

A Modern Songbook

Volume Two

Twenty Four Songs for Medium 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.

Acrobats

Medium Voice

Saltimbanques

Dans la plaine les baladins
S'éloignent au long des jardins
Devant l'huis des auberges grises
Par les villages sans églises

Et les enfants s'en vont devant
Les autres suivent en rêvant
Chaque arbre fruitier se résigne
Quand de très loin il lui font signe

Ils ont des poids ronds ou carrés
Des tambours des cerceaux dorés
L'ours et le singe animaux sages
Quêtent des sous sur leurs passage

--Guillaume Apollinaire

Acrobats

Across the plain the wandering troupe
Recedes along the sides of the gardens
Before the doors of gray auberges
Through villages with no churches

And the children go out in front of them
The others following in a dream
Every fruit tree yields itself up
When they give the sign from very far away

They have weights round or square
And tambourines and hoops of gold
The bear and the ape, wise animals,
Beg for pennies as they wend their way.

--Translation by the composer

Written voice range: E4-F#5

Tessitura: F#4 - E5

Duration: 3:20

Composed 2017

Acrobats

Lawrence Kramer

♩ = 84

A -

7

cross the plain the wand'-ring troupe Re - cedes a - long the sides —

7

8^{va}

12

3

of the gar - dens Be - fore the doors of

12

16

mf *p* *mf* *p*

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

17

gray au - berges _____ through vil - lag - es _____

p

23

_____ with no church - es. _____

fp *f*

27

Be - fore the doors of gray au - berges

p

33

Through vil - lag - es

f *p* *f* *p*

37

♩ = 92

with no church - es.

cresc. *p*

42

And the child - ren go out in front of them

49

The o - thers fol - low - ing in a dream,

55

in a dream, in a dream

62

rit. *a tempo*

Ev' - ry fruit tree gives up its boun - ty

68

When they give the sign _____ from

68

pp

73

ver - y far a - way _____

rit. long ♩ = 84

73

mf *p*

80

They have

80

mf *p* *fp* *mf* *p*

86

weights, they have weights, weights round or

86

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

89

90

square And

90

p

96

tam bor - ines and hoops of

96

fp *f*

99

gold _____ And the bear

99

104

and the ape, wise a - ni - mals, _____

104

109

Beg for pen - nies, _____ beg for

109

113 *rit.*

pen - nies as they wend their way. _____

Autumn Rain

Medium 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.

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♩ = 88

There

mf

5

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

5

9

On whom the rain comes down On whom the rain comes down _____

9

p

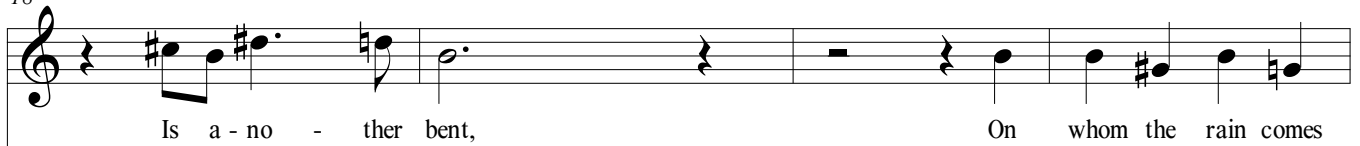
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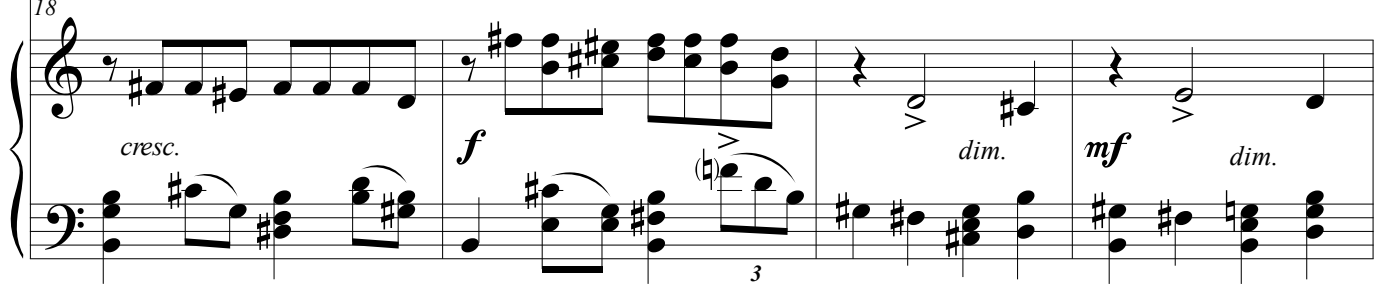
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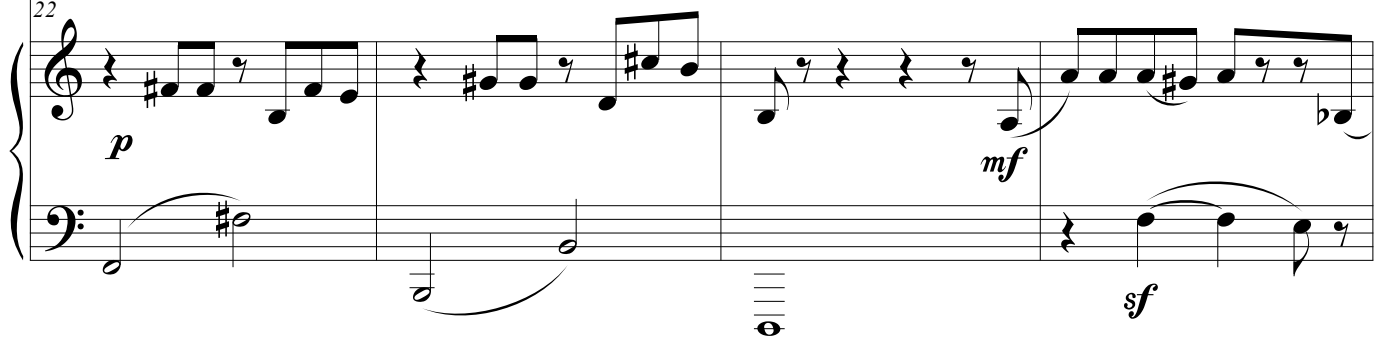
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22



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 in 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) in measures 30 and 33, and *f* (forte) in 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 in measure 34, then transitions to a piano *p* 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

46

mf p

♩ = 104

down On whom the rain comes down One

51

watch - es for sig - nals of wreck _____ or war _____

cresc.

54

From the hill a - far, _____

rit.

f *p*

57

On whom the rain comes down. ____

a tempo

f *p*

$\text{♩} = 88$

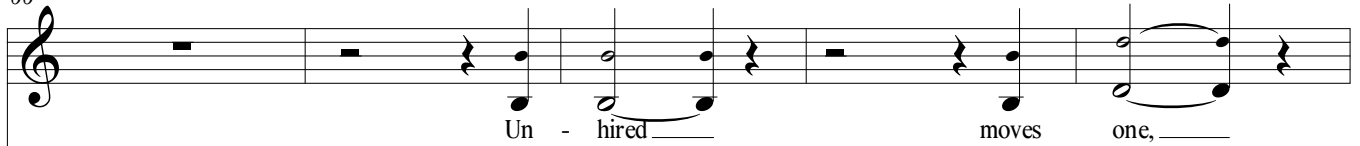
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61

p *p* *p*

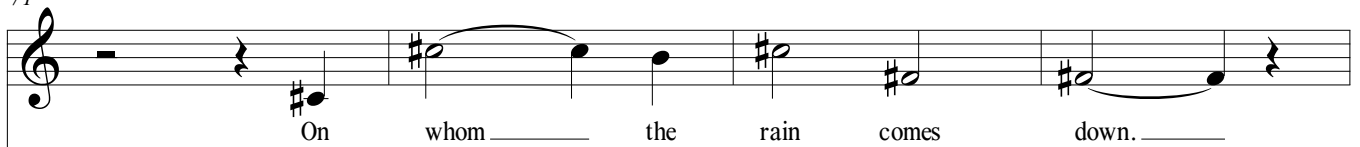
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66

pp RH *p* *mf* *f*

71



71

f

75



75

p *p* *mp* *p*
sf *sf*

79

fall U - pon him at all, all,

79

sf *sf f* *sf f*

84

On whom the rain comes down On

84

sf *sf* *p* *rit.*

88

whom the rain comes down

long

88

long

The musical score is written for a vocal part and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in treble clef and begins at measure 88 with the lyrics "whom the rain comes down". The piano accompaniment consists of two staves, treble and bass. The treble staff has a melody with eighth and sixteenth notes, and the bass staff has a simple accompaniment. The score ends with a double bar line.

Candle and Thorn

Medium 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: B3 - F#5.

Tessitura: D#4 - D#5

Duration: 6.5 minutes.

Composed 2016

Candle and Thorn

 $\text{♩} = 76$

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First system of the musical score. The treble clef staff has a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a whole rest followed by a half rest and then a quarter note G5. The piano accompaniment consists of two staves. The right hand plays a continuous eighth-note pattern starting on D5, with a *legato* marking and a '5' above the first measure. The left hand plays a simple bass line with quarter notes D4, F#4, and G#4. A *p* (piano) dynamic marking is present. The system ends with a fermata over the final note and a * symbol.

Second system of the musical score. The vocal line begins with a measure rest, then contains the lyrics "heard the old, old men say,". The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern in the right hand and the same bass line in the left hand. A *legato* marking and a '5' are present above the first measure of the piano right hand. The system ends with a fermata over the final note and a * symbol.

Third system of the musical score. The vocal line begins with a measure rest, then contains the lyrics "Eve - ry-thing al ters,". The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern in the right hand and the same bass line in the left hand. A *p* (piano) dynamic marking is present. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it. The system ends with a fermata over the final note and a * symbol.

7

3

"Eve - ry - thing al - ters

5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

7

Red. *

9

and one by one

5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

9

Red. *

11 ♩ = 60

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

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

11

8

15

can - dle burnt out.

15

cresc.

mf

17

accel.

$\text{♩} = 76$

legato

p

And the mount - ains and woods have their

17

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

Red.

25

one we drop a - way.

cresc.

* *Red.*

27

"Eve - ry - thing al - ters,"

mf

* *Red.*

29

rit.

I heard the old, old men say, —

p

*

♩ = 60

31

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

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

59

ters, by the wa - ters. *legato*

59

Ped.

62

62

Ped.

64

heard the old, old men say,

64

Ped.

66

"Eve - ry-thing al - ters,

p

* *Leo.*

68

"Eve - ry-thing al - ters,

* *Leo.*

70

And

cresc.

* *Leo.*

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*

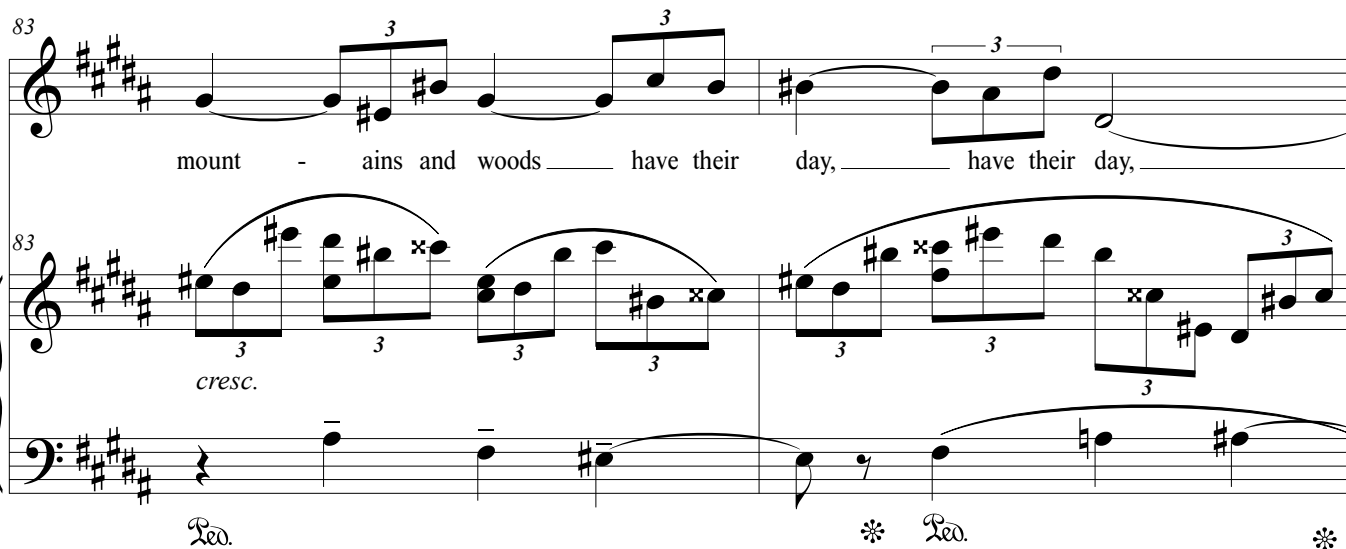
rit.

81 *a tempo*

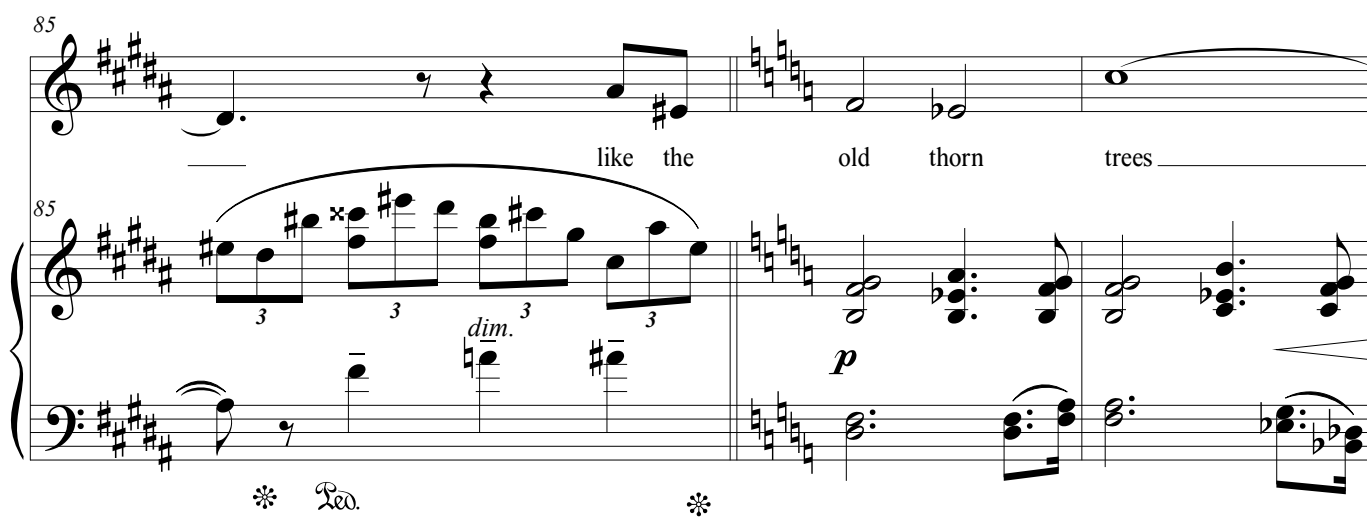
like the wa - ters, _____ and the



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



like the old thorn trees _____



88

by the wa ters. Eve-ry-thing

88

mf *p* *mf* *p*

3

Detailed description: This system contains measures 88 through 91. The vocal line (treble clef) begins at measure 88 with the lyrics "by the wa ters. Eve-ry-thing". It features a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes in measure 91. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) starts with a piano introduction in measure 88, marked *mf* and *p*. It consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, with dynamics alternating between *mf* and *p* through measure 91.

92

al - - - ters.

92

3 3 3

Detailed description: This system contains measures 92 through 94. The vocal line (treble clef) has the lyrics "al - - - ters." and features a long, sustained note in measure 92. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) continues with chords and moving lines. Measures 92 and 93 feature triplets of eighth notes in the right hand. The system ends with a key signature change to D major in measure 94.

95

And one

95

legato *p*

5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3

Red. * *Red.* * *Red.* *

3 3

Detailed description: This system contains measures 95 through 98. The vocal line (treble clef) has the lyrics "And one" and begins in measure 95. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) starts with a piano introduction in measure 95, marked *legato* and *p*. It features a series of five-measure and three-measure patterns in the right hand. The system includes dynamic markings *Red.* (Reduction) and * (Crescendo) in measures 95, 96, and 97. The system ends with a key signature change to D major in measure 98.

98

by one we

98

ped. 3 * *ped.* 3 *

100

drop a way.

100

ped. * *ped.*

102

One by

102

p * *ped.* *

104

one, _____

p

ff

ff

106

one by one _____

p

ff

ff

108

we _____

p

ff

ff

110

drop a - way. Eve - ry - thing

mf *p*

114

rit. ♩ = 66

Eve - ry - thing

mf *p*

rit.

5 5 5 5

Ped. *

117

beau - ti - ful

5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped.

119

drifts a - way,

pp

* Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped.

121

a way *rit.*

pp

* Ped. * Ped. *rit.* * Ped.

Childhood

Medium Voice

L'enfance / Childhood

Au bois il y a un oiseau, son chant vous arrête et vous fait rougir.

Il y a une horloge qui ne sonne pas.

