Till

97

brooms fade soft - ly

101

Till brooms fade

105 *rit.* *a tempo*

soft - ly in - to stars,

105 *rit.* *a tempo*

3 3 3 3 3 3

109 *rit.*

and then I come a - way.

109 *rit.*

3

*dim.*

*Red.* \*

## Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

### High Voice

Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.

--Robert Frost

Written voice range: B3 - G#5  
Tessitura: F#4 - D#5  
Duration 3:40

Composed January 1, 2019

## Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

 $\text{♩} = 80$ 

Lawrence Kramer

Whose woods these are I

think I know. His house is in the vil - lage though.

He will not see me stop - ing here

13

Musical score for measures 13-16. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4 (F#4 in the key signature), and then a half note F#4. The lyrics "To see his woods fill up with snow." are written below the notes. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a repeating eighth-note figure in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand.

To see his woods fill up with snow.

17

Musical score for measures 17-20. The vocal line continues with a half note G4, a half note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a half note C#4, and a half note B3. The lyrics "My lit - tle horse must think it queerr to stop with-out a" are written below. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note figure in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

My lit - tle horse must think it queerr to stop with-out a

21

Musical score for measures 21-24. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, a half note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a half note C#4, and a half note B3. The lyrics "farm - house near Be - tween the woods and fro - zen lake \_\_\_\_\_ the" are written below. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note figure in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

farm - house near Be - tween the woods and fro - zen lake \_\_\_\_\_ the



25

dark - est eve - ning of the year, the

28

dark - est eve - ning of the year.

32

He gives his har - ness bells a shake To

36

ask if there is some mis - take.

39

The on - ly o - ther sound's the sweep

Mm. 39-42: dynamics follow voice.

42

of ea - sy wind and down - y flake.

46

The woods are

50

love - ly, dark and deep,

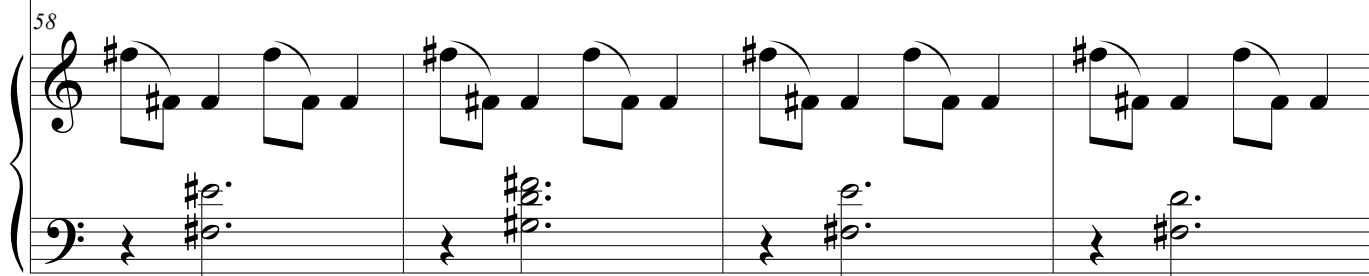
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But I have pro-mi-ses to keep,

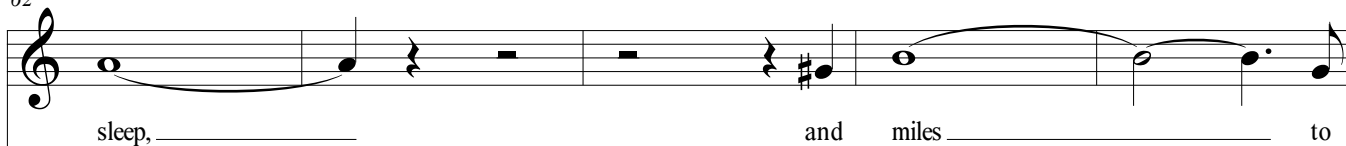
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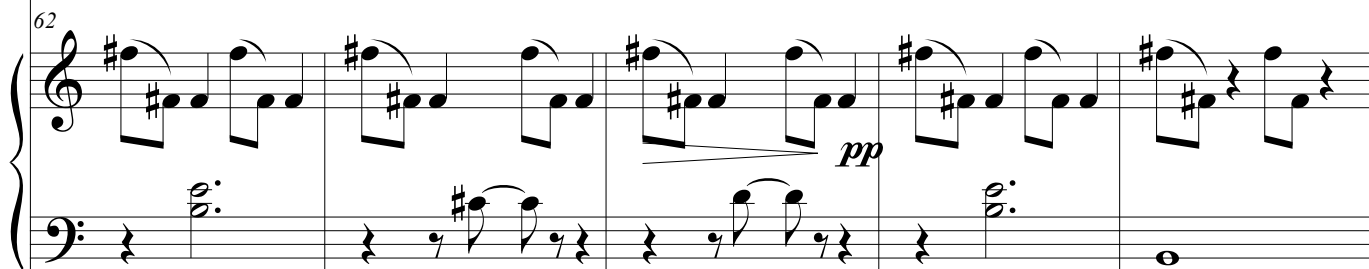
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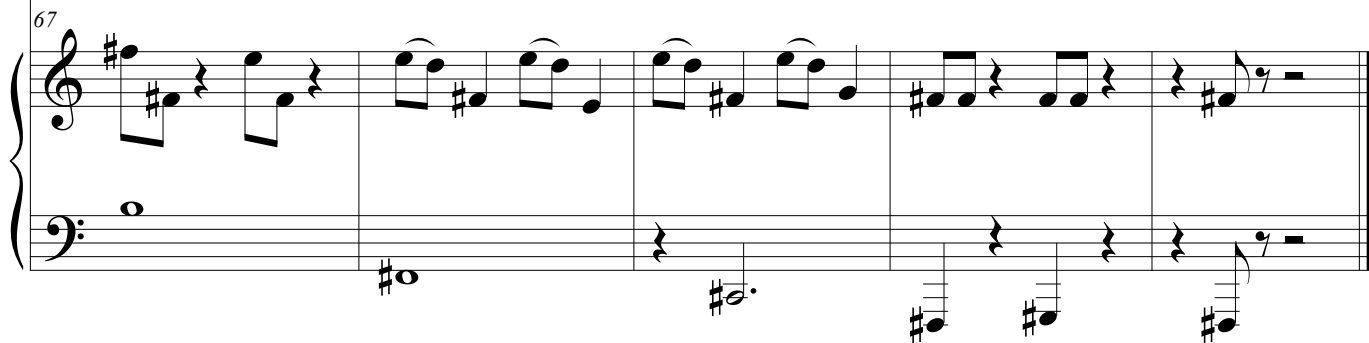
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67

*rit.*

67



## The Corner of Night and Morning

### High Voice

Crows are cawing over pine-trees,  
They are teaching their young to fly  
Above the tall pyramids of double cherries.  
Rose lustre over black lacquer —  
The feathers of the young birds reflect the rose-rising sun.  
Caw! Caw!  
I want to go to sleep,  
But perhaps it is better to stand in the window  
And watch the crows teaching their young to fly  
Over the pines and the pyramidal cherries,  
In the rose-gold light  
Of five o'clock on a May morning.

--Amy Lowell

Written voice range: C4-G5  
Tessitura: F4 - E♭5  
Duration: 3:15

Composed 2018

# The Corner of Night and Morning

♩ = 92

Lawrence Kramer

*p*

Crows are caw-ing o-ver

4

pine trees. They are teach-ing their young how to

4

3

3

7

fly to fly a-bove the tall pyr-a-mids of doub-le

7

*p* *cresc.* *f*

3

3

3

3

cher - ries. Rose \_\_\_\_\_ lus - tre \_\_\_\_\_

11

*p* *f*

17

o - ver black \_\_\_\_\_ lac - quer. \_\_\_\_\_

17

3

3

21

The \_\_\_\_\_ fea - thers \_\_\_\_\_ of the young birds \_\_\_\_\_

21

3

3

3

3

24

re - flect the rose - <sup>3</sup> - ris - ing

27

sun. \_\_\_\_\_

*p* *cresc.* *f* *fff<sub>sub.</sub>*

31

Imitate "caw" sound

*f* *pp*



Sing "caw" on highest pitch.

37

*p*

I want to go to sleep.

44

**A Little Slower***pp***Tempo I**

I want to go to sleep. But per-haps,

50

per - it is bet-ter to

53

stand \_\_\_\_\_ in the win - dow \_\_\_\_\_ and

56

watch the crows teach-<sup>3</sup>ing their young \_\_\_\_\_ to fly \_\_\_\_\_

59

\_\_\_\_\_ o - ver the pines \_\_\_\_\_

62 *rit.*

and the pyr - a - mid - al cher - ries

65 ♩ = 84

in the rose gold light

71

of five o' - clock on a May morn - ing.

## From "The Jumblies"

### High Voice

They went to sea in a Sieve, they did,  
 In a Sieve they went to sea:  
 In spite of all their friends could say,  
 On a winter's morn, on a stormy day,  
 In a Sieve they went to sea!

And when the Sieve turned round and round,  
 And every one cried, 'You'll all be drowned!'  
 They called aloud, "Our Sieve ain't big,  
 But we don't care a button! we don't care a fig!  
 In a Sieve we'll go to sea!"

Far and few, far and few,  
 Are the lands where the Jumblies live;  
 Their heads are green, and their hands are blue,  
 And they went to sea in a Sieve.

And all night long they sailed away;  
 And when the sun went down,  
 They whistled and warbled a moony song  
 To the echoing sound of a coppery gong. . .

"Far and few, far and few,  
 Are the lands where the Jumblies live;  
 Their heads are green, and their hands are blue,  
 And they went to sea in a Sieve."

--Edward Lear

Written Voice Range: D4-A $\flat$ 5  
 Tessitura: F $\sharp$ 4 - D5  
 Duration: 4 minutes

Composed 2020

## The Jumblies

Lawrence Kramer

 $\text{♩} = 108$ 

They went to sea in a Sieve, they did,

In a Sieve they went to sea: In spite of

all their friends could say, In spite of all their friends could

16  $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

say, On a win - ter's morn, \_\_\_\_\_

22 on a stor - my day \_\_\_\_\_ On a win - ter's morn, \_\_\_\_\_

29 \_\_\_\_\_ on a stor - my day \_\_\_\_\_

36  $\text{♪} = \text{♪}$

In a Sieve they went to sea: \_\_\_\_\_

*fp* *f*

42

In a Sieve, In a Sieve, In a Sieve they

*fp* *fp* *fp* *f*

47

went, in a Sieve they went, In a Sieve they went, in a Sieve they

*p* *f*

52

52

went, in a Sieve they went \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ sea! \_\_\_\_\_

58  $\text{♩} = 88$

Far and few, Far and few,

58 *p*

65

Far and few, far and few are the

65

*pp*



♩. = 108

70

lands where the Jumb - lies live, \_\_\_\_\_

70

*p* *fp*

This system contains measures 70 through 74. The vocal line begins with a half note 'lands', followed by a quarter note 'where', a quarter note 'the', a quarter note 'Jumb', a quarter note 'lies', and a half note 'live' with a long melisma line. The piano accompaniment features chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Dynamic markings *p* and *fp* are present.

75

Their heads are green, \_\_\_\_\_ and their hands are blue, \_\_\_\_\_

75

*f* *p* *f* *p* *f*

This system contains measures 75 through 79. The vocal line continues the melisma from measure 74. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of chords and eighth notes. Dynamic markings *f* and *p* are present.

80

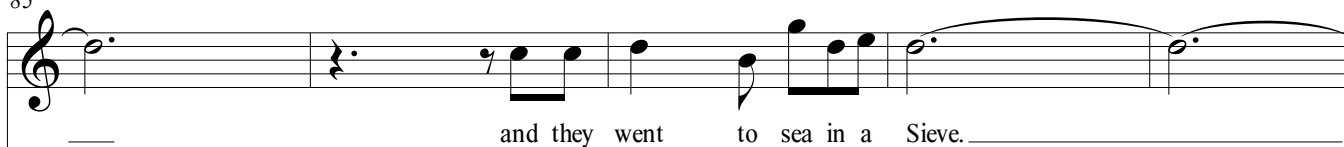
Their heads are green, \_\_\_\_\_ and their hands are blue, \_\_\_\_\_

80

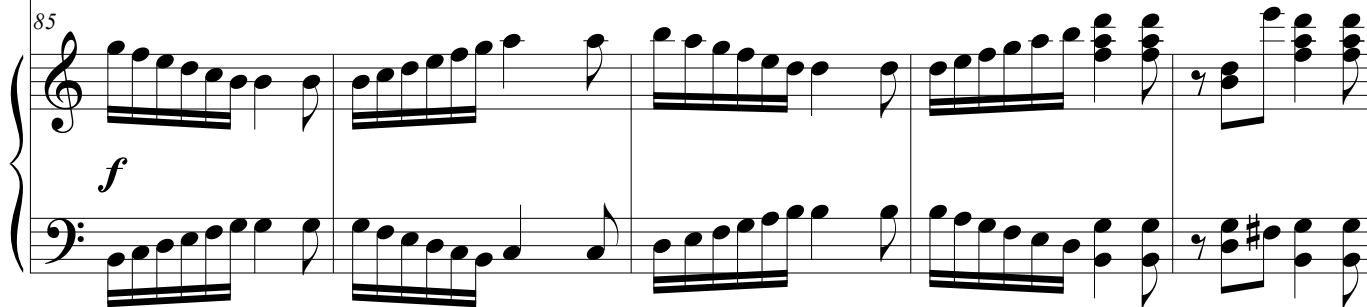
*f* *p* *f*

This system contains measures 80 through 84. The vocal line continues the melisma from measure 79. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of chords and eighth notes. Dynamic markings *f* and *p* are present.