Il y a une fondrière avec un nid de bêtes blanches.

Il y a une cathédrale qui descend et un lac qui monte.

Il y a une petite voiture abandonnée dans le taillis, ou qui descend le sentier en courant,
enrubannée.

Il y a une troupe de petits comédiens en costumes, aperçus sur la route à travers la lisière
du bois.

Il y a enfin, quand l'on a faim et soif, quelqu'un qui vous chasse.

In the woods there is a bird, its song makes you stop and blush.

There is a clock that does not strike.

There is a trough with a nest of white animals.

There is a cathedral that sinks and a lake that rises.

There is a little cart abandoned in the grove or running down the path with ribbons on.

There is a troupe of little actors glimpsed on the road through the edge of the woods.

There is, in the end, when you are hungry and thirsty, someone who chases you away.

--Arthur Rimbaud

Translation by the composer.

Written Voice Range: A3 - F5 (with one brief G5)

Tessitura: F4 - D5

Duration 3:15

Composed 2020

Childhood

♩ = 92

Lawrence Kramer

The first system of the musical score is in 3/4 time. The vocal line consists of five measures of whole rests. The piano accompaniment begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The right hand features eighth-note patterns with triplets and sixteenth-note runs. The left hand provides a harmonic foundation with sustained chords and moving lines.

The second system continues the piano accompaniment. It includes a tempo change from *rit.* (ritardando) to *a tempo*. The system begins with a measure rest in the vocal line. The piano part continues with complex textures, including triplets and sustained chords. A piano (*p*) dynamic marking appears in the right hand towards the end of the system.

The third system contains the vocal entry. The vocal line starts at measure 11 with the lyrics: "In the woods there is a bird, un oi - seau,". The piano accompaniment continues with sustained chords and moving lines, supporting the vocal melody. The system includes triplets and other rhythmic patterns.

16

its song makes you stop et fait rou-gir, _____ and makes you

16

mf

21

blush. There is a clock that does not

21

p

26

strike: ne son _____ ne pas. _____

26

32

There is a trough with a nest of white

32

f *p* *f* *p* *f* *LH*

37

a - nimals, bêtes blanches,

37

p

41

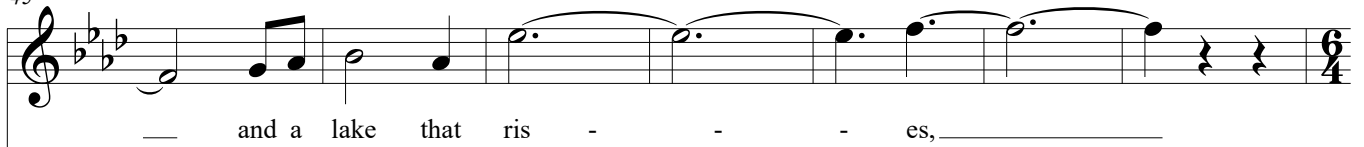
There is a ca - the - dral that sinks

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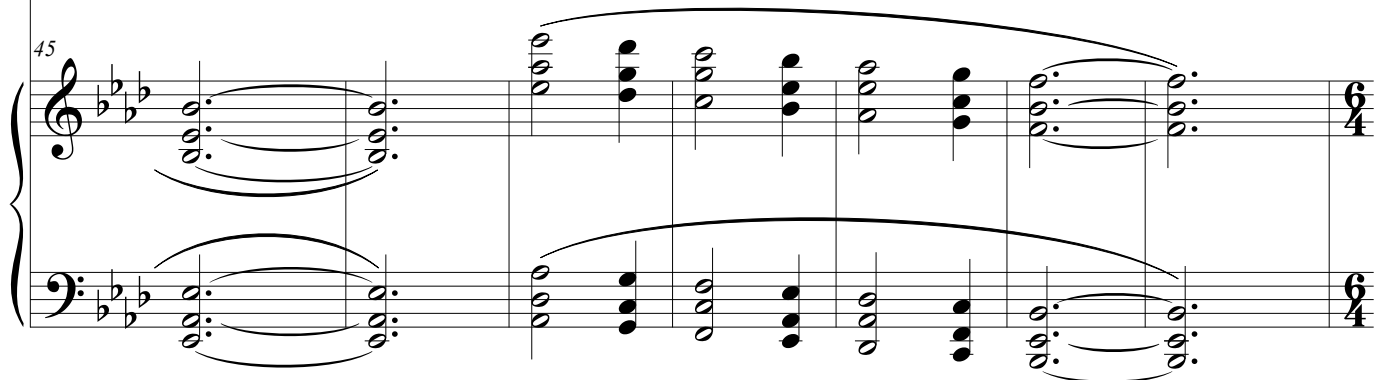
pp *p*

♩ = 63 ♩ = 92

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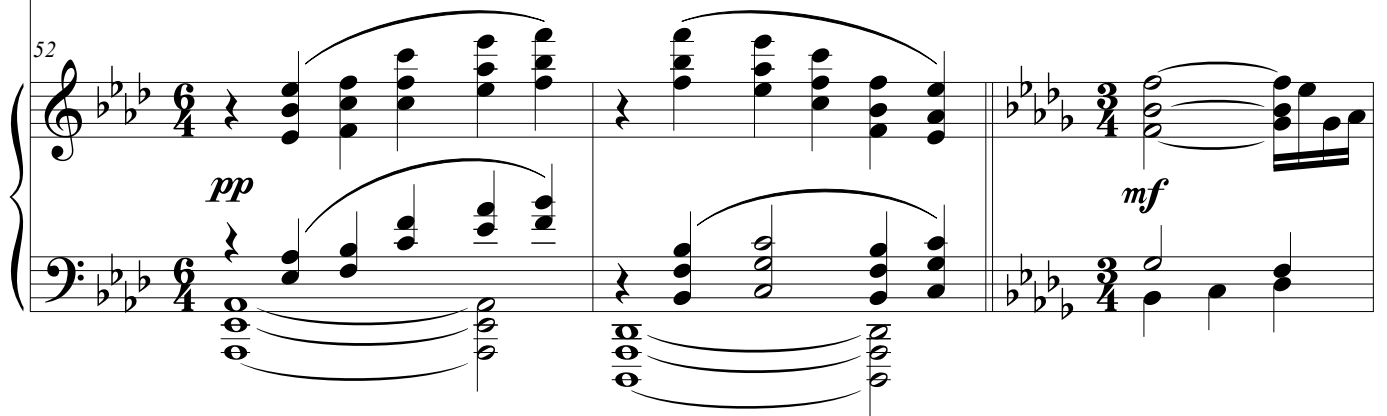
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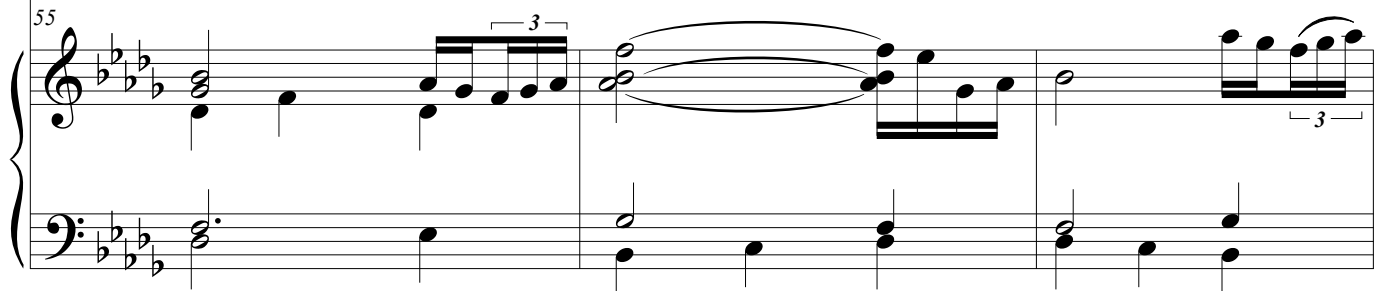
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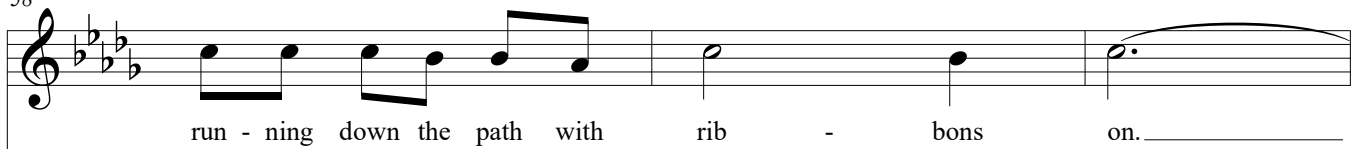
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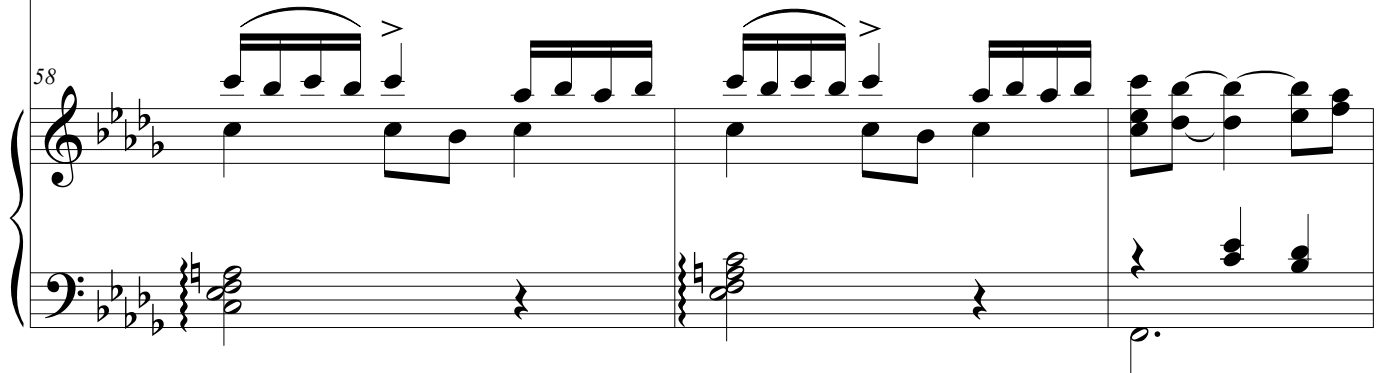
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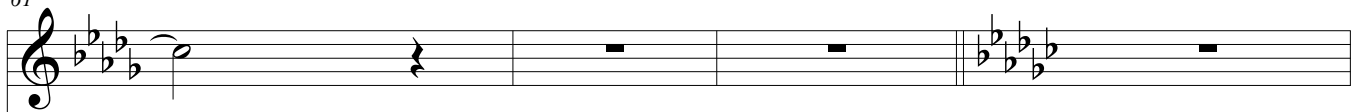
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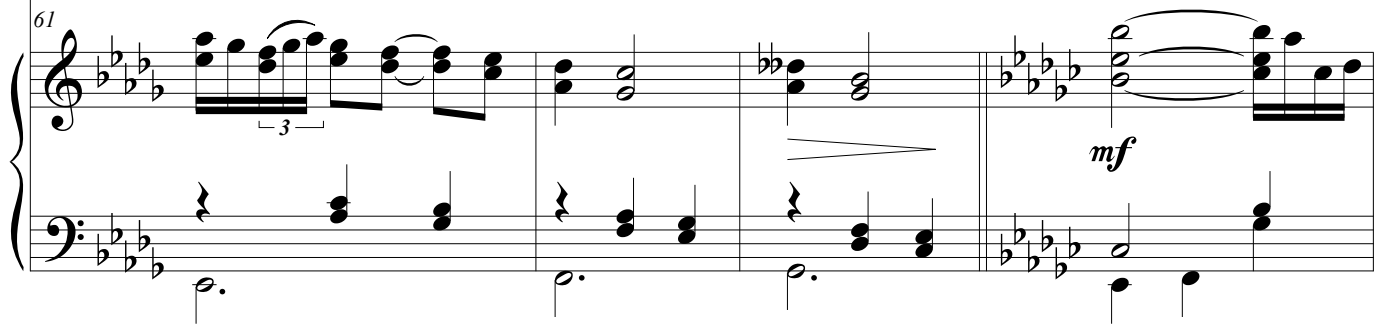
rit.

a tempo

61



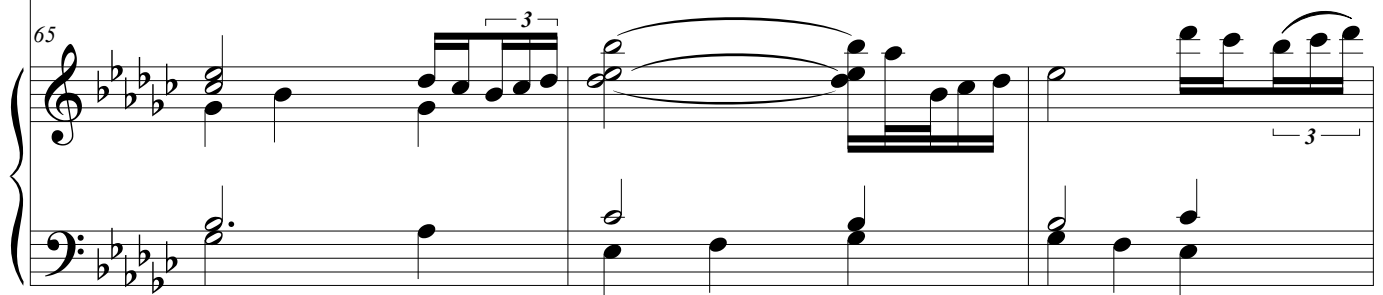
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65



65



68

edge of the woods a - per - çus sur la route.

71

rit. *a tempo*

There,

75

is, in the end, when you are hung - ry and

80

thirst - y, some - one who chas-es you a - way,

subito p

84

qui vous chas - se.

mf

p

Digging

Mezzo Soprano

To-day I think
Only with scents,—scents dead leaves yield,
And bracken, and wild carrot's seed,
And the square mustard field ;

Odours that rise
When the spade wounds the root of tree,
Rose, currant, raspberry, or goutweed,
Rhubarb or celery;

The smoke's smell, too,
Flowing from where a bonfire burns
The dead, the waste, the dangerous,
And all to sweetness turns.

It is enough
To smell, to crumble the dark earth,
While the robin sings over again
Sad songs of Autumn mirth.

--Edward Thomas

Written voice range: A3 - D5

Tessitura: E4 - C5

Duration 3:00

Composed 2019

Digging

♩ = 88

Lawrence Kramer

The musical score for "Digging" by Lawrence Kramer is presented in three systems. The tempo is marked as 88 beats per minute (♩ = 88). The score is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The vocal line is written in a single staff, and the piano accompaniment is written in two staves (treble and bass clef). The piano part includes chords and arpeggiated figures. The lyrics are: "To - day I think on - ly with scents, scents dead leaves yield, and brack - en and wild car - rot's seed and the".

System 1: The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment starts with a piano (p) dynamic. The right hand plays a series of chords: F#4-A4-C#5, F#4-A4-C#5, F#4-A4-C#5, and F#4-A4-C#5. The left hand plays a series of notes: F#4, A4, C#5, and F#4.

System 2: The vocal line continues with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment continues with the same chords and notes as in System 1.

System 3: The vocal line continues with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment continues with the same chords and notes as in System 1.

13

square mus - - - tard field.

Measures 13-14 of the song "Digging". The vocal line is in 4/4 time, with a melody that starts on a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a half note. The piano accompaniment features a complex, rhythmic pattern in the right hand, with many beamed eighth and sixteenth notes, and a simpler bass line in the left hand.

15

cresc. *p*

Measures 15-18. Measure 15 is a whole rest. Measures 16-18 show a change in tempo and meter. The piano part has a *cresc.* marking in measure 15 and a *p* marking in measure 17. The vocal line is a whole rest in measure 15, and then has a half note in measure 16, followed by a half note in measure 17, and a half note in measure 18.

19

O-dors that rise when the spade _____ wounds the root _____ of the tree.

Measures 19-22. The vocal line has a melody with triplets in measures 19, 20, and 21. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern in the right hand, with many beamed eighth and sixteenth notes, and a simpler bass line in the left hand.

Digging

49

24 *spoken, sotto voce*

— rose current raspberry goutweed

pp

30

rhubarb

legato

Ped.

3

31 $\text{♩} = 88$

$\text{♩} = 88$

32

cel'ry.

32 8

33

33 8

35

$\text{♩} = 88$

The smoke's smell too, flow - ing — from where a

35

p

cresc.

mf

4 4 3 4 4 4 3 4

39

bon - fire burns, _____ from where a bon - fire _____

cresc. *f* *mf* *cresc.*

43

_____ burns the dead, the waste, the dan - ger - ous, _____

f *p*

47

and all _____ to

subito p

♩ = 76

3 3 3 3 3

Red.



51 *rit.*

sweet - ness, all _____ to sweet - ness turns. _____

Detailed description: The vocal staff begins at measure 51 with a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest, then a half note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5 with a sharp, and a quarter rest. The melody continues with a half note B4 and a quarter rest in measure 52, then a half note A4, a quarter note G4, a half note F#4, and a quarter rest in measure 53. The phrase concludes in measure 54 with a half note E4 and a quarter rest, followed by a final half note D4 in measure 55.