85



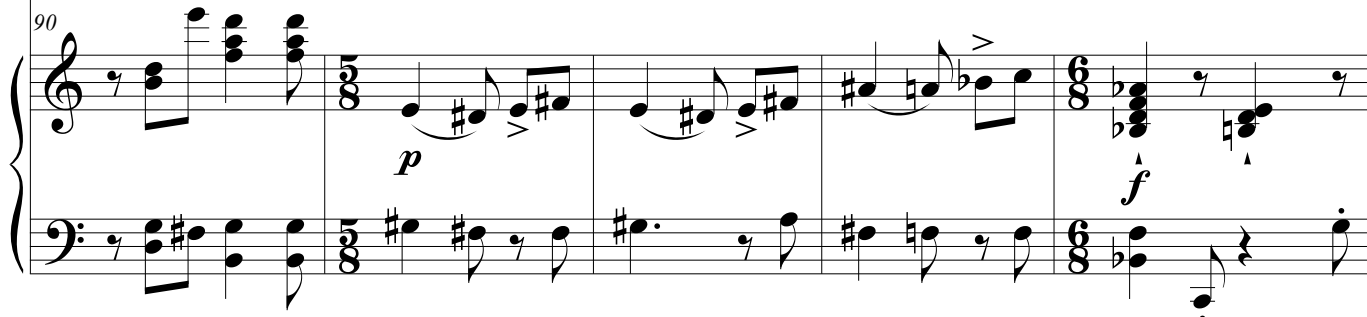
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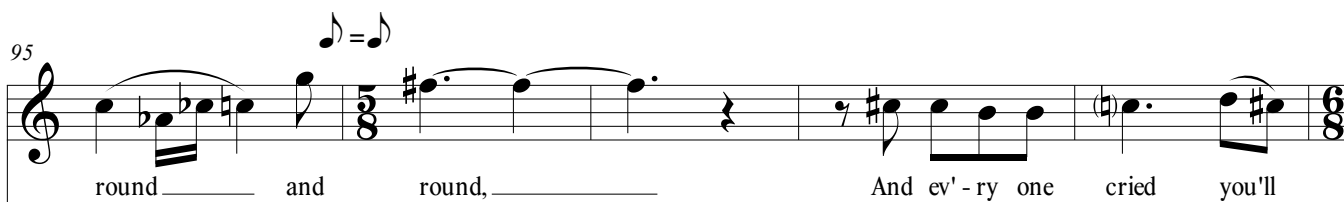
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90



95



95



100  $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

all be drowned! They called a - loud:

105  $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

They called a - loud: Our

110

Sieve ain't big. Our Sieve ain't big. But we

116

don't care a but-ton, we don't care a fig! In a Sieve, In a

116

*fp* *fp*

122

Sieve, in a Sieve we'll go to

122

*fp* *f*

128

$\text{♩} = 96$

sea! And all night long they sailed a-way;

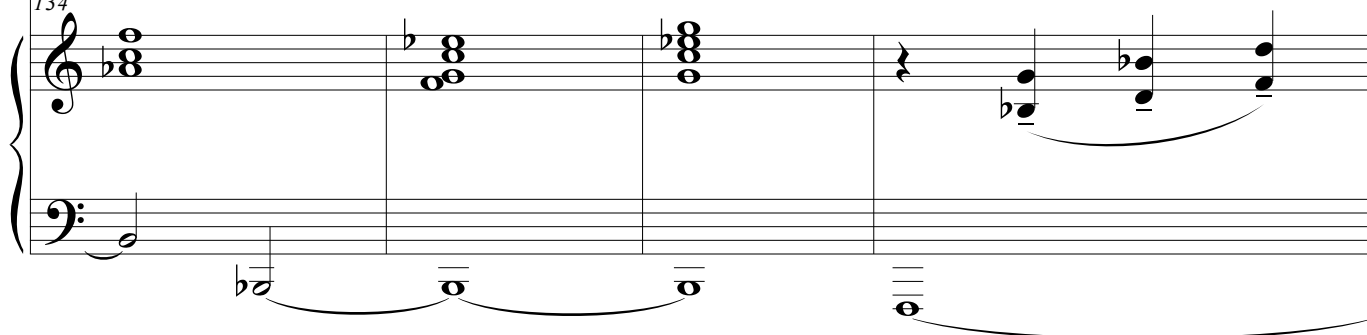
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*p*

134



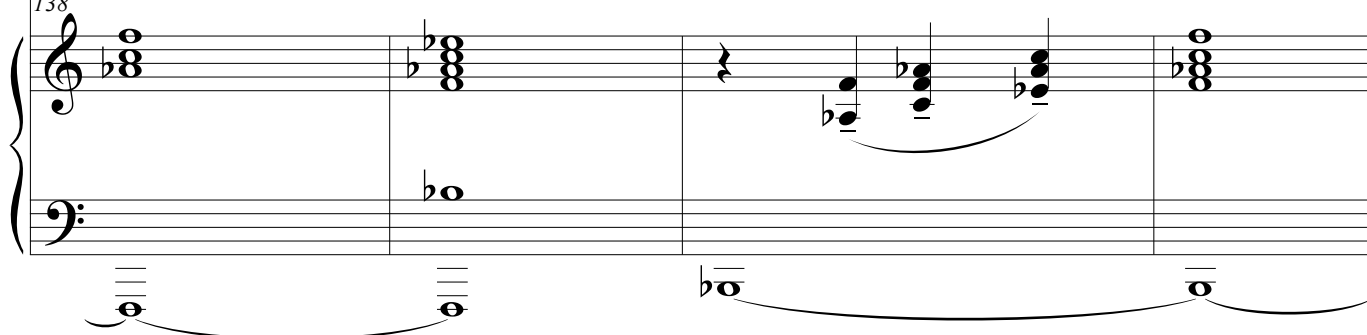
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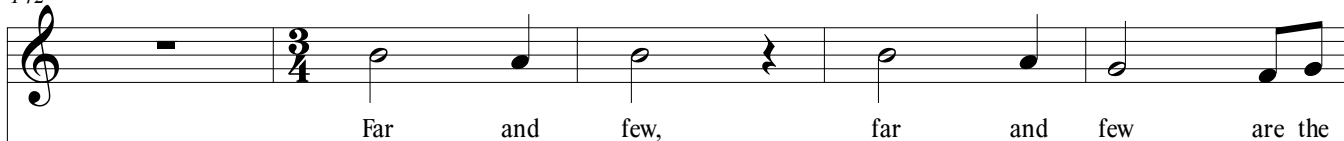


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142

♩ = 88



142



♩. = 108

147

lands where the Jumb - lies live, \_\_\_\_\_

*p* *fp*

152

Their heads are green, \_\_\_\_\_ and their hands are blue, \_\_\_\_\_

*f* *p* *f* *f*

157

and they went to sea in a Sieve. \_\_\_\_\_

## The Soldier's Tale

Tenor

I am an ancient reluctant conscript.