51

pp

Detailed description: The piano accompaniment for measures 51-55 features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand. The right hand provides harmonic support with chords: G major (51), A major (52), B major with a sharp (53), A major (54), and G major with a flat (55). A crescendo hairpin leads into measure 53, and the dynamic is marked *pp* in measure 54.

56 ♩ = 88

It is e - nough. _____ It is e -

Detailed description: The vocal staff starts at measure 56 with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The melody continues with a half note C5 in measure 57, a quarter rest in measure 58, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4 in measure 59. The phrase ends in measure 60 with a quarter note F#4 and a quarter rest.

56

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

Detailed description: The piano accompaniment for measures 56-60 features a complex rhythmic pattern in the right hand with chords and sixteenth notes. The left hand has a simple bass line. Dynamics are marked *p* (56), *f* (57), *p* (58), *f* (59), and *p* (60). A crescendo hairpin spans measures 56-57, and a decrescendo hairpin spans measures 58-59.

61 *rit.* *a tempo*

nough to smell, to crum - ble the dark _____ (b) earth, _____

Detailed description: The vocal staff begins at measure 61 with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The melody continues with a quarter rest in measure 62, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a half note E4 in measure 63, a quarter rest in measure 64, and a half note D4 in measure 65. The phrase concludes with a half note C4 in measure 66.

61 62

Detailed description: The piano accompaniment for measures 61-66 features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand. The right hand provides harmonic support with chords: G major (61), F# major (62), E major (63), D major (64), C major (65), and B major (66). The tempo marking *a tempo* appears at the end of the system.

67 $\text{♩} = 88$

while the rob - in sings o - ver a

69

gain sad

72 $\text{♩} = 76$

songs of Au - tumn mirth.

Indian Summer

Medium Voice

Silent as moving shadow, Indian summer
Comes down the mountains as it ever came,
Breathing once more the forests' kindled incense,
Lighting the waters with a sombre flame.

Now in the burdened, apple-scented orchards
The hours like resting herds drink up the sun.
Night presses upon twilight like a lover;
A little while she [lingers], and has done.

Now earth broods darkly as a pregnant mother
Whose heart is hushed to hear a new heart beat;
And to behold the yet ungathered harvest
Some man may stay his graveward-hurrying feet.

--Babette Deutsch

Written voice range: A3-F#5

Tessitura: E4-C#5

Duration: 3:30

Composed 2022.

Indian Summer

$\text{♩} = 76$

Lawrence Kramer

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time. The vocal line begins with a whole rest for four measures, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The right hand plays a series of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F#7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F#8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F#9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F#10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F#11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F#12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F#13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F#14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F#15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F#16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F#17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F#18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F#19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F#20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F#21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F#22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F#23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F#24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F#25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F#26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F#27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F#28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F#29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F#30, G30, A30, B30, C31, D31, E31, F#31, G31, A31, B31, C32, 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41 *rit.* *a tempo*

— broods dark - ly as a preg - nant mo - ther —

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whose heart is hushed to hear a new heart beat; _____

mf *dim.* *p* *mf* *pp*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 47 through 51. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G#4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, and a whole rest. The piano accompaniment features a series of chords in the right hand and sustained notes in the left hand. Dynamic markings include *mf*, *dim.*, *p*, *mf*, and *pp*. A crescendo hairpin is visible between measures 50 and 51.

52

And to be - hold the yet un-gath-ered har - vest _____ some

p *cresc.* *pp*

rit. *a tempo*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 52 through 56. The vocal line starts with a whole rest, followed by a triplet of eighth notes (G#4, A4, B4), then a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a half note E5, and a whole rest. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and sustained notes in the left hand. Dynamic markings include *p*, *cresc.*, and *pp*. Performance directions *rit.* and *a tempo* are placed above the vocal line.

57

man may stay _____ his grave-yard hur-ry-ing feet. _____

pp *pp*

rit.

15^{ma} *8^{va}*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 57 through 61. The vocal line begins with a whole note G#4, followed by a whole note A4, then a triplet of eighth notes (B4, C5, D5), and ends with a whole rest. The piano accompaniment features chords in the right hand and sustained notes in the left hand. Dynamic markings include *pp* and *pp*. A crescendo hairpin is present between measures 58 and 59. Performance directions *rit.*, *15^{ma}*, and *8^{va}* are included.

May Day

Medium 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: D $\flat$ 4 - F $\sharp$ 5
Tessitura: G4 - E $\flat$ 5
Duration 3:20

Composed 2017

May Day

Lawrence Kramer

♩ = 80

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

5 _____ floats _____ in the air, _____ The smell of

5 as before *p cresc.*

wild wet earth _____ is ev'-ry where, _____

10 as before

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The smell of wild wet earth _____ is

f *p*

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ev' - ry where, _____

p *cresc.*

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Red small leaves of the

Simile *f*

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Ped. * Ped.

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the rain - drops try with my lips,

LH

* Ped. *

42

the grass with my touch, with my

pp

Ped. * Ped.

46

touch. _____

46

LH

* Ped. * Ped. *

50

For how can I _____ be sure _____

50

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

mf

53

___ that I shall see _____ a - gain _____

53

56

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

60

first of May shining after the rain.

64

shin

66 *rit.* *a tempo*

- ing af-ter the rain? _____

66 *f* *Red.* *p* *

The musical score is written for a vocal part and a piano accompaniment. The vocal part begins at measure 66 with a melodic line that includes a long note on the word 'rain?'. The piano accompaniment also starts at measure 66 and features a complex rhythmic pattern in the right hand and a more steady bass line in the left hand. The score includes dynamic markings such as 'f' (forte) and 'p' (piano), as well as 'rit.' (ritardando) and 'a tempo'. There are also markings for 'Red.' (Reduction) and an asterisk '*'.

Moonlight

Mezzo Soprano

Mellifluous moon on the lips of the lunatic
The orchards and towns are avid tonight
The stars look very much like bees
Of this luminous honey that drips from the trellises
For see how all sweet as they fall from the sky
Each ray of moonlight is a ray of honey
Now hidden I dream up the sweetest adventure
I fear the sting of fire from this Arctic bee
That sets in my hand these deceiving rays
And takes its lunar honey to the rose of winds

--Guillaume Apollinaire

Translation by the composer

Voice range: B $\flat$ 3 - F5

Tessitura: D4 - D5

Duration 3:25

Composed 2020

Moonlight

 $\text{♩} = 92$

Lawrence Kraner

musical score for "Moonlight" by Lawrence Kraner, measures 1 through 11. The score is written for piano in 4/4 time, with a tempo marking of $\text{♩} = 92$. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor).

The score is divided into three systems, each with a measure number (1, 4, 8) at the beginning of the first staff.

System 1 (Measures 1-3): The right hand (RH) features a melodic line starting in measure 2, marked *mf* and *p*. The left hand (LH) plays a simple bass line. Measure 3 contains triplets in the RH.

System 2 (Measures 4-6): The RH continues the melodic line. Measure 5 shows a change in the LH bass line. Measure 6 features a change in the time signature to 5/4.

System 3 (Measures 7-11): The RH continues the melodic line. Measure 8 shows a change in the LH bass line. Measure 9 features a change in the time signature to 4/4. Measure 10 contains triplets in the RH. Measure 11 ends the system.

Sprechstimme

p

11

mel - li -

14

- flu - ous moon - light on the lips of the lu - na - tic

17

The or - chards — and towns are a - vid to - night

a tempo

20

The stars _____ look ve-ry much like bees, _____

pp *fp p cresc.*

25

bees _____ of this lu - mi - nous hon -

f LH *dim.* *p*

28

ey _____ that drips _____ from the trel - lis - es _____

32

for see, for see ————— how all sweet as they

fp fp f

37

fall from the sky —————

41

rit. a tempo

Each ray of moon - light is a

p

45

ray of hon - ey

cresc.

48

rit. *a tempo*

Now hid - den I

f *p* *pp*

8va

52

dream up the sweet-est ad - venture I fear the

cresc. *mf* *f* *ff*

8va

57 *rit.* *a tempo*

sting of fire of this Arc - tic bee

(8^{va})

61 *rit.* *a tempo*

the sting of fire

(8^{va})

64

that sets in my hand these de - ceiv - ing rays

(8^{va})

67

and takes its lu - nar

71

hon - ey to the rose of winds,

74

to the rose of winds.

On the Way

Mezzo Soprano

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

Voice Range: A3 - F5

Tessitura: E4 - D5

Duration 4:15

Composed 2021

On the Way

Lawrence Kramer

$\text{♩} = 84$

The

5

trees fret fit - ful - ly and

5

2

cresc.

9

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

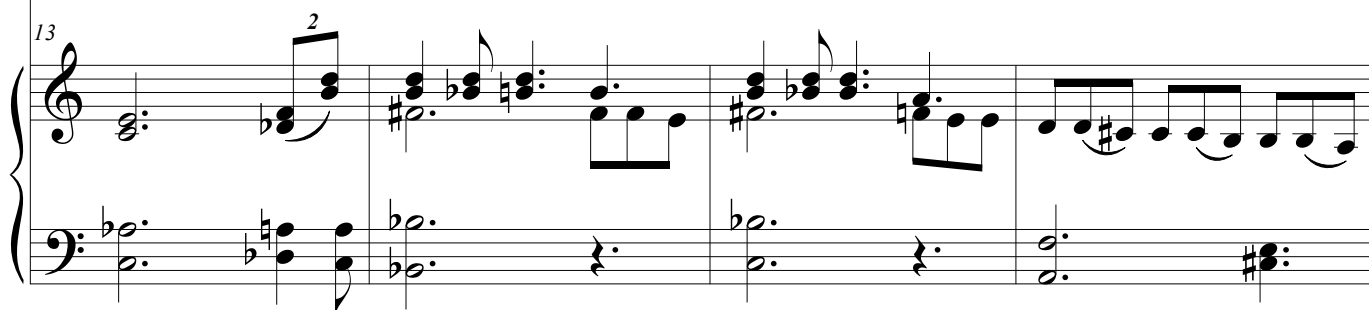
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mf *p*

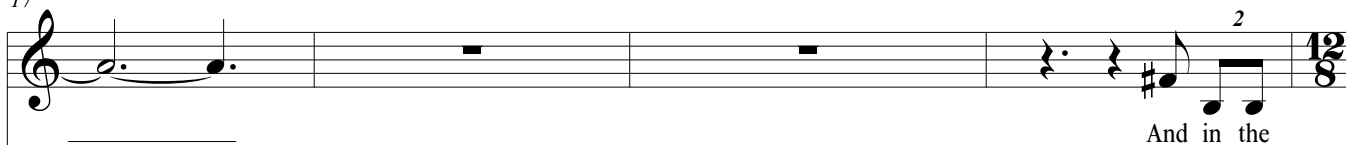
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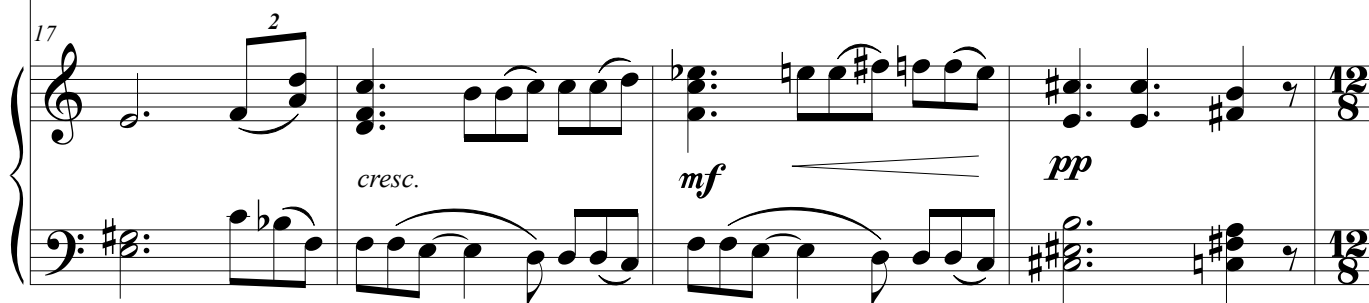
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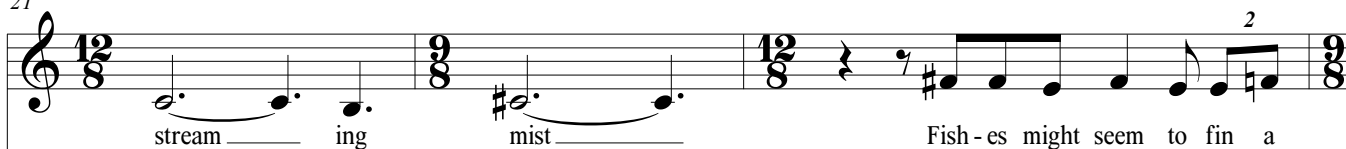


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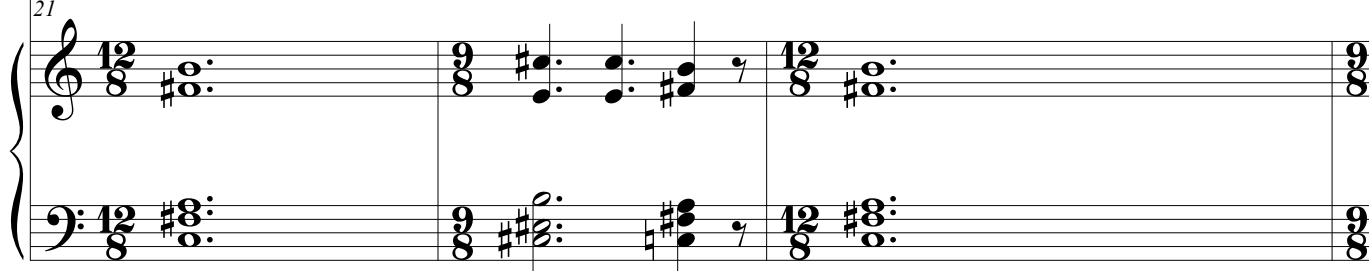


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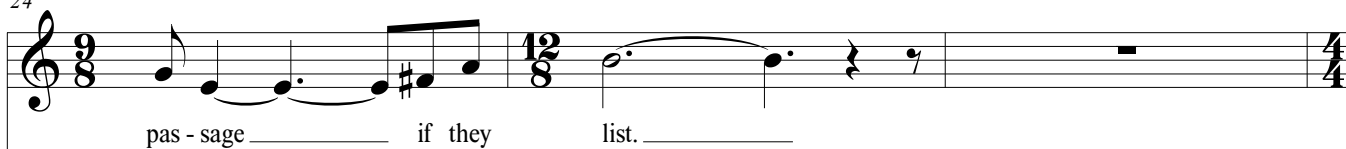
♩. = 72



21



24



24

p

#6.
S.P.

27

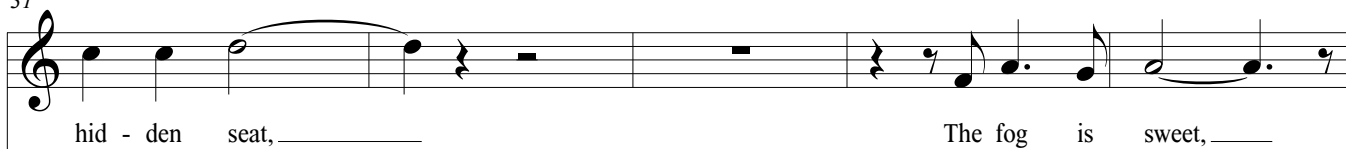
♩ = 66



27

p

31



31

p

36

And the wind a lyre. _____ The fog is sweet, _____

36

41

_____ And the wind _____ a lyre. _____

41

$\text{♩} = 84$

p

46

A vac - ant same - ness

46

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

$\#^b$.
S.P.

$\#^b$.

72

But to her sight Draw - ing nigh and nigh - er its

The musical score for measures 72-74 features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note B-flat, a quarter note D, a half note E, a quarter rest, a half note F-sharp, a quarter note G, and a half note A. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with a half note B-flat, a quarter note D, a half note E, and a quarter note F-sharp, and a left hand with a half note B-flat and a half note D. A piano dynamic marking (*p*) is present in measure 73.

75

deep de - light, _____ The fog is bright _____

The musical score for measures 75-79 continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line has a half note B-flat, a half note D, a whole rest, a whole rest, a quarter rest, a half note F-sharp, a half note G, and a half note A. The piano accompaniment features a right hand with a half note B-flat, a quarter note D, a half note E, and a quarter note F-sharp, and a left hand with a half note B-flat and a half note D. A piano dynamic marking (*p*) is present in measure 76.

80

And the wind a lyre. _____ The fog is bright, _____

The musical score for measures 80-84 continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line has a quarter rest, a half note B-flat, a half note D, a half note E, a quarter rest, a half note F-sharp, a half note G, and a half note A. The piano accompaniment features a right hand with a half note B-flat, a quarter note D, a half note E, and a quarter note F-sharp, and a left hand with a half note B-flat and a half note D.

85 *rit.* *a tempo*

And the wind a lyre.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the voice, and the bottom staff is for the piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The voice part begins with a whole note rest in measure 85, followed by the lyrics 'And the wind a lyre.' in measures 86 and 87. The piano part features a complex texture of chords and textures. Measure 85 has a piano (p) dynamic marking. Measure 86 has an accent (>) marking. Measure 87 has a piano (p) dynamic marking. The piano part ends with a double bar line at the end of measure 88.