On the soup wagons of Xerxes I was a cleaner of pans.  
On the march of Miltiades' phalanx I had a haft and head;  
I had a bristling gleaming spear-handle.

Red-headed Cæsar picked me for a teamster.  
He said, "Go to work, you Tuscan bastard,  
Rome calls for a man who can drive horses."

The units of conquest led by Charles the Twelfth,  
The whirling whimsical Napoleonic columns:  
They saw me one of the horseshoers.

I trimmed the feet of a white horse Bonaparte swept the night stars with.

Lincoln said, "Get into the game; your nation takes you."  
And I drove a wagon and team and I had my arm shot off  
At Spottsylvania Court House.

I am an ancient reluctant conscript.

--Carl Sandburg

Voice range: C3 - G4

Tessitura: F3 - E♭4

Duration: 4 minutes

Composed 2017

## The Soldier's Tale

Moderato (♩ = c. 108)

Lawrence Kramer

8 I am an an-cient re - luc - tant con-script..

5 On the soup wa-gons of Xer - xes

8 I was a clean - er of pots.

*ff pp* *ff > pp* *ff pp* *p* *sf*



11  
8 On the march of Mil - ti - ades' pha-lanx I had a haft and

11 8 *pp* *ff* *pp*

14  
8 head; I had a brist-ling gleam - ing spear hand - le. \_\_\_\_\_

14 8 *p* *f*

18  
8 Red head-ed Cae - sar picked me for a team - ster. He

18 8 *p* *f* *ff* *p*

22

Spoken:

8

said, he said, "Go to work you Tus-can bas-tard, Rome calls for a

22 8

*ff*

*f*

26

8

man who can drive hor - ses,

26 8

*ff*

30

8

a man who can drive

hor - ses.

30 8

*p*

*ff* *p* *pp*

34

8

The u-nits of conquest led by Charles the Twelfth, They

34 8

*ff* *pp*

38

8 saw me. The

38 8

*p*

8va  
Ped.

\*

42

whirl - ling whim - si-cal Na-po-le - on - ic co - lumns, \_\_\_\_\_

42

46 *ff*

8 They saw me. They saw me.

46 *fff*

8va

52

8 They saw me as one of the

52 *p*

56

8 horse - shoers.

56

60

8

I trimmed the feet of a white horse

*ff* *pp* *f*

64

8

Bo - na - parte swept the night stars

*ff*

68

8

with. Lin - coln

*pp*

71

8 said, "Get in - to the game," he said, he

71

74

8 said, "Get in-to-the game, your na - tion takes you."

*p* *f*

74

78

8 And I drove a wa-gon and team, And I drove a

*ff* *p* *f*

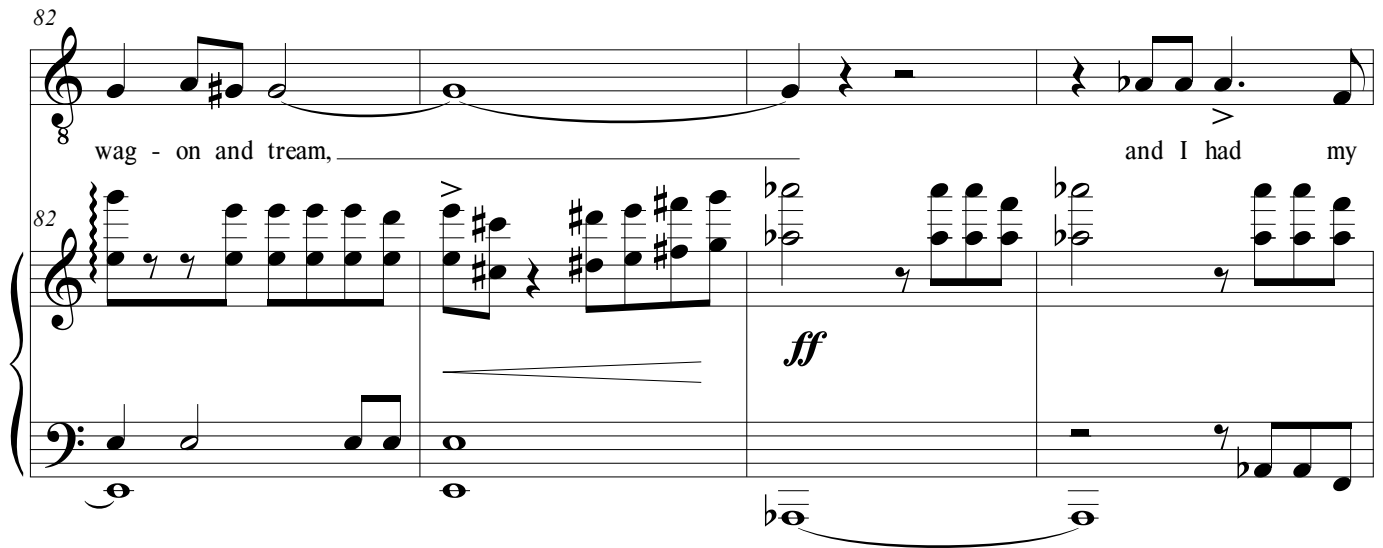
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82