Plaza Santa Ana

Medium Voice

Rain slants on an empty square.

Across the expanse of cobbles
rides an old shawl-muffled woman
black on a donkey with pert ears
that places carefully
his tiny sharp hoofs
as if the cobbles were eggs.

The paniers are full
of bright green lettuces
and purple cabbages,
and shining red bellshaped peppers,
dripping, shining, a band in marchtime,
in the grey rain,
in the grey city.

--John Dos Passos

Written pitch range: A3 - E5

Tessitura: D4 - D5

Duration: 2:45

Composed 2018

Plaza Santa Ana

Lawrence Kramer

 $\text{♩} = 80$

pp

Rain slants on an

4

emp - ty square. A - cross the ex - panse of cob - bles

p

7

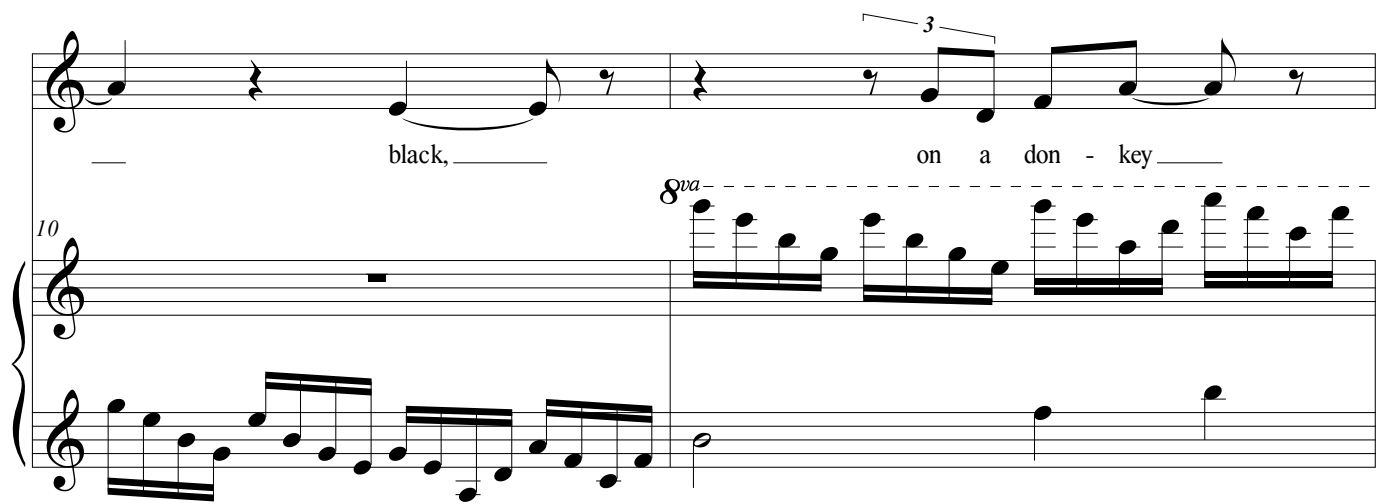
rides an old shawl muf - fled wo - man,

10

black, _____ on a don - key _____

3

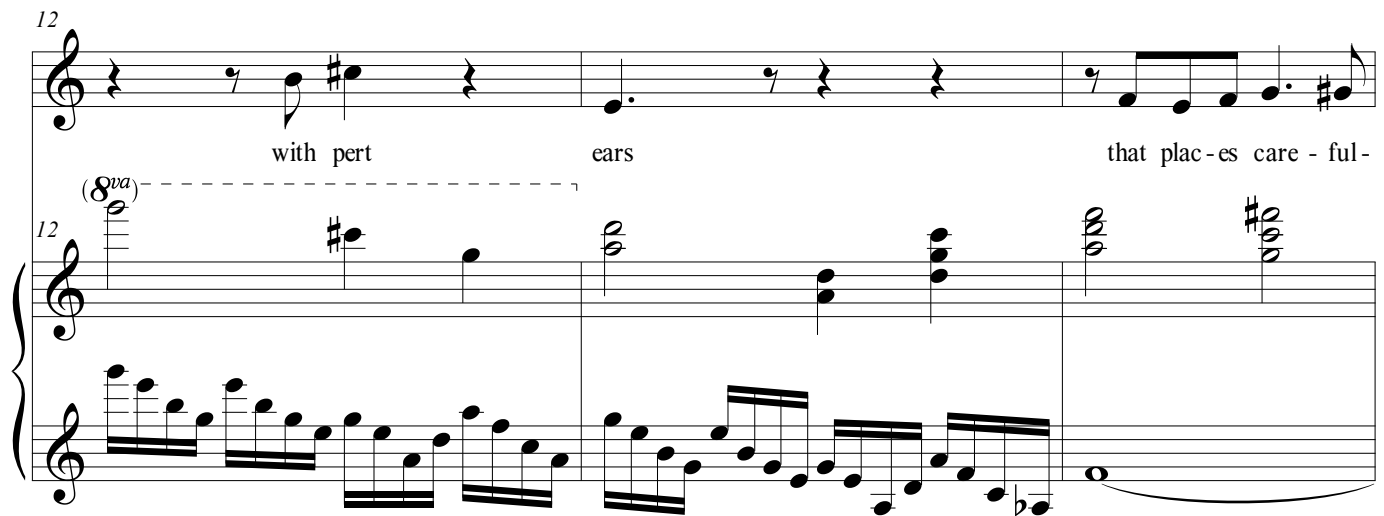
8va



12

with pert ears that plac-es care - ful-

8va



15

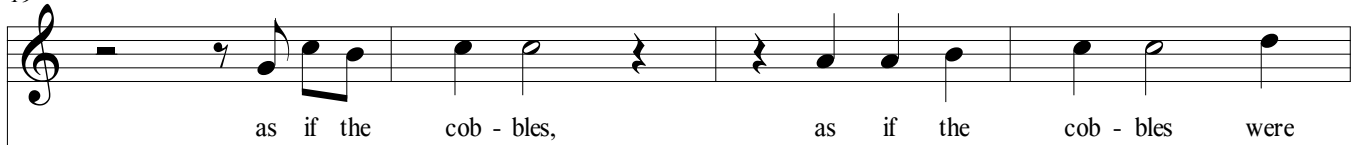
ly his ti-ny sharp hoofs _____ as if as if

3

mf



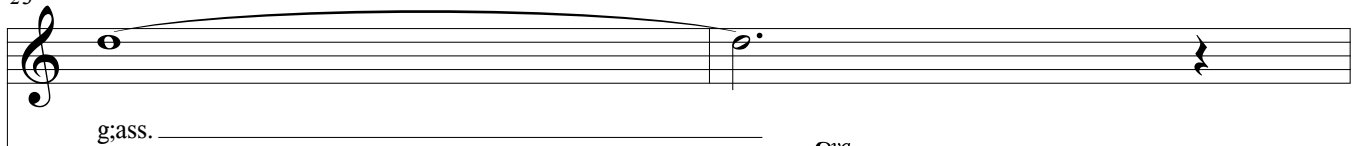
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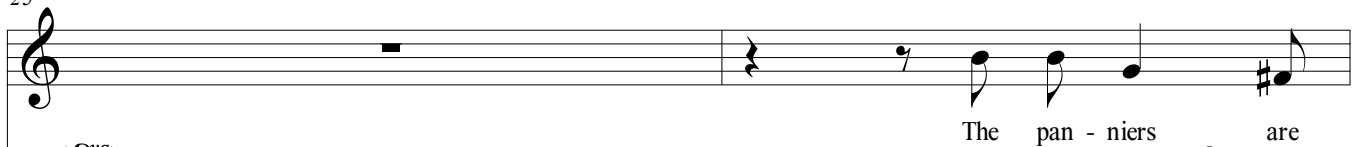
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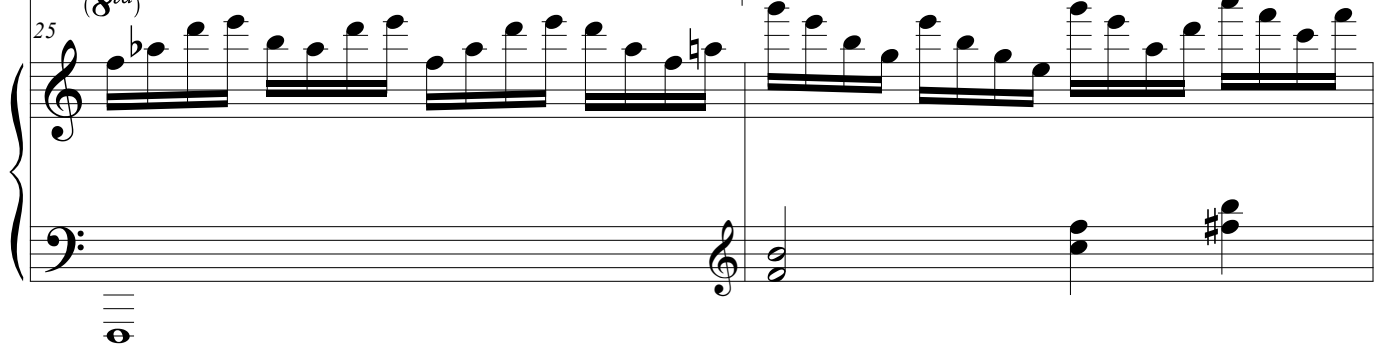
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25



25



27

full, the pan - niers are full of

30

bright green let - tuc - es and pur - ple cab - ba - ges

32

bright green let-tuc-es and pur - ple cab-ba-ges and shin

35

ing, shin - ing red

8^{va}

p

38

bell shaped pep - pers drip - ing,

p

40

shin - ing, drip - ing,

cresc. *p* *mp*

43 Spoken on pitch:

shin - ing, a band in march time, _____

43 *cresc.* *p* *f* *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf*

46 Sung: *rit.* *a tempo*

in the gray — rain, _____

46 *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf* *p* *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf*

50 *rit.*

in the gray — ci - ty. _____

50

Range Finding

Medium 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: B3-E $\flat$ 5

Tessitura: E $\flat$ 4 - D5

Duration: 5:00

Composed 2016

Range Finding

Lawrence Kramer

$\text{♩} = 76$

f Sostenuto Pedal, here and throughout

mp *p*

p *sf*

p *f*

The bat-tle

10

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

10

f

p ³

f ³

r.h.

l.h.

8

p

14

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

14

p

p

mf

f ³

8

17

breast. The strick-en flower bent _____ doub-le,

17

p ³ *mp* *mf*

17

p *p* *p*

8

f

21

and so hung. _____

21

p ³ *pp* ³

21

p *pp* *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

8

rit.

32 *a tempo*

air _____ his flower of rest, Then light - ly stooped

mp *p* *mf* *p*

35

to it and flut - ter - ring _____ clung. _____

pp

8

39

39

8va

pp

p

pp

p

mf

pp

p

45

45

8va

f

pp

mf

pp

p

pp

49

On the bare up-land

p

f

53

pas-ture — there had spread be-tween the mul-lein stalks a wheel — of

p

p fp

p

57

thread, a wheel of thread — and strain - ing cab - les

8va-----

3

3

3

p

pp

57

8

mp

pp

61

wet with sil - ver dew.

8va-----

3

mf

3

pp

p

61

mp

p

pp

8

p

66

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

66

p fp *cresc.* *f* *fz*

70

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

70

f *sf* *mf* *fp* *p* *f* *p*

8

74

The

74

f *3* *8va* *p*

74

f *ff*

8

79

in - dwel - ling spi - der ran — to greet the fly,

rit. *a tempo*

79

p *f*

8

83

but, but, but see-ing no - thing, —

83

p 3

f > *p*

83

Red. *

89 *pp*

sul-len - ly with drew.

89 *pp* 3

She Sweeps with Many-Colored Brooms

Mezzo 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: C4 - G5

Tessitura: F# - D5

Duration: 3:30

Composed 2017

She Sweeps with Many-Colored Brooms

Lawrence Kramer

$\text{♩} = 84$ *accel. sempre*

She sweeps with

accel. sempre

p

4

ma - ny col - ored brooms, _____

4

rit. sempre

$\text{♩} = 126$

and leaves the shreds be -

$\text{♩} = 126$ *rit. sempre*

7

3 3 3 3

10

hind; _____ Oh _____

10 12

13 $\text{♩} = 84$ *rit.* *a tempo*

house - wife in the eve - ning west, _____

13 $\text{♩} = 84$ *rit.*

16 *accel. sempre*

_____ come back, _____ come

16 *accel. sempre*

21 $\text{♩} = 152$

back and dust the pond! _____

21 $\text{♩} = 152$

26 *rit. sempre* $\text{♩} = 84$

Come back and dust the pond! _____

rit.

sempre $\text{♩} = 84$

26

30 *accel.* $\text{♩} = 152$

accel. $\text{♩} = 152$

30

34 *rit. sempre* $\text{♩} = 84$ *rit.*

You dropped a pur - ple ra - vel-ing in,

34 *rit. sempre* $\text{♩} = 84$ *rit.*

39 *a tempo* *accel. sempre*

you dropped an am -

39 *a tempo* *accel. sempre*

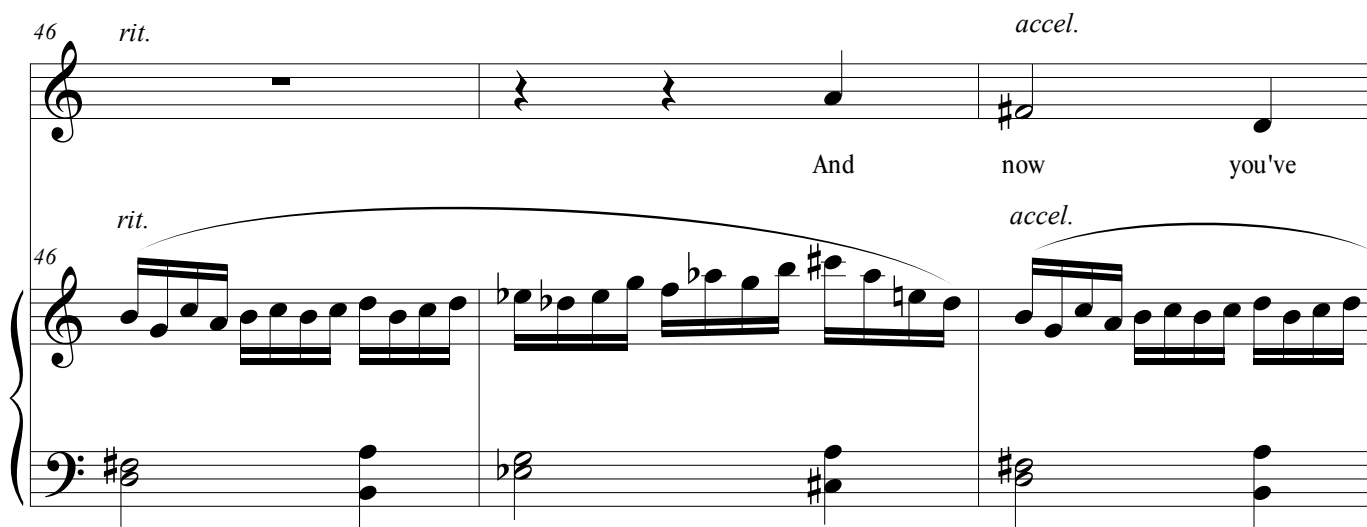
43 $\text{♩} = 126$

- - - ber thread;