wag - on and tream, \_\_\_\_\_ and I had my

82

*ff*



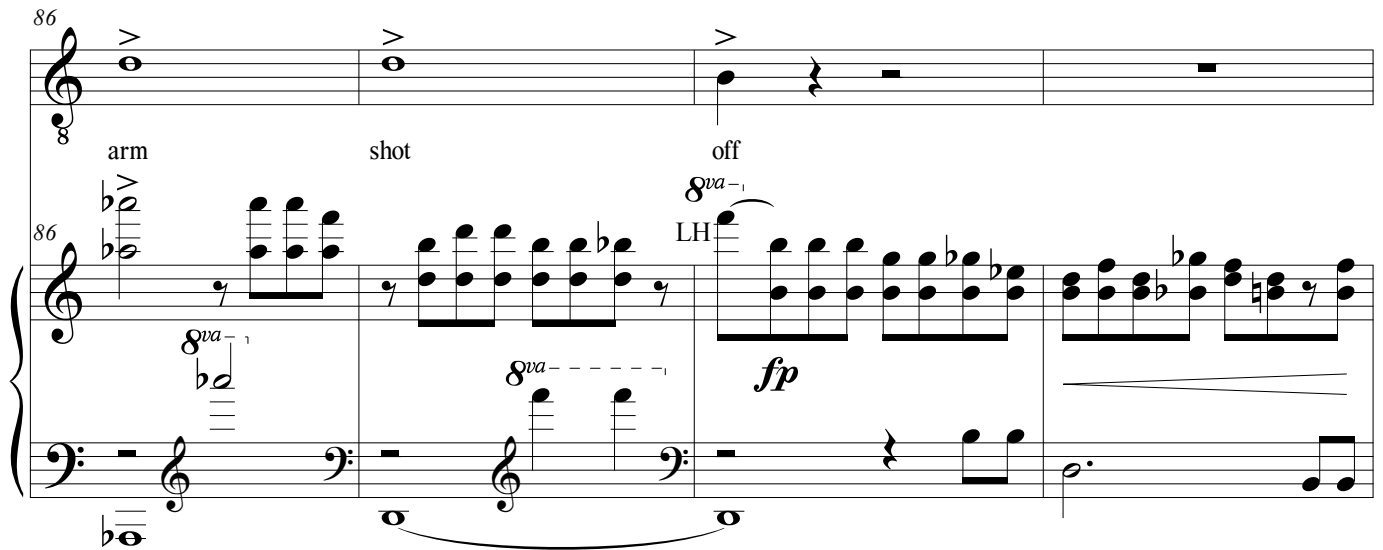
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arm shot off

86

*fp*

*8va-1* LH



90

at Spott - syl - van - ia Court - house, \_\_\_\_\_ at Spott - syl -

90

*ff p pp*



94

8

van - ia Court - house. \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_

*ff* *pp* *p*

98

8

\_\_\_\_\_ am an an - cient re - luc - tant con - script. \_\_\_\_\_

*LH*

102

8

*rit.* *a tempo*

I \_\_\_\_\_ am an an - cient re -

*rit.* *a tempo* *fp*

8<sup>va</sup> - - - - -



108

8

luc - tant con - script. I...

*ff* *pp* *ff* *pp*

*8va*

112 *rit.*

*rit.*

## To Waken an Old Lady

### High Voice

Old age is  
a flight of small  
cheeping birds  
skimming  
bare trees  
above a snow glaze.  
Gaining and failing  
they are buffeted  
by a dark wind--  
But what?  
On harsh weedstalks  
the flock has rested,  
the snow  
is covered with broken  
seedhusks  
and the wind tempered  
by a shrill  
piping of plenty.

--William Carlos Williams

Written Voice Range: B $\flat$ 3 (with ossia) - G#5

Tessitura: F4 - D5

Duration 3:15

Composed 2020

## To Waken an Old Lady

 $\text{♩} = 84$ 

Lawrence Kramer

*pp*

4 *pp*

Old age is a flight of

4

7

small cheep - ing

7 8

9 birds skim - ing

12 bare trees a -

15 bove - a snow glaze, a - bove a

9 8 10 11

pp

2 2

8

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a song titled 'To Waken an Old Lady'. The score is written for a voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 9-11) features a vocal line with lyrics 'birds skim - ing' and a piano accompaniment. The piano part has a treble and bass staff. The second system (measures 12-14) has lyrics 'bare trees a -'. The third system (measures 15-17) has lyrics 'bove - a snow glaze, a - bove a'. The piano accompaniment includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings like 'pp' (pianissimo). Measure numbers 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, and 17 are indicated at the start of their respective lines. There are also smaller measure numbers 8 and 11 within the piano parts. The score is written in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature.

18

musical score for measures 18-22. The vocal line (treble clef) has lyrics: snow glaze, a snow glaze. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with chords and a left hand with a steady eighth-note bass line.

23

♩. = 66

musical score for measures 23-25. The vocal line is silent. The piano accompaniment continues with a right hand of chords and a left hand of eighth notes.

26

♩. = 84

musical score for measures 26-28. The vocal line has lyrics: Gain ing and fail - ing, they are. The piano accompaniment features a right hand with eighth-note runs and a left hand with eighth notes. Dynamic markings *mf* and *pp* are present, along with a fermata and a 7-measure rest.

28

buf - fet - ted by <sup>2</sup> a dark

28 8

*mf* *pp*

*pp*

30

*sepmre pp*

wind,

30 8

7

8va

31 *mf* sub. *pp*<sub>2</sub>

a

31 8

*mf* sub. *p* *mf*

7

The image shows a musical score for the song 'To Waken an Old Lady', page 172. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 28-29) features a vocal line with lyrics 'buf - fet - ted by a dark' and a piano accompaniment. The piano part has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has an 8-measure rest at the beginning, followed by a melodic line with a 7-measure rest. The bass staff has an 8-measure rest at the beginning, followed by a melodic line with a 7-measure rest. Dynamics include *mf* and *pp*. The second system (measures 30-31) continues the vocal line with 'wind,' and the piano accompaniment. The piano part has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has an 8-measure rest at the beginning, followed by a melodic line with a 7-measure rest. The bass staff has an 8-measure rest at the beginning, followed by a melodic line with a 7-measure rest. Dynamics include *sepmre pp* and *pp*. The third system (measures 31-32) continues the vocal line with 'a' and the piano accompaniment. The piano part has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has an 8-measure rest at the beginning, followed by a melodic line with a 7-measure rest. The bass staff has an 8-measure rest at the beginning, followed by a melodic line with a 7-measure rest. Dynamics include *mf* sub., *pp*<sub>2</sub>, *p*, and *mf*.

34 *rit.* *a tempo*

dark, wind.

34 8

*p* *pp*

Measures 34-39: Vocal line has rests. Piano accompaniment: Right hand has chords; left hand has eighth notes. Dynamics: *p* (measures 34-35), *pp* (measures 36-39).

40 *p* *pp*

But what? What? \_\_\_\_ on harsh weed

40

*pp*

Measures 40-44: Vocal line has lyrics. Piano accompaniment continues. Dynamics: *p* (measures 40-41), *pp* (measures 42-44).

45  $\text{♩} = 84$  *p*

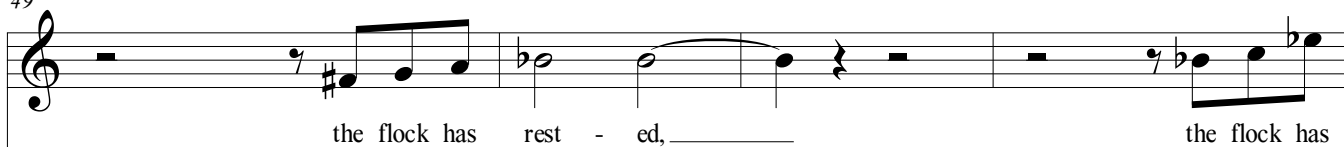
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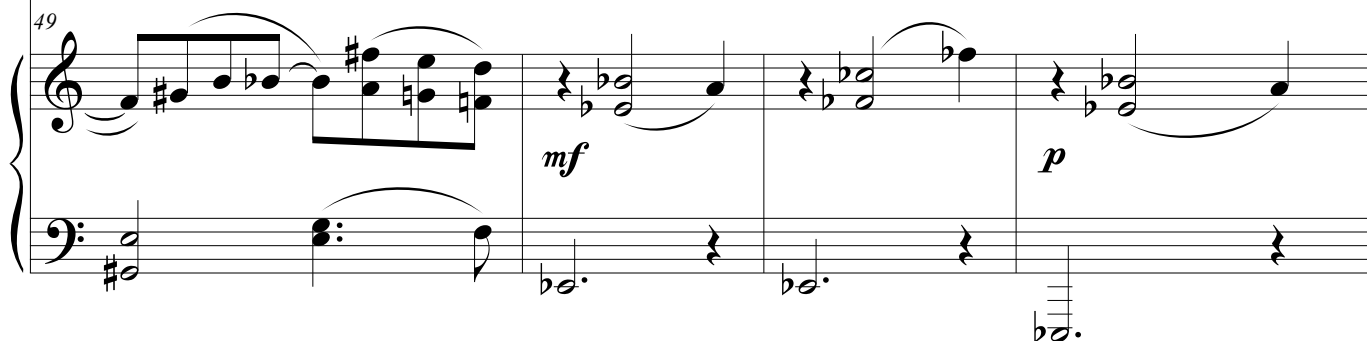
*p*

Measures 45-49: Time signature changes to 4/4 at measure 45. Vocal line has lyrics. Piano accompaniment continues in 4/4. Dynamics: *p* throughout.

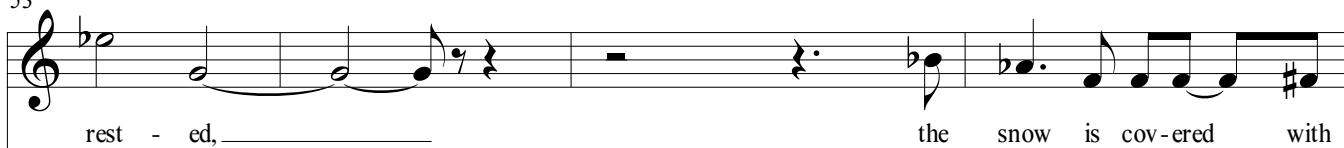
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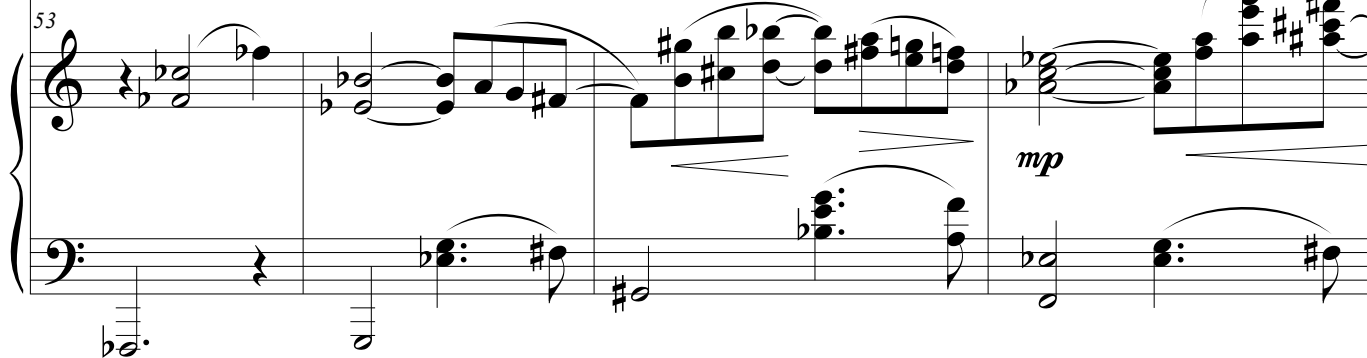
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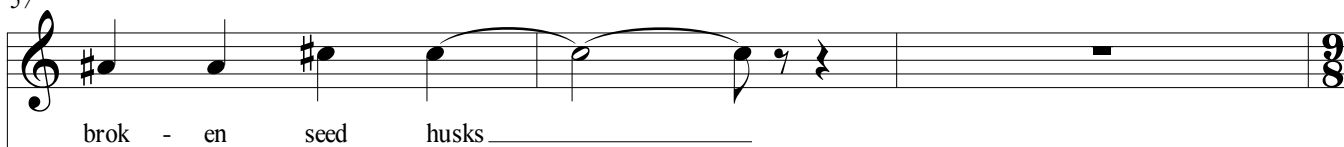
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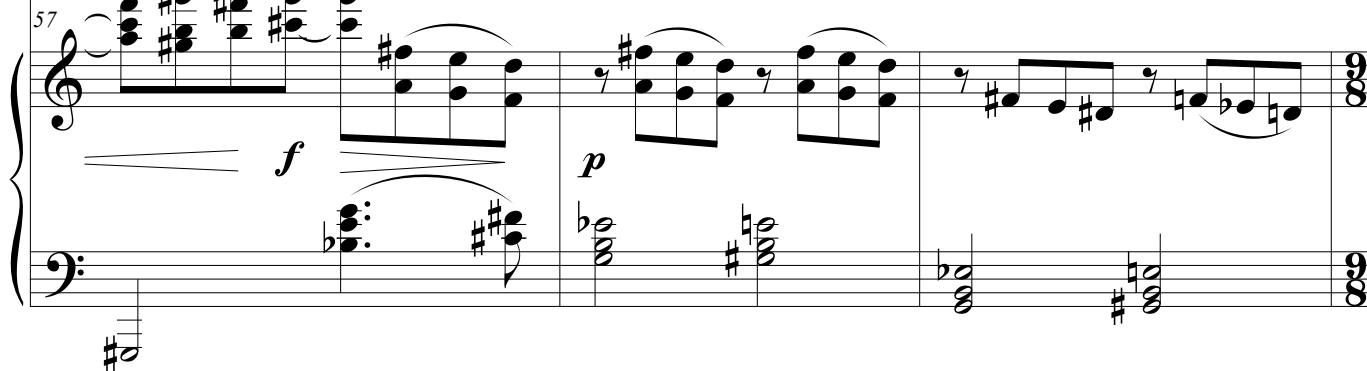
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*rit.*