43 $\text{♩} = 126$

46 *rit.* *accel.*

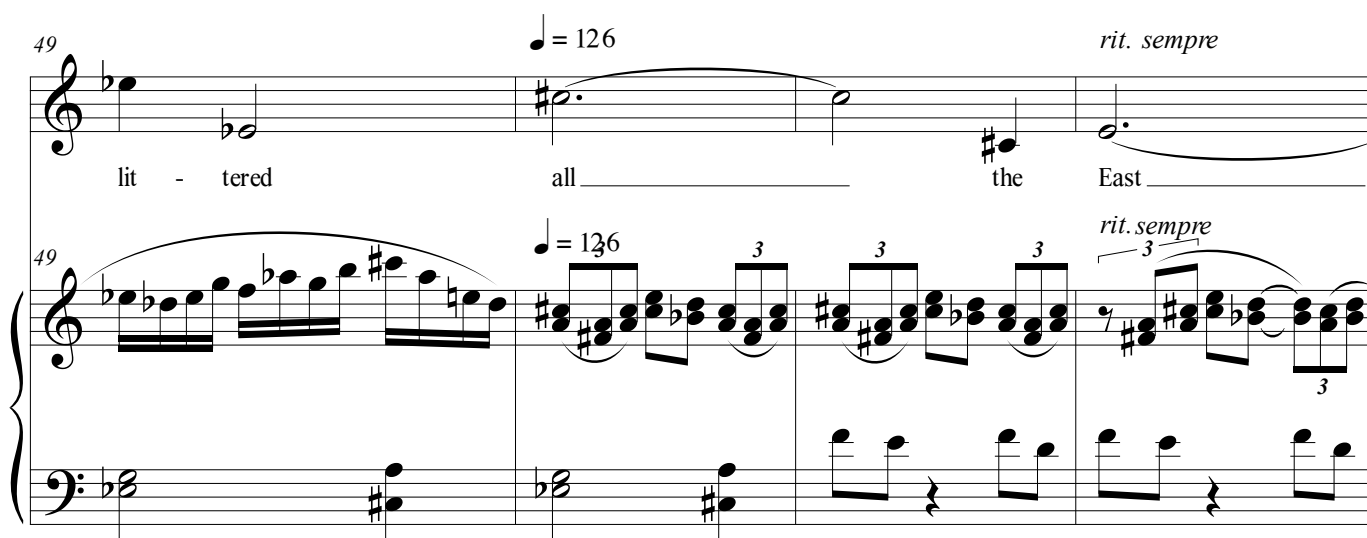
And now you've



49 $\text{♩} = 126$ *rit. sempre*

lit - tered all the East

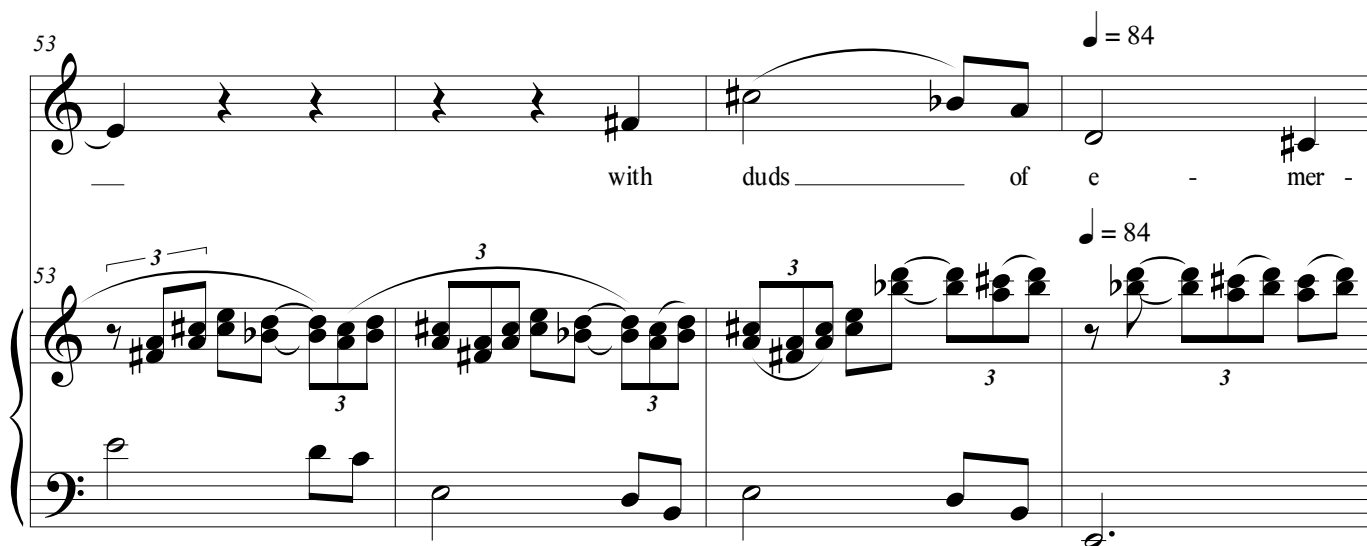
49 $\text{♩} = 136$ *rit. sempre*



53 $\text{♩} = 84$

with duds of e - mer -

53 $\text{♩} = 84$



57 *rit.*

ald, _____

57 *rit.*

3

3

3

3

61 *a tempo* *rit.* *a tempo*

and now you've lit - tered all the East _____

61 *a tempo* *rit.* *a tempo*

3

3

3

3

65 *rit.* *a tempo* *accel. sempre*

with duds of

65 *rit.* *a tempo* *accel. sempre*

3

3

3

3

She Sweeps . . .

110

69 $\text{♩} = 126$ *accel.*

e - - - mer - ald!

69 $\text{♩} = 126$ *accel.*

73 $\text{♩} = 152$ $\text{♩} = 84$

73 $\text{♩} = 152$ $\text{♩} = 84$

76 *rit.* *a tempo*

And still she plies her

76 *rit.* *a tempo*

80 *accel. sempre*

spot - ted brooms, and still the ap - rons

85 $\text{♩} = 126$ *accel.*

fly

85 $\text{♩} = 126$ *accel.*

89 $\text{♩} = 152$ $\text{♩} = 126$

89 $\text{♩} = 152$ $\text{♩} = 126$

The musical score is for a piece titled "She Sweeps . . .". It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The score is divided into three systems. The first system starts at measure 80 with the tempo marking "accel. sempre". The vocal line has lyrics: "spot - ted brooms, and still the ap - rons". The piano accompaniment consists of a treble and bass staff. The second system starts at measure 85 with a tempo change to "♩ = 126" and the marking "accel.". The vocal line has the lyric "fly". The piano accompaniment continues with triplets and arpeggiated figures. The third system starts at measure 89 with a tempo change to "♩ = 152" and then back to "♩ = 126". The piano accompaniment features more complex rhythmic patterns, including triplets and a key signature change to D major (indicated by a sharp sign on the F line) in the final measure.

92

92

94 *rit.* ♩ = 84

Till

94

97

brooms fade soft - ly

97

101

Till brooms fade

105

rit. *a tempo*

soft - ly in - to stars,

109

rit.

and then I come a - way.

dim.

Leo. *

Song of the Old Mother

Mezzo Soprano

I rise in the dawn, and I kneel and blow
Till the seed of the fire flicker and glow;
And then I must scrub and bake and sweep
Till stars are beginning to blink and peep;
And the young lie long and dream in their bed
Of the matching of ribbons for bosom and head,
And their days go over in idleness,
And they sigh if the wind but lift a tress:
While I must work because I am old,
And the seed of the fire gets feeble and cold.

--W. B. Yeats

Voice range: G#3 - E5

Tessitura: D4 - B4

Duration 3:00.

Composed 2019

Song of the Old Mother

♩ = 84

Very Simply

sempre p

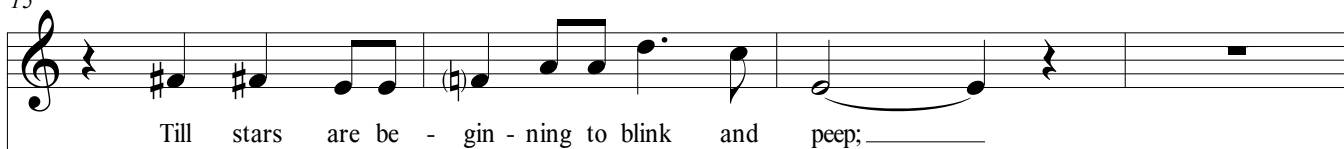
Lawrence Kramer

I rise in the dawn and I kneel and blow ____

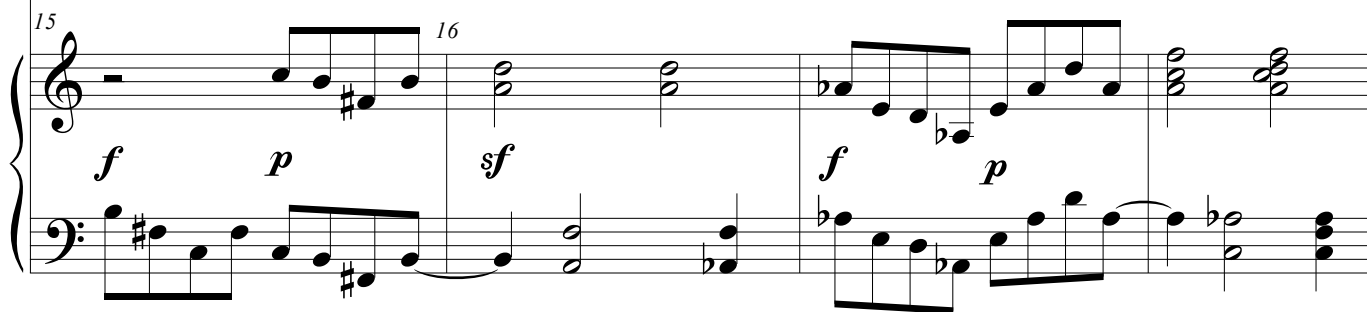
Till the seed of the fire__ flick-er and glow; ____

And then I must scrub and bake and sweep ____

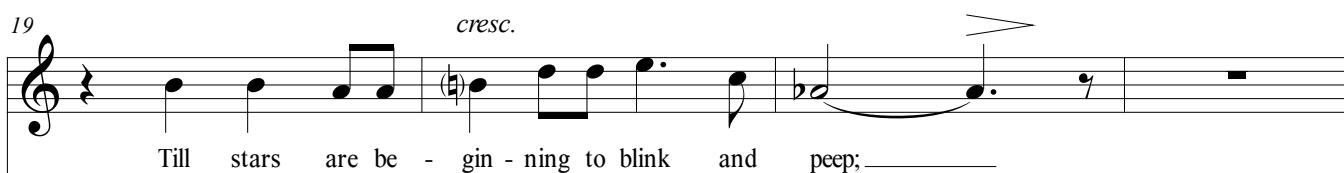
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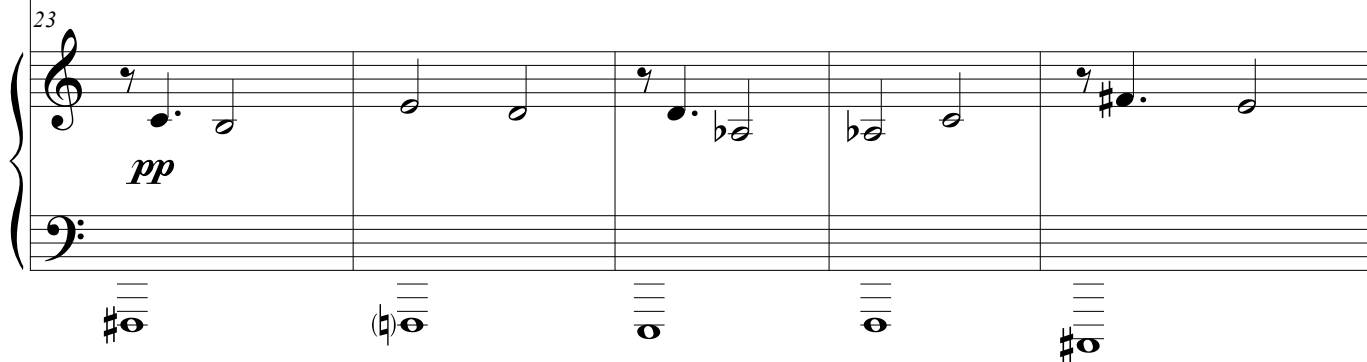
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23



23



28 *p*

rib - bons for bo - som and head, _____ And their days go

28 *f*

32 o-ver _____ in id-le-ness, _____ and they sigh if the wind but lift a tress: _____

32 *p* *f* *p*

37 *sempre p*

and they sigh if the

37 *p cresc.* *f p* *f*

41

wind but lift a tress: _____

p *cresc.* *f*

46

While I must work be-cause I am old, and the

p *f* *p* *f*

50

seed of the fire gets fee - ble and cold, _____

f *p* *f* *p*

54

While I must work be-cause I am old, and the

54

f *p*

57 *rit. sempre*

seed of the fire gets fee-ble and cold.

57

f *p*

Spring and All

Medium Voice

By the road to the contagious hospital
under the surge of the blue
mottled clouds driven from the
northeast-a cold wind. Beyond, the
waste of broad, muddy fields
brown with dried weeds, standing and fallen

patches of standing water
the scattering of tall trees

All along the road the reddish
purplish, forked, upstanding, twiggy
stuff of bushes and small trees
with dead, brown leaves under them
leafless vines-

Lifeless in appearance, sluggish
dazed spring approaches-

They enter the new world naked,
cold, uncertain of all
save that they enter. All about them
the cold, familiar wind-

Now the grass, tomorrow
the stiff curl of wildcarrot leaf
One by one objects are defined-
It quickens: clarity, outline of leaf

But now the stark dignity of
entrance--Still, the profound change
has come upon them: rooted, they
grip down and begin to awaken

--William Carlos Williams

Written voice range: A3 - E5
Tessitura: D4 - C5
Duration 5:30

Composed 2021

Spring and All

♩ = 84

Lawrence Kramer

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a whole rest for three measures, followed by a half note G4 and a quarter note A4, with the lyrics "By the". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes in the third measure. The left hand has whole rests for the first three measures, followed by a half note G3 in the fourth measure.

Ped.

The second system continues the piece. The vocal line (treble clef) has a measure rest, then a quarter note G4, followed by a triplet of eighth notes (A4, B4, C5), and then a half note D5. The lyrics are "road to the con - tag - ious hos - pi - tal,". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) continues with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The right hand has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes. The left hand has a bass line with whole and half notes. A crescendo hairpin is present over the piano accompaniment. The system ends with a fermata over a half note D5 in the vocal line and a half note D3 in the piano left hand. A double asterisk (*) is placed below the piano left hand staff.

The third system continues the piece. The vocal line (treble clef) has a measure rest, then a quarter note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a quarter note B4. The lyrics are "blue mot - tled clouds". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) continues with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The right hand has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes. The left hand has a bass line with whole and half notes. A crescendo hairpin is present over the piano accompaniment. The system ends with a fermata over a half note D5 in the vocal line and a half note D3 in the piano left hand.

A little slower

13

cold wind, cold wind.

13 14 16

p *f* *p*

18

rit. **Tempo I**

Be-yond, the waste of broad mud-dy fields brown with

18

mf *p*

22

dried weeds, stand - ing and fal - len, patch - es of

22

cresc. *f* *p*

S.P.

25

stand - ing wa - ter, _____ the scat - ter - ing _____ of

cresc. *f p* *cresc.*

S.P.

28

tall _____ tress, _____

f p *sf* *fp*

S.P.

31

All a - long the road the _____ red - dish,

mf *f*

34

purp - lish, forked up - stand - ing twig - gy stuff of bush - es and small trees with

34

p

38

dead brown leaves un - der them, leaf — less vines:

38

3

pp

43

Life - less in ap - pear - ance, —

43

p pp

mp pp

48

slug - gish, dazed _____ spring _____ a - proach - es. _____

cresc. mf *cresc. f*

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 48 through 51. The vocal line (treble clef) begins at measure 48 with the lyrics 'slug - gish, dazed _____ spring _____ a - proach - es. _____'. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) starts at measure 48 with a piano (p) dynamic. In measure 49, the piano part features a crescendo leading to a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. In measure 50, another crescendo leads to a forte (f) dynamic. Measure 51 continues the piano part with the forte dynamic. The piano part includes various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests.

52

They en - ter the new world nak - ed, _____

p

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 52 through 55. The vocal line (treble clef) begins at measure 52 with the lyrics 'They en - ter the new world nak - ed, _____'. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) starts at measure 52 with a piano (p) dynamic. In measure 53, the piano part features a triplet of eighth notes. In measure 54, the piano part features a triplet of eighth notes. In measure 55, the piano part features a triplet of eighth notes. The piano part includes various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests.

A little slower

56

_____ cold, _____ cold, _____ un - cer - tain of all _____

mf *p*

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 56 through 59. The vocal line (treble clef) begins at measure 56 with the lyrics '_____ cold, _____ cold, _____ un - cer - tain of all _____'. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) starts at measure 56 with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. In measure 57, the piano part features a triplet of eighth notes. In measure 58, the piano part features a piano (p) dynamic. In measure 59, the piano part features a piano (p) dynamic. The piano part includes various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests.

60

— save that they en - ter.

60

mp

63

accel. **Tempo I**

All — a - bout them — the cold, the

63

mf p mf p mf

66

cold, fa - mil - iar wind: —

66

f fp cresc. fp

70

Now _____ grass,

cresc. *f* *p*

S.P.

73

to-mor-row the stiff curl _____ of the wild - car-rot leaf: _____

77

One _____ by one _____

81

ob - jects are de -

mp *cresc.* *mf*

This system contains measures 81, 82, and 83. The vocal line has a whole rest in measure 81, followed by a half note 'ob' in measure 82 and a half note 'jects' in measure 83. The piano accompaniment features triplet eighth notes in the right hand and eighth notes in the left hand. Dynamics include *mp* at the start, *cresc.* between measures 82 and 83, and *mf* at the start of measure 83.

84

fined: It quick-ens, It quick-ens

cresc. *f*

This system contains measures 84, 85, and 86. The vocal line has a half note 'fined:' in measure 84, followed by a half note 'It' in measure 85 and a half note 'quick-ens' in measure 86. The piano accompaniment continues with triplet eighth notes in the right hand and eighth notes in the left hand. Dynamics include *cresc.* between measures 85 and 86, and *f* at the start of measure 86.

87

cla-ri-ty,

p

This system contains measures 87, 88, and 89. The vocal line has a whole rest in measure 87, followed by a half note 'cla-' in measure 88 and a half note 'ri-ty,' in measure 89. The piano accompaniment features triplet eighth notes in the right hand and eighth notes in the left hand. Dynamics include *p* at the start of measure 88.

91

out - line ___ of leaf. But now the stark dig - ni - ty of

fp *cresc.* *f*

95

en - trance: Still, ___ still, ___ the pro-found ___

pp *rit.*

99

f a tempo *cresc.* *ff* *rit.*

change has come u - pon them: ___

102 *a tempo*

root - ed, they grip down, and be - gin

p

Key signature: B-flat major (two flats). The piano accompaniment features a complex texture with triplets and sixteenth-note patterns in the right hand, and sustained chords and moving lines in the left hand. The vocal line is simple, with lyrics under the notes.

105 *cresc.**p*

to a - wak - en.

p

Key signature: B-flat major. The piano accompaniment continues with intricate textures, including triplets and sustained chords. The vocal line has a long note in measure 105, followed by a series of eighth notes. The piece ends with a double bar line in measure 108.

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Mezzo Soprano

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: A3 - F#5
Tessitura: E4 - C#5
Duration 3:40

Composed January 1, 2019

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

 $\text{♩} = 80$

Lawrence Kramer

Whose woods these are I

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

10 will not see me stop - ing here. To see his woods fill

15

up with snow. My lit - tle horse must

This system contains measures 15 through 18. The vocal line begins with a half note G4 (up), a quarter note A4 (with), a half note B4 (snow.), followed by a whole rest. In measure 16, there is a whole rest. In measure 17, there is a quarter note G4 (My), a quarter note A4 (lit -), a quarter note B4 (tle), a quarter note C5 (horse), and a quarter note B4 (must). The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand with chords and eighth notes.

19

think it queerr to stop with-out a farm - house near Be - tween the

This system contains measures 19 through 22. The vocal line starts with a half note G4 (think), a quarter note A4 (it), a quarter note B4 (queerr), a half note C5 (to), a quarter note B4 (stop), a quarter note A4 (with -), a quarter note G4 (out), a quarter note F4 (a), a quarter note E4 (farm -), a quarter note D4 (house), a quarter note C4 (near), a quarter note B3 (Be -), a quarter note A3 (tween), and a half note G3 (the). The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

23

woods and fro - zen lake the dark - est eve-ning of the year,

This system contains measures 23 through 26. The vocal line begins with a half note G4 (woods), a quarter note A4 (and), a quarter note B4 (fro -), a half note C5 (zen), a whole rest, a half note D5 (lake), a quarter rest, a half note E5 (the), a quarter note D5 (dark -), a quarter note C5 (est), a quarter note B4 (eve -), a quarter note A4 (ning), a quarter note G4 (of), a quarter note F4 (the), and a half note E4 (year,). The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

27

the dark - est eve-ning of the year. _____

This system contains measures 27 through 30. The vocal line begins with a whole rest in measure 27, followed by a half note G4, a dotted half note F#4, and a half note E4 in measure 28. Measures 29 and 30 continue the melody with a half note D4, a half note C4, and a whole note B3. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more complex bass line in the left hand, including a triplet of eighth notes in measure 28.

31

He gives his har - ness bells a shake _____

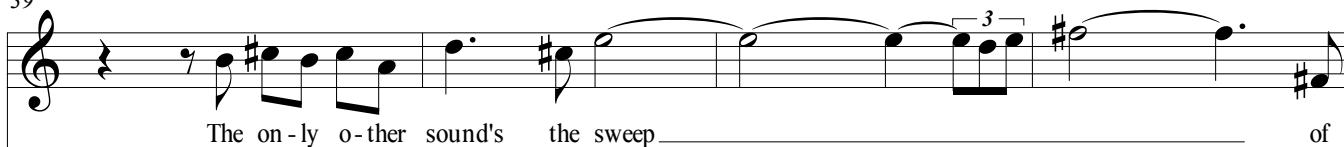
This system contains measures 31 through 34. The vocal line starts with a whole rest in measure 31, followed by a half note G#4, a dotted half note F#4, and a half note E4 in measure 32. Measures 33 and 34 continue the melody with a half note D4, a half note C4, and a whole note B3. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line that includes a triplet of eighth notes in measure 32.

35

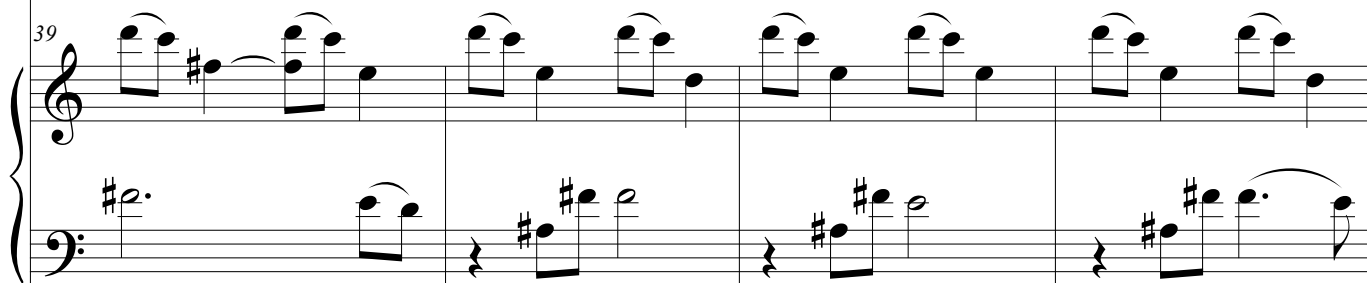
— To ask if there is some mis-take. _____

This system contains measures 35 through 38. The vocal line begins with a whole rest in measure 35, followed by a half note G#4, a dotted half note F#4, and a half note E4 in measure 36. Measures 37 and 38 continue the melody with a half note D4, a half note C4, and a whole note B3. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line that includes a triplet of eighth notes in measure 36.

39

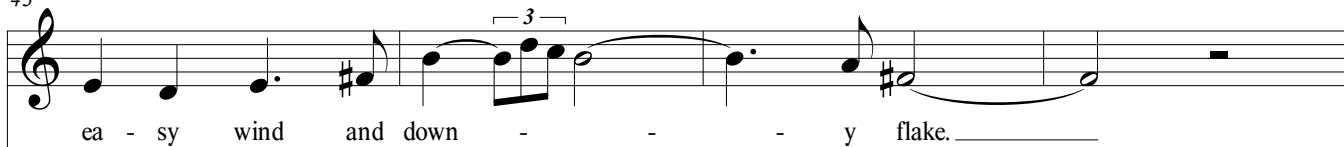


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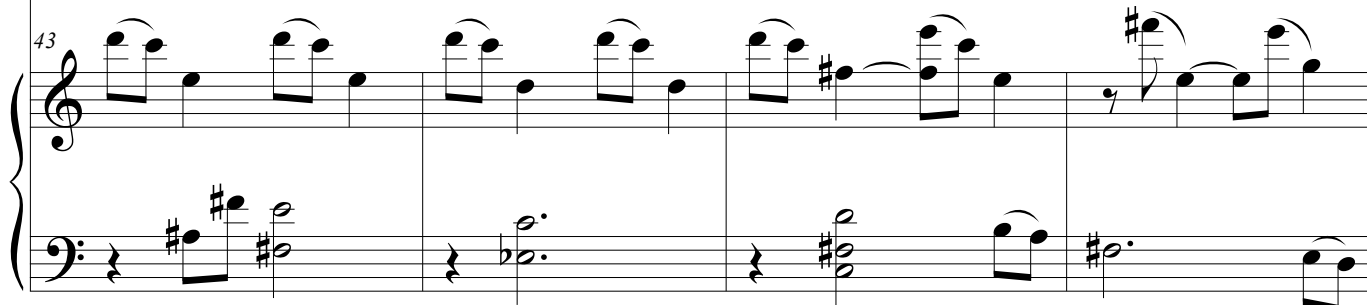


Mm. 39-42: dynamics follow voice.

43



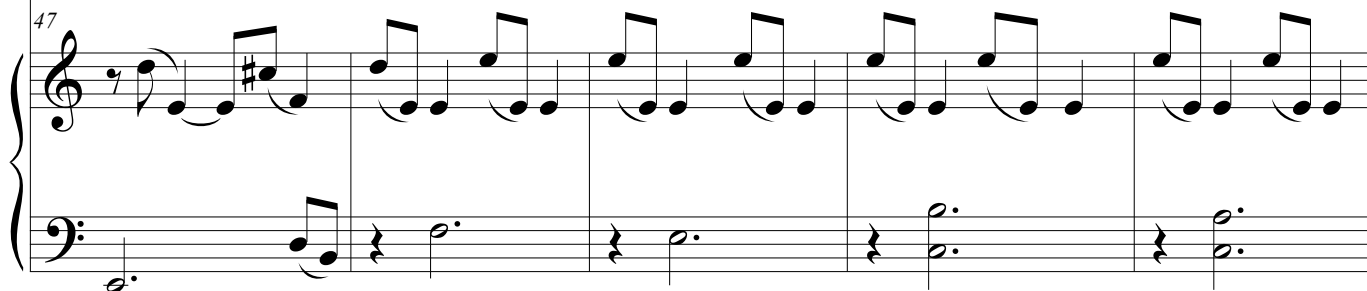
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47



47



52

deep, _____ But I _____ have pro-mi-ses _____ to

The musical score for measures 52-56 consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more complex bass line in the left hand, including a triplet of eighth notes in measure 54.

57

keep, _____ And miles _____ to go be-fore I

The musical score for measures 57-61 continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line has a melodic contour that rises and then falls. The piano accompaniment maintains the eighth-note pattern in the right hand, with the left hand providing harmonic support through chords and single notes.

62

sleep, _____ and miles _____ to

The musical score for measures 62-66 concludes the vocal phrase. The vocal line ends with a sustained note. The piano accompaniment features a crescendo leading to a *pp* (pianissimo) dynamic marking in measure 65, followed by a final chord in the bass clef in measure 66.

rit. -----

67

go be - fore I sleep. _____

67

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system features a vocal line on a single treble staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass staves). The vocal line begins with a measure rest, followed by the lyrics 'go', 'be - fore', 'I', and 'sleep.' with a long horizontal line indicating a sustained note. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note in the bass clef, followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes in the treble clef. The second system continues the piano accompaniment with more complex rhythmic patterns, including sixteenth notes and rests, leading to a final measure rest.

Sunday

Medium Voice

There came along
down the lane
waddling genially,
nodding amiably,
like a girl
on her way to Sunday school
with her prayer book,
(save
that he led a small cart
quite as inoffensive as himself
laden with corn and potatoes and cauliflower
and cheerful beets)
his rhomboid head
mounted by a pyramidal straw hat —
there came
an old thin horse,
alone
and so absent-minded,
he did not return my bow,
but waddled on,
veered off into another lane
and disappeared.

-Alfred Kreymborg

Written voice range: B3-F#5

Tessitura: B3 - E5

Duration: 3 minutes

Composed 2018

Sunday

Lawrence Kramer

♩. = 69

♩ = ♩

as before

The first system of the musical score for 'Sunday' by Lawrence Kramer. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a whole note rest, followed by a half note rest, and then a melody starting on a G4. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand (RH) and a left hand (LH). The RH plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, while the LH plays a simple bass line. The tempo is marked as ♩. = 69. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The time signature changes from 6/8 to 3/4 and back to 6/8. The lyrics 'There came a - long down the lane' are written under the vocal line.

There came a - long down the lane

The second system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'wad-ling gen - ial - ly, nod-ding am - iab - ly, like a girl on her'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern. The RH is marked with a piano (p) dynamic. The tempo is marked as ♩. = 69. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are written under the vocal line.

wad-ling gen - ial - ly, nod-ding am - iab - ly, like a girl on her

The third system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'way to Sun - day school with her prayer book, save _____ that he led a small ____'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern. The RH is marked with a piano (p) dynamic. The tempo is marked as ♩. = 69. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are written under the vocal line.

way to Sun - day school with her prayer book, save _____ that he led a small ____

16

cart quite as in - of - sive as him-self,

f p

22

la-den with corn and po - ta-toes and cau-li-flower ____

cresc. p cresc.

27

la-den with corn and po - ta-toes and cau-li-flower and cheer - ful beets, ____

f

Red.



32

ah, _____

p

37

ah, _____

ah, _____

f Ped.

43

ah, _____

f

his rhom-boid

p LH

*

49

head - moun - ted on a py - ra - mi - dal straw hat: There came, —

54

— there came, — There came a - long down the lane

59

wad-dling gen - ial - ly, nod-ding am - iab - ly,

RH

p

64 *rit.**a tempo*

an old thin horse, a - lone

64 *fp*

This system contains measures 64 through 68. The vocal line begins at measure 64 with the lyrics 'an old thin horse, a - lone'. The tempo changes from 'rit.' to 'a tempo' at measure 65. The piano accompaniment features a forte piano (*fp*) dynamic starting at measure 64. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

69

and so ab-sent mind - ed he did not re-turn my bow,

69

This system contains measures 69 through 74. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'and so ab-sent mind - ed he did not re-turn my bow,'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same key signature and dynamics.

75

but wad - dled on, an old thin horse,

75

This system contains measures 75 through 80. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'but wad - dled on, an old thin horse,'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same key signature and dynamics.

87

veered off, in - to a - no - ther lane,

87

LH

93 *rit.* *pp*

and dis - ap - peared.

This musical score is for the vocal part of a piece. It begins at measure 93, marked with a piano (pp) dynamic and a ritardando (rit.) tempo change. The vocal line consists of a single melodic phrase: 'and dis - ap - peared.' The melody starts on a whole note 'and', followed by a half note 'dis', and then a half note 'ap' which is tied to the next half note 'peared.' The phrase ends with a fermata. The piano accompaniment consists of a single chord, a B-flat major triad (F4, A4, Bb4), which is sustained throughout the entire phrase. The piano part is written in a grand staff with both hands.

The Corner of Night and Morning

Medium 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: A3-E5

Tessitura: D4 - C#5

Duration: 3:15

Composed 2018

The Corner of Night and Morning

♩ = 92

Lawrence Kramer

Crows are caw-ing o - ver

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

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

12

Musical score for measures 12-16. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a whole rest in measure 12, followed by a half rest in measure 13. In measure 14, it starts with a half note G#4, tied to a half note A4 in measure 15, and then a half note B4 in measure 16. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features chords in the right hand and moving lines in the left hand. Measure 14 includes a piano (*p*) dynamic marking. Measure 16 includes a forte (*f*) dynamic marking.

Rose _____ lus - tre _____

17

Musical score for measures 17-20. The vocal line (treble clef) has a whole rest in measure 17, followed by a half note G#4 in measure 18, a half note A4 in measure 19, and a half note B4 in measure 20. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) continues with chords and moving lines. Measure 19 includes a piano (*p*) dynamic marking. Measure 20 features triplet markings (3) over the right and left hands.

o - ver black _____ lac - quer. _____

21

Musical score for measures 21-24. The vocal line (treble clef) has a whole rest in measure 21, followed by a half note G#4 in measure 22, a half note A4 in measure 23, and a half note B4 in measure 24. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features triplet markings (3) over the right and left hands in measures 21, 22, 23, and 24.

The _____ fea - thers _____ of the young birds _____

24

re - flect the rose - ris - ing sun.

p cresc.

28

f

fff sub.

Imitate "caw" sound

Sing "caw" on highest pitch.

33

f

pp

39 *p* **A Little Slower**

I want to go to sleep. I want to go

46 *pp* **Tempo I**

to sleep. But per - haps,

51

per - haps it is bet - ter to stand in the

54

win - dow _____ and watch the crows teach-ing their

54

cresc.

57

young _____ to fly _____

57

p cresc. *f*

60

o - ver the pines _____ and the pyr - a - mid - al

60

p

63 *rit.* ♩ = 84

cher - ries _____ in the



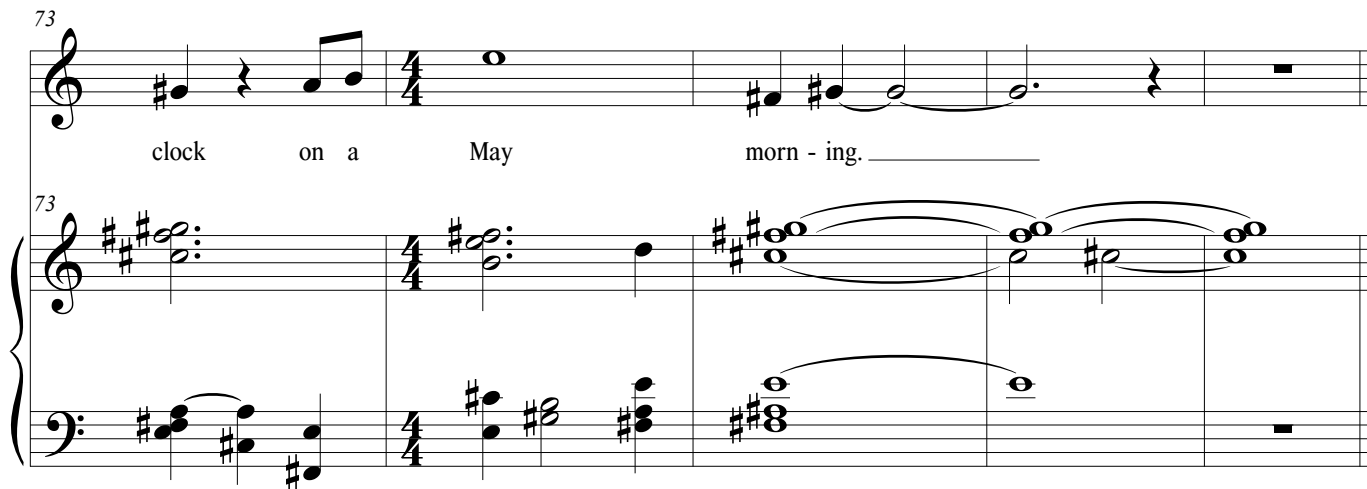
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rose gold _____ light _____ of five o' -



73

clock on a May morn - ing. _____



The Panther

Medium Voice

Der Panther (Im Jardin des Plantes, Paris) (1902)

Sein Blick ist von Vorübergehn der Stäbe
so müd geworden, daß er nichts mehr hält.
Ihm ist, als ob es tausend Stäbe gäbe
und hinter tausend Stäben keine Welt.