57



57





♩. = 84 *rit.*

60

and the wind, \_\_\_\_\_ and the



♩. = 66

63

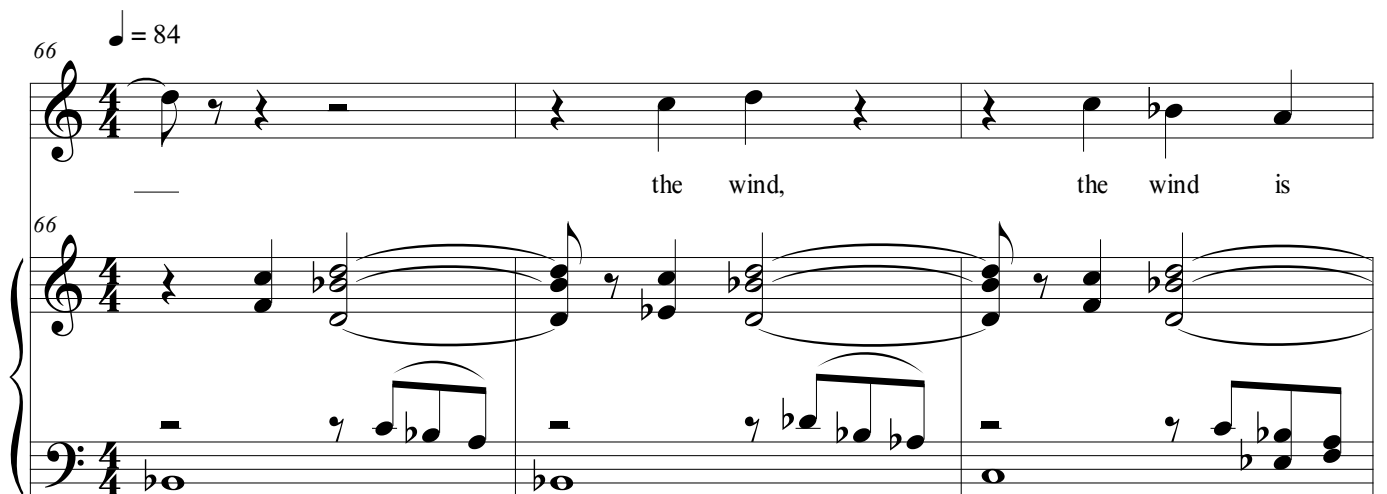
wind



♩. = 84

66

the wind, the wind is



69

temp - ered

69

*mf*

71

temp - ered

71

*p*

*p*

*pp*

74

by a shrill pip - ing of plen - ty.

74

*p*

## Adagio

77

77 8

*pp* *mf*

## War

### High Voice

When I was a child, certain skies refined my vision: all their characters nuanced my visage. The Phenomena roused up. Now the eternal inflection of moments and the infinity of mathematics thrust me out into the world, where I suffer every civil success, respected by strange childhood and tremendous affections. – I dream of a War of right or of might, of a logic unforeseen.

It is as simple as phrase of music.

Enfant, certains ciels ont affiné mon optique : tous les caractères nuancèrent ma physionomie. Les Phénomènes s'émurent. - À présent, l'inflexion éternelle des moments et l'infini des mathématiques me chassent par ce monde où je subis tous les succès civils, respecté de l'enfance étrange et des affections énormes. - Je songe à une Guerre de droit ou de force, de logique bien imprévue.

C'est aussi simple qu'une phrase musicale.

--Arthur Rimbaud

Translation by the composer.

Written Voice Range: E $\flat$ 4 - G5

Tessitura: G4 - E5

Duration 3:40

Composed 2019

## War

Lawrence Kramer

♩ = 92

5

When I was a child cer-tain skies

5

skies re - fined my vi - sion:

9

9

*ff* *p* *mf* *f* *p* *ff*

13

Musical score for measures 13-16. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a whole rest in measure 13, followed by a half note G4, quarter notes A4 and B4, and a half note C5 in measure 14. Measure 15 contains a half note D5 and a quarter note E5. Measure 16 contains a half note F5 and a quarter note G5. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include *p* (piano) in measure 13, *ff* (fortissimo) in measure 15, and *p* in measure 16. Time signatures are 5/4, 4/4, 4/4, and 5/4.

All — their char-ac — ters nu-anced my vi - sage. —

17

Musical score for measures 17-20. The vocal line (treble clef) has a whole rest in measure 17, followed by a half note G4, quarter notes A4 and B4, and a half note C5 in measure 18. Measure 19 contains a half note D5 and a quarter note E5. Measure 20 contains a half note F5 and a quarter note G5. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include *p* (piano) in measure 17, *ff* (fortissimo) in measure 19, and *p* in measure 20. Time signatures are 5/4, 4/4, 4/4, and 5/4.

The Phe - nom - e - na, —

21

Musical score for measures 21-24. The vocal line (treble clef) has a whole rest in measure 21, followed by a half note G4, quarter notes A4 and B4, and a half note C5 in measure 22. Measure 23 contains a half note D5 and a quarter note E5. Measure 24 contains a half note F5 and a quarter note G5. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include *pp* (pianissimo) in measure 21, *p* (piano) in measure 23, and *p* in measure 24. Time signatures are 5/4, 4/4, 4/4, and 5/4.

the Phe-nom-e - na — roused up.

25

25

*mf*

*f*

Now

27

the e - ter - nal in - flec - tion of mo - ments -

27

27

29

and the in - fi - ni - ty of ma - the -

29

31

ma - ties thrust me,

*f*

33

thrust me

35

in - to the world.

*ff* *p*



39

*p* Recit.

Musical score for measures 39-43. The vocal line (treble clef) has rests in measures 39-42 and begins in measure 43 with the lyrics "The world where I". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include *p* (piano) in measure 40 and *mf* (mezzo-forte) in measure 42. A key signature change to three sharps occurs in measure 42.

44

Musical score for measures 44-46. The vocal line (treble clef) has the lyrics "suf - fer ev' - ry ci - vil suc - cess, re - spec - ted by strange child - hoods". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include *p* (piano) in measure 44 and *mf* (mezzo-forte) in measure 45.

47

*p*

♩ = 104

Musical score for measures 47-51. The vocal line (treble clef) has the lyrics "and tre-men - dous af - fec - tions." in measure 47. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include *mf* (mezzo-forte) in measure 47, *p* (piano) in measure 50, and *cresc.* (crescendo) in measure 51. A key signature change to three sharps occurs in measure 47.

52

Measures 52-56 of the musical score. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5, all under a slur. The lyrics "I dream of a war," are written below. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a series of chords in the right hand, starting with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5, all under a slur. The left hand plays a bass line with a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, a quarter note B3, and a half note C4, all under a slur. The piano part includes dynamic markings *f* and *fz*.

I dream of a war,

57

Measures 57-60 of the musical score. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5, all under a slur. The lyrics "of right or of might, of a log-ic un-fore - seen," are written below. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a series of chords in the right hand, starting with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5, all under a slur. The left hand plays a bass line with a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, a quarter note B3, and a half note C4, all under a slur. The piano part includes dynamic markings *p* and *mf*.

of right or of might, of a log-ic un-fore - seen,

61

Measures 61-64 of the musical score. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5, all under a slur. The lyrics "of a log-ic un-fore - seen," are written below. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a series of chords in the right hand, starting with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5, all under a slur. The left hand plays a bass line with a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, a quarter note B3, and a half note C4, all under a slur. The piano part includes dynamic markings *cresc.*, *f*, *rit.*, and *pp*.

of a log-ic un-fore - seen,

65

ah! \_\_\_\_\_

*p* *f* *p*

68

ah! \_\_\_\_\_ (ah!)

*p* *pp*

72

*rit.* *a tempo*

It is as sim - ple as a mu - si-cal phrase. \_\_\_\_\_

*p*

77

77

*pp*

# Windrose

## High Voice

Fresh and rosy red the sun is mounting high,  
On floats the sea in distant blue careering through its channels,  
On floats the wind over the breast of the sea setting in toward land,  
The great steady wind from west or west-by-south,  
Floating so buoyant with milk-white foam on the waters.

But I am not the sea nor the red sun,  
I am not the wind with girlish laughter,  
Not the immense wind which strengthens, not the wind which lashes,  
Not the spirit that ever lashes its own body to terror and death,  
But I am that which unseen comes and sings, sings, sings,  
Which babbles in brooks and scoots in showers on the land,  
Which the birds know in the woods mornings and evenings,  
And the shore-sands know and the hissing wave.

From "Song of the Banner at Daybreak"

Written voice range: D $\flat$ 4 - A5

Tessitura: A4 - F5

Duration: 4 minutes

## Windrose

Lawrence Kramer

 $\text{♩} = 126$ 

**System 1:** The piano accompaniment begins with a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The right hand features a complex, arpeggiated texture, while the left hand provides a rhythmic, chordal foundation. The vocal line is silent in this system.

**System 2:** The vocal line enters with the lyrics "Fresh and ro - sy red the sun is mount - ing". The piano accompaniment continues with the same texture. The dynamic is marked *mp* (mezzo-piano) with a *cresc.* (crescendo) marking.

**System 3:** The vocal line continues with the lyrics "high On flows the". The piano accompaniment continues with the same texture. The dynamic is marked *f* (forte) with a *cresc.* marking.

13

sea in dis - tant blue car -

*ff*

This system contains measures 13, 14, and 15. The vocal line features a melody with a dotted half note in measure 13, a half note in measure 14, and a half note in measure 15. The piano accompaniment consists of arpeggiated chords in the right hand and sustained chords in the left hand. A dynamic marking of *ff* is present in measure 13.

16

eer - ing through its chan - nels. On floats the wind

*8va*

*mp* *cresc.*

This system contains measures 16, 17, 18, and 19. The vocal line continues the melody. The piano accompaniment features a melodic line in the right hand starting in measure 16, marked *8va*. Dynamics include *mp* in measure 18 and *cresc.* in measure 19.

20

o - ver the breast of the sea set - ting in toward land, the great stead - y

*f* *cresc.*

This system contains measures 20, 21, 22, and 23. The vocal line continues the melody. The piano accompaniment features a melodic line in the right hand. Dynamics include *f* in measure 22 and *cresc.* in measure 23.

24

musical score for measures 24-27. The vocal line (treble clef) contains the lyrics: "wind from - west or west by south, float - ing so buoy - ant \_\_\_\_ with". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand. A *pp* (pianissimo) dynamic marking is present in measure 26.

29

musical score for measures 29-32. The vocal line (treble clef) contains the lyrics: "milk white foam \_\_\_\_ on the wat - ers. \_\_\_\_". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) continues with chords and single notes. A *p* (piano) dynamic marking is present in measure 30.

33

musical score for measures 33-36. The vocal line (treble clef) contains the lyrics: "But I am not the sea nor the". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a more active right hand with eighth-note patterns and single notes in the left hand. A *p* (piano) dynamic marking is present in measure 34.



36

red sun, I am not the

*fp* *cresc.*

40

wind with girl-ish laugh-ter, not

*f* *p* *f*

44

the im-mense wind that strength -

*cresc.*

47

ens, \_\_\_\_\_ Not the wind which lash - es, \_\_\_\_\_

Measures 47-52: The vocal line features a melodic phrase starting on a whole note, followed by a half note, a quarter note, and a half note, ending with a whole note. The piano accompaniment consists of a series of chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand. A forte (*ff*) dynamic marking is present in measure 48.

53

\_\_\_\_ Not the spir - it that ev - er lash - es its own bod - y \_\_\_\_\_

Measures 53-57: The vocal line continues with a melodic phrase starting on a whole note, followed by a half note, a quarter note, and a half note, ending with a whole note. The piano accompaniment consists of a series of chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand.

58

\_\_\_\_ to ter - ror \_\_\_\_\_ and death, \_\_\_\_\_

Measures 58-62: The vocal line features a melodic phrase starting on a whole note, followed by a half note, a quarter note, and a half note, ending with a whole note. The piano accompaniment consists of a series of chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand. A piano (*p*) dynamic marking is present in measure 59.

63

not, \_\_\_\_\_ not the wind \_\_\_\_\_ which

67

lash - es, not the spi-rit that ev - er lash - es its own bo - dy

*fz*

*cresc.*

8<sup>va</sup>

71

to ter - ror, to

*f*

*mp cresc.*

75

ter - - - ror and death.

*f* *ff*

79

*rit.* *a tempo*

*p* *dim.* *p*

84

But I am that which comes un - seen and

88 *rit.*

sings, \_\_\_\_\_ sings, \_\_\_\_\_ sings, \_\_\_\_\_

88

*p*

93 *a tempo* *rit.* *a tempo*

\_\_\_\_\_ which bab - bles in brooks and scoots in

*8va* *loco*

93

*p*

*p*

97

show - ers on the land, \_\_\_\_\_ which the

97

*p*

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birds know in the woods \_\_\_\_\_ morn - ing and eve - ning,

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*pp*

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\_\_\_\_\_ morn - ing and eve - ning, \_\_\_\_\_

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*p*

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*rit.* *a tempo*

and the shore sands know, \_\_\_\_\_

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*p* *fp*

115 *a tempo*

and the shore sands know, \_\_\_\_\_

*p* *fp*

119 *rit.*

and the hiss - ing

*fp*

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wave. \_\_\_\_\_

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