Der weiche Gang geschmeidig starker Schritte,
der sich im allerkleinsten Kreise dreht,
ist wie ein Tanz von Kraft um eine Mitte,
in der betäubt ein großer Wille steht.

Nur manchmal schiebt der Vorhang der Pupille
sich lautlos auf—. Dann geht ein Bild hinein,
geht durch der Glieder angespannte Stille—
und hört im Herzen auf zu sein.

The Panther (In the Jardin des Plantes, Paris)

His gaze is from the pacing past the bars
So tired now that it holds nothing more,
As if for him there were a thousand bars
And past the thousand bars no world to see.

The quiet tread of strong and agile steps
That turn in circles growing ever smaller
Is like a dance of force around a center
In which a great will stands there paralyzed.

Only at times the curtain of his pupils
Silently parts—and then in glides an image,
Glides through the high-strung stillness of his limbs--
And in his heart gives up its being.

--Translation by the composer.

Voice range: B $\flat$ 3-E5, with one optional A3

Tessitura: D4 - D5

Duration 3:15

Composed 2017

The Panther

Lawrence Kramer

 $\text{♩} = 232$

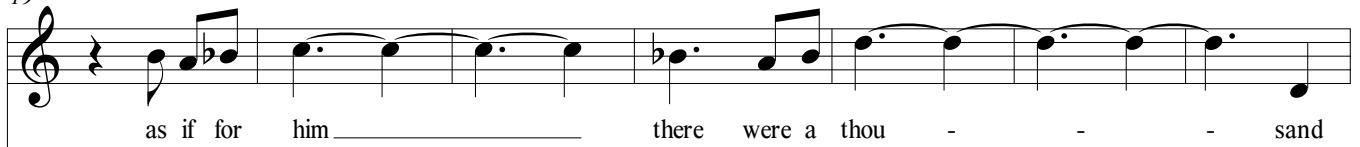
His gaze _____ is from the pac - ing

_____ past the bars _____ so tired _____ now that it holds _____

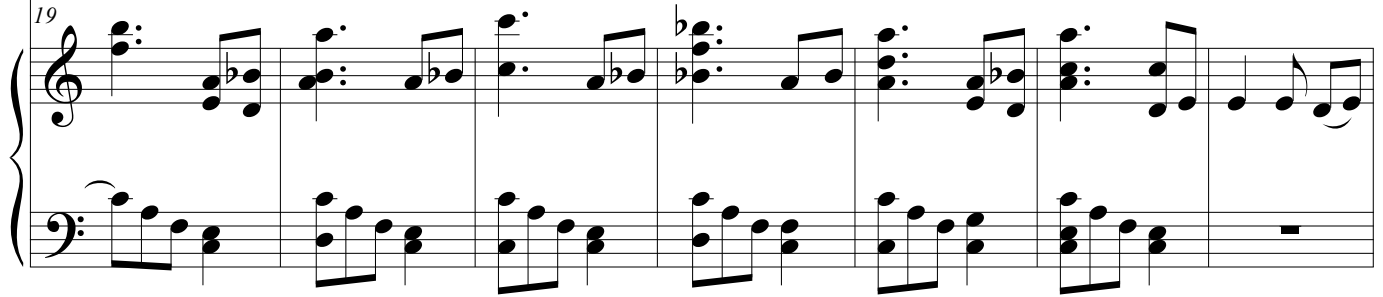
_____ no - thing more. _____

p

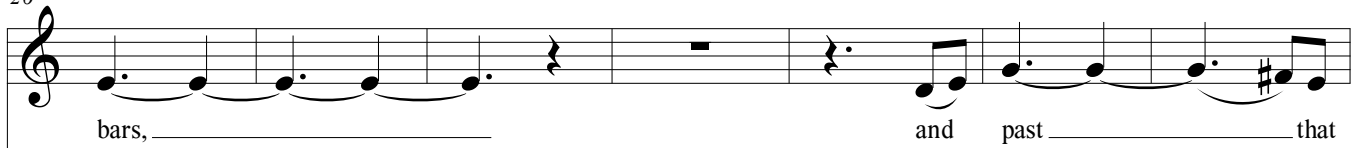
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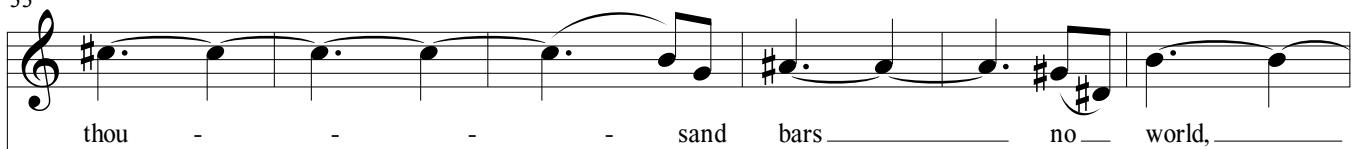
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26



33



33



39

no world,

This system contains measures 39 through 44. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half rest. Measures 40-41 are whole rests. Measure 42 starts with a half note D5, followed by quarter notes C5 and B4. Measure 43 has a half note A4, and measure 44 has a half note G4. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand and chords in the left hand, primarily using F# and C#.

45

no world to see.

rit.

This system contains measures 45 through 50. The vocal line (treble clef) has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note D5, and finally a half note E5. Measures 46-47 are whole rests. Measure 48 has a half note D5, and measure 49 has a half note C5. Measure 50 has a half note B4. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) continues with a similar rhythmic pattern, with the right hand playing eighth and sixteenth notes and the left hand playing chords. The tempo marking *rit.* (ritardando) is present above measure 49.

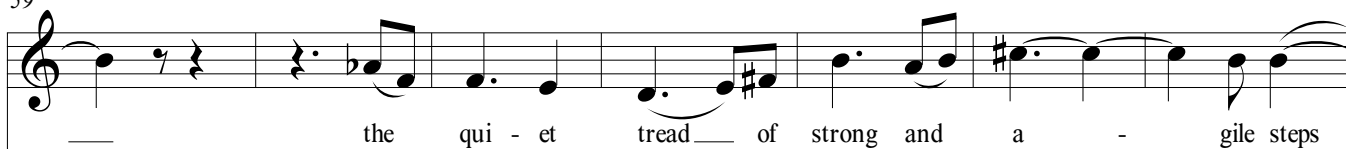
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The qui - et tread,

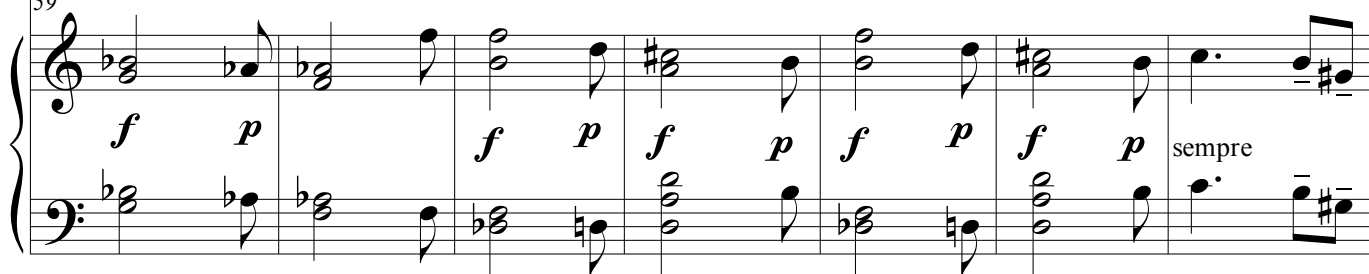
$\text{♩} = 200$ *p* sempre

This system contains measures 51 through 56. The vocal line (treble clef) has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note D5, and finally a half note E5. Measures 52-53 are whole rests. Measure 54 has a half note D5, and measure 55 has a half note C5. Measure 56 has a half note B4. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand and chords in the left hand, primarily using F# and C#. The tempo marking $\text{♩} = 200$ and the dynamic marking *p* (piano) are present above measure 52. The word *sempre* is also present above measure 52. The dynamic markings *f* (forte) and *p* (piano) alternate in the piano accompaniment.

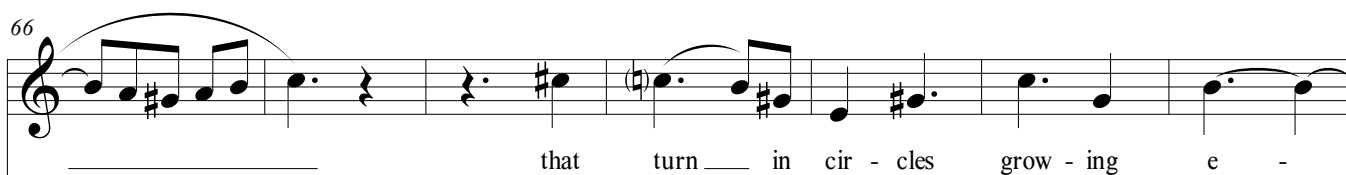
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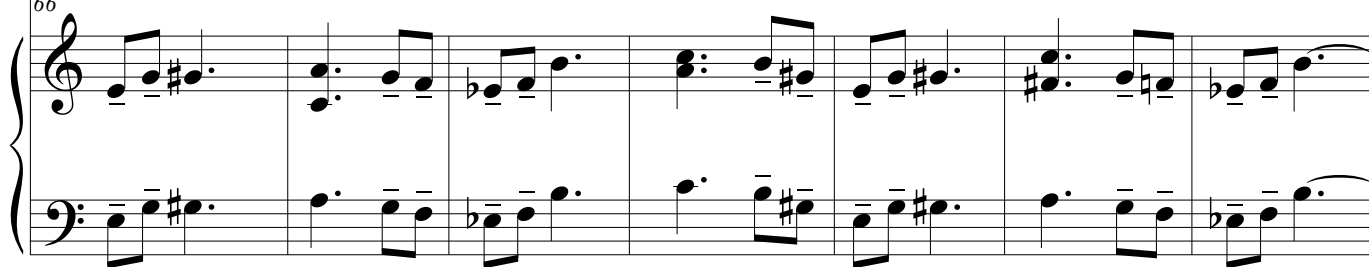
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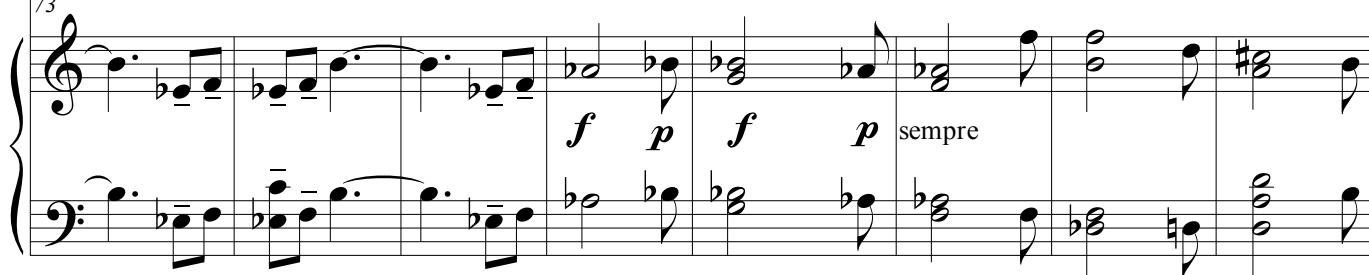
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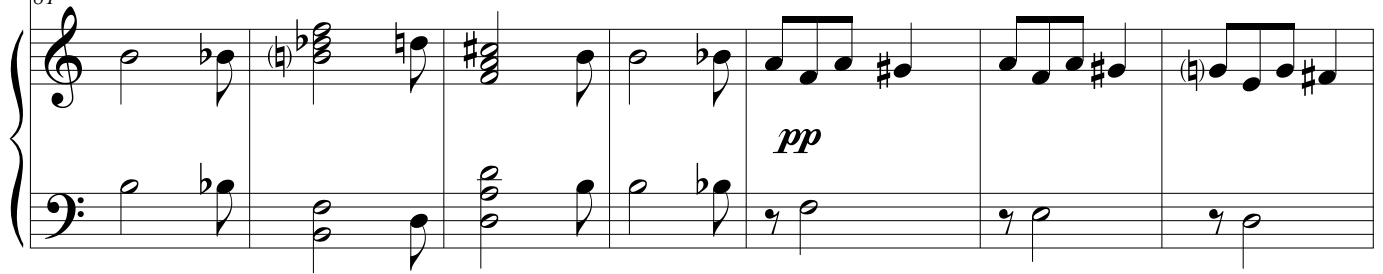
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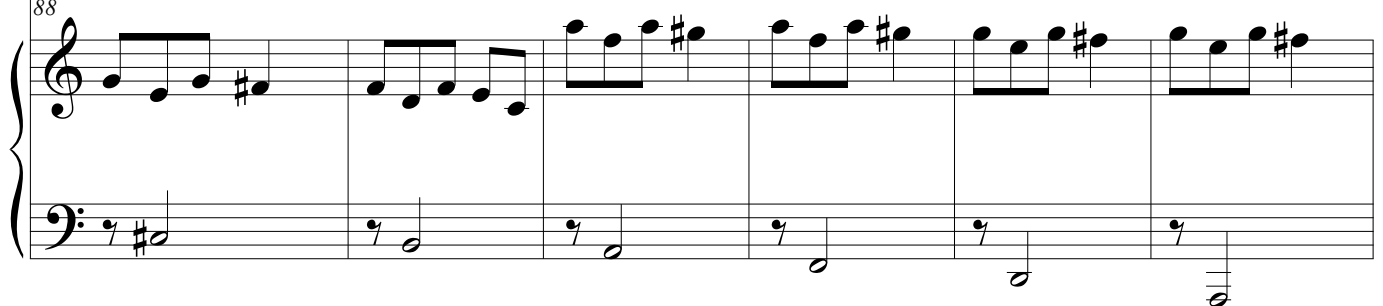
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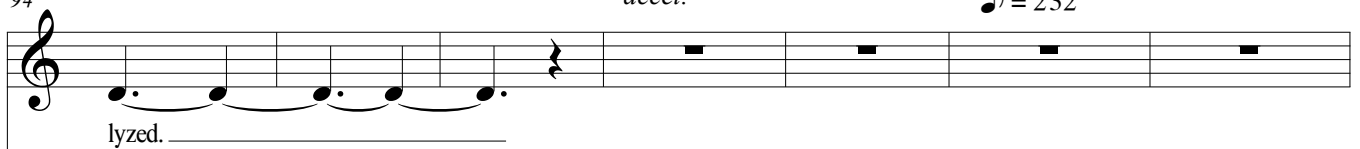
88



88



94

accel. $\text{♩} = 232$ 

94



101

On - ly at times the cur - tain of his pu - pils

f

108

si - lent - ly parts;

p

114

p sempre

and then in glides an i - mage,

p *f* *ff*

$\text{♩} = 200$

122

glides through the high strung still - ness of his limbs:

pp

129

and in his heart gives up its

allarg.

8^{va}

136

being.

8^{va}

f

The Veritable Night

Mezzo Soprano

From *Spring and All*

The veritable night
of wires and stars

the moon is in
the oak tree's crotch

and sleepers in
the windows cough

athwart the round
and pointed leaves

and insects sting
while on the grass

the whitish moonlight
tearfully

assumes the attitudes
of afternoon —

But it is real
where peaches hang

recalling death's
long promised symphony

whose tuneful wood
and stringish undergrowth

are ghosts existing
without being

save to come with juice
and pulp to assuage

the hungers which
the night reveals

so that now at last
the truth's aglow

with devilish peace
forestalling day

which dawns tomorrow
with dreadful reds

the heart to predicate
with mists that loved

the ocean and the fields —
Thus moonlight

is the perfect
human touch

--William Carlos Williams

Range: A2 - F#4
Tessitura: E♭3 - E♭4
Duration 3:40

Composed 2022

The Veritable Night

$\text{♩} = 108$

The ver - i - ti - ble

5 night of wires and stars the moon is in the oak tree's

5 *mf*

10 crotch and sleep-ers in the win-dows cough a - thwart the

10 *p* *f* *p*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a tempo marking of 108 beats per minute. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 1-4) shows the vocal melody starting with a whole note rest, followed by a half note, and then a quarter note. The piano accompaniment starts with a piano (p) dynamic. The second system (measures 5-8) continues the vocal melody with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. The piano accompaniment features a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The third system (measures 9-12) shows the vocal melody with a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The piano accompaniment features piano (p), forte (f), and piano (p) dynamics.

15

round _____ and point - ed leaves _____

20

and in - sects sting while on the grass the whit - ish moon - light

23

tear - ful - ly _____ as - sumes the at - ti - tudes _____ of af - ter - noon; _____

27

♩. = 92

But it is real where

p *mf*

31

peach - es hang re-cal-ling death's

cresc. *f* *pp*

35

long - pro - mised sym - pho - ny whose

mf

38

38

tune - ful wood and string - ish un - der - growth _____ are ghosts _____

p

This system contains measures 38, 39, and 40. The vocal line (treble clef) has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are "tune - ful wood and string - ish un - der - growth _____ are ghosts _____". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A piano (*p*) dynamic marking is present in measure 39.

41 *rit.**a tempo*

41

ex - ist - ing _____

pp

rit.

This system contains measures 41, 42, and 43. The vocal line (treble clef) has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are "ex - ist - ing _____". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A piano (*p*) dynamic marking is present in measure 42. A *rit.* (ritardando) marking is above measure 41, and an *a tempo* marking is above measure 43. A *pp* (pianissimo) dynamic marking is present in measure 43. A fermata is placed over the final note of the piano part in measure 43.

44

44

with - out being _____

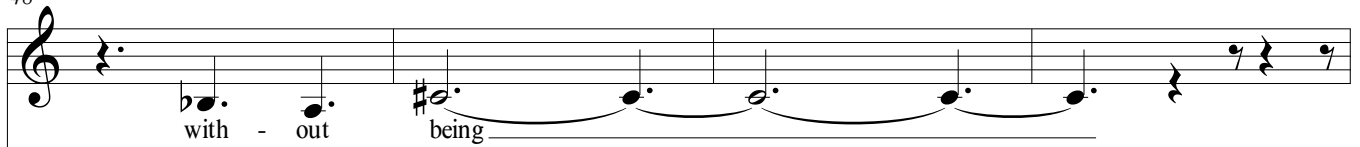
p

cresc.

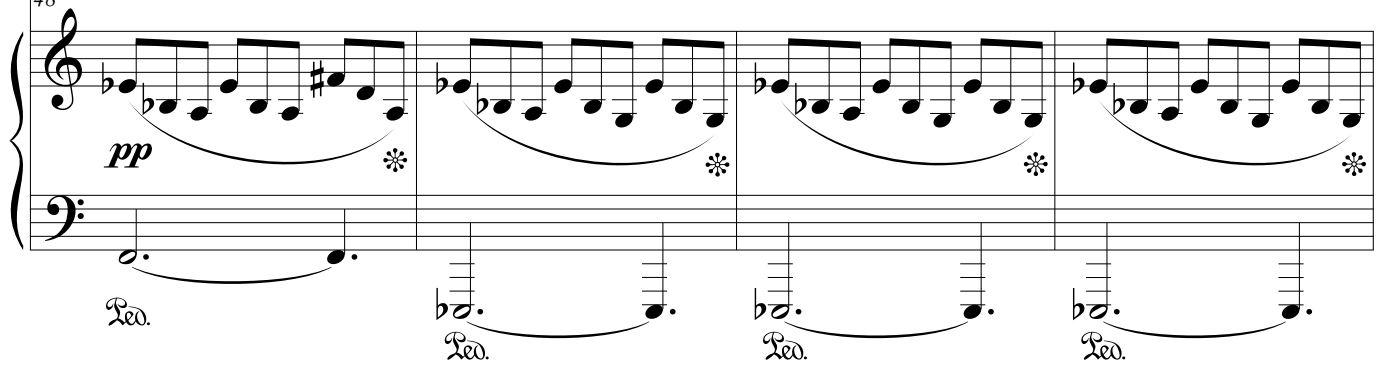
Red.

This system contains measures 44, 45, 46, and 47. The vocal line (treble clef) has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are "with - out being _____". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A piano (*p*) dynamic marking is present in measure 45. A *cresc.* (crescendo) marking is present in measure 46. A *Red.* (Reduction) marking is present in measure 44. A fermata is placed over the final note of the piano part in measure 44.

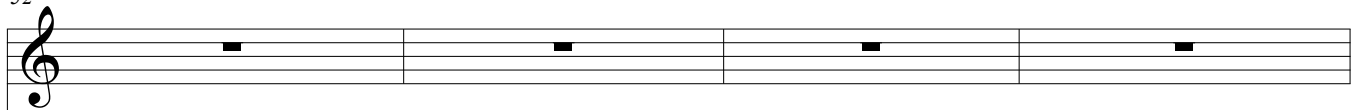
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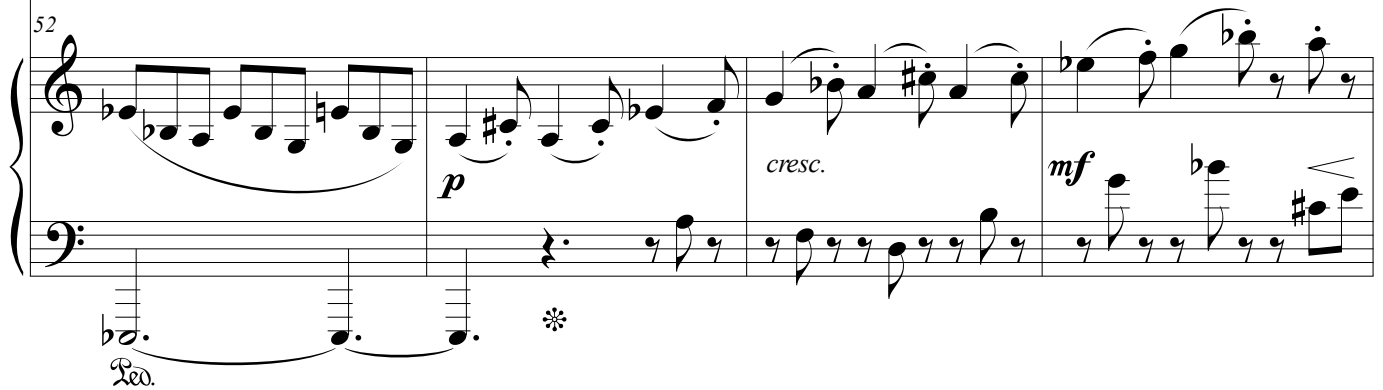
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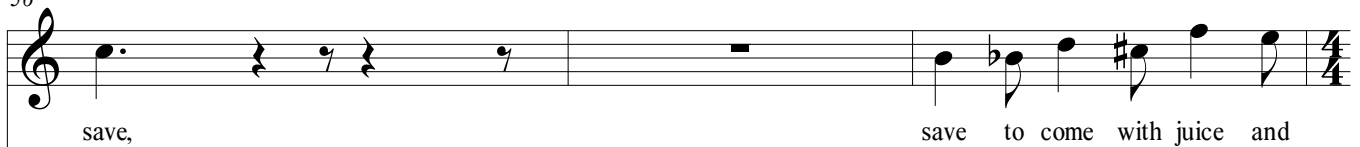
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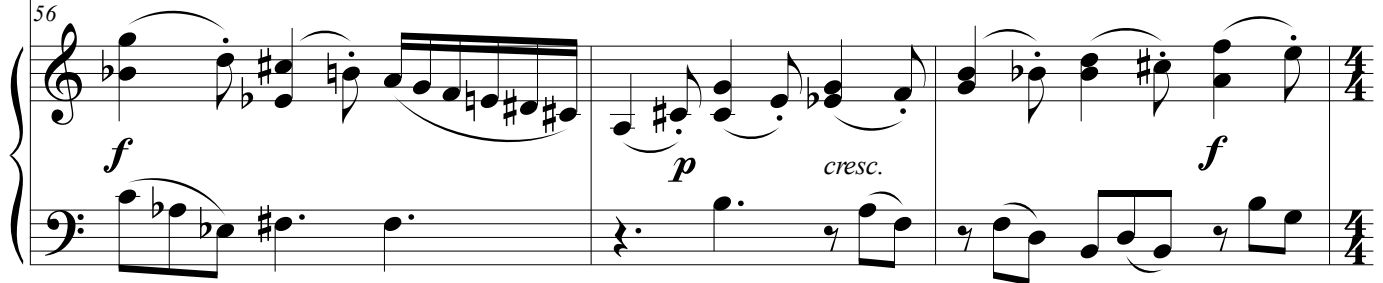
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56



56



The Veritable Night

166

♩ = 92

59

rit. *a tempo*

pulp — to as-suage, ————— to a - suage ————— the hun - gers

63

accel.

— that the night re - veals ————— so that

63

fp *fp* *cresc.*

♩ = 108

66

now at last ————— the truth's a - glow —————

66

f

70

with dev-il-ish peace fore-stall-ing

p *fp* *cresc.*

74

day which dawns to-mor-row with dread-ful

fp

78

$\text{♩} = 92$

reds the heart to pre-di-cate

fp *fp*

Red.

*

82

with mists that

82

Leo.

84

loved the o - cean and the

84

* Leo.

86

fields

86

* *

88 (♩ = 92)

Thus moon - light _____

8va - - - , 8va - - - ,

f *p* *f* *p*

93

Thus moon - light _____ is the per - fect hu - man

93

p

98 *rit.*

touch _____

98

The Wind Shifts

Mezzo Soprano

This is how the wind shifts:
 Like the thoughts of an old human,
 Who still thinks eagerly
 And despairingly.
 The wind shifts like this:
 Like a human without illusions,
 Who still feels irrational things within her.
 The wind shifts like this:
 Like humans approaching proudly,
 Like humans approaching angrily.
 This is how the wind shifts:
 Like a human, heavy and heavy,
 Who does not care.

To the Roaring Wind

What syllable are you seeking,
 Vocalissimus,
 In the distances of sleep?
 Speak it.

A shift in the wind is both a commonplace natural occurrence and a metaphor for a change in the tenor of experience. This duality is at the core of Wallace Stevens's early lyric "The Wind Shifts" and also of the composition inspired by it. The music understands the shifting winds, in both senses, as elements in a larger life cycle. The work proceeds continuously but at the same time subdivides into definite sections that recur cyclically with different degrees of completeness and persistence. All but one of these sectional cycles (the one being the necessary exception and counterforce) are based on harmonic cycles that rotate by triad, one to a measure, along a fixed pattern without the rationale of traditional tonal syntax. The text setting, in keeping with the cyclical impulse, rotates (changing as it goes) from "The Wind Shifts" to a related short lyric by Stevens, "To the Roaring Wind."

Voice range: B $\flat$ 3-F#5 with optional G#3
 Tessitura: C4 - D5
 Duration 9:30

Composed 2011, 2017

The Wind Shifts

Lawrence Kramer

$\text{♩} = 69$

Voice

Piano

pp *p* *pp*

6

6

9

3

What syl - la - ble, what

mp

12 *mf* *mp*

syl - la - ble, what syl - la - ble

15 *p*

are you seek - ing, what syl - la - ble are you seek - ing,

18 *pp* *p*

Vo - cal - li - si - mus,

21

in the

21

pp *p*

24

dis - tan - ces, in the dis - tan - ces of

24

f

27

sleep? Speak it. Speak it.

27

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

32

Speak it.

p

mp

35

mf

p

37

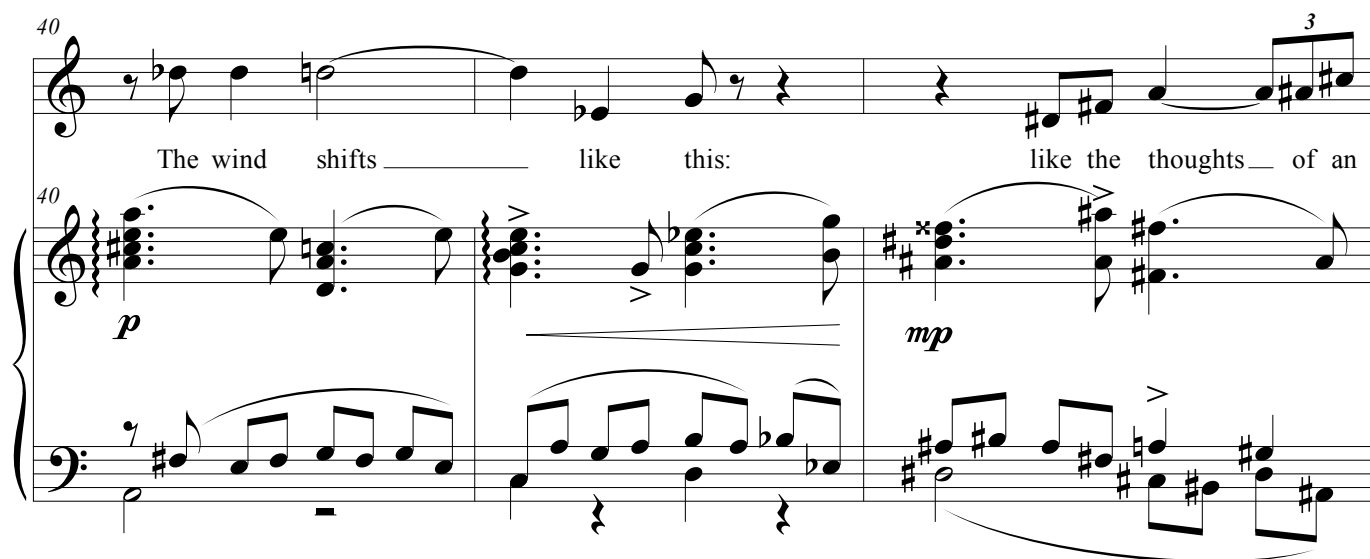
This is how the wind shifts.

pp

40

The wind shifts _____ like this: like the thoughts__ of an

p *mp*



43

old hu-man, who still thinks ea-ger-ly,—

mf



46

and de-spair-ing-ly. The wind shifts _____

f



49

— like this:

49

fp

52

rit.

52

fp

pp

55

a tempo

3

like a hu-man with-out il -

55

p

57 *rit.* ♩ = 52

lus - sions, who still feels ir - ra - tion-al

p

pp

59

things with - in her.

pp

60

p

61

f *p*

62

This is how the

pp

63

wind shifts.

p *mf*

65

65

pp *p*

66

rit. *a tempo*

The wind shifts The wind shifts _____ like

66

mf *p*

mf *p*

69

accel. ♩ = 69

this:

69

accel. ♩ = 69

this:

71

71

sf *pp*

73

like hu-mans ap-roach - ing an-gri-ly, like hu-mans ap-roach - ing proud - ly,

73

p *p*

75

this is how the wind shifts, _____

75

mp

78 *rit.*

the wind shifts like this: like a hu - man,

mf *p* *pp*

82 *a tempo*

hea - vy, and hea - vy, who does not care.

p *pp*

85

What syl - la - ble, what

mf *pp* *p*

88

syl - la - ble,

pp

89

what

p

90

syl - la - ble are you seek - ing,

f mp

12

91

Vo - ca - lis - si -

92 *rit.*

mus, in the dis - tan-ces of

94 ♩ = 52

sleep?

95 *rit.* *a tempo* *accel.*

Speak it.

95 *p*

98 ♩ = 69

98 *pp* *p*

101

This is how the wind shifts. _____ The

101 *mp*

104

wind shifts like this: _____

mf

107

like the thoughts _____ of an old _____ hu - man, _____ who still thinks

mf

110

ea-ger-ly, _____ and des - pair-ing - ly. _____

fp

112

This, this is how the wind _____

fp *pp*

115

_____ shifts. The

p *mp*

118

wind shifts like this: like this: _____

mf *p*

121

121

p *pp*

125

like a hu - man with - out il -

125

mp

127

lus - sions, who does not

127

mf *p*

129

care. _____ What syl - la - ble, _____

mf *pp* *p*

133

_____ what syl - la - ble, _____ what

mp

8vb - -

136

syl-la-ble are you seek-ing, _____ Vo-cal-li-si-mus, _____

f *mp*

139 *fp*

in the dis - tan - ces of sleep?

p *fp* *mp* *f*

142

Speak it.

mf *mp* *fp* *fp*

Sost. Ped.

145 *rit.* ♩ = 52

Speak it.

fp *p*

Sost. Ped.

148

Speak it, Speak

mp *mf*

8vb

151

it,

pp

To Waken an Old Lady

Medium 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: A $\flat$ 3 - E5

Tessitura: E $\flat$ 4 - C5

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 snow glaze,

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The voice part is in a single melodic line with lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of two staves, treble and bass. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 9-11) features a voice line with the lyrics 'birds skim - ing'. The piano accompaniment has a treble staff with eighth-note chords and a bass staff with a simple eighth-note bass line. The second system (measures 12-14) has the voice line singing 'bare trees a -'. The piano accompaniment continues with similar textures. The third system (measures 15-17) has the voice line singing 'bove - a snow glaze, a - bove a snow glaze,'. The piano accompaniment includes some sixteenth-note passages in the treble staff. Dynamics include 'pp' (pianissimo) in measure 11. Measure numbers 9, 10, 11, 12, and 15 are indicated at the start of their respective lines. Some measure numbers (8, 10, 11, 12, 15) are also present below the piano staves.

19

a — snow — glaze. —

24 $\text{♩} = 66$

Gain — ing and

27 $\text{♩} = 84$

fail - ing, — they are buf - fet - ted by a

mf pp 7

8va — —

29 *sepmre pp*

dark wind,

mf pp

8 7

31 *mf sub.*

mf sub. p

8 7

33 *pp* *rit.* *a tempo*

a dark, wind.

mf p pp

8

38 *p*

But — what? What? —

38 *pp*

43 *pp* *p* $\text{♩} = 84$

on harsh weed stalks — the flock has rest - ed, —

43 *p*

47

the flock has rest - ed, —

47 *mf*

51

the flock has rest - ed,

51

p

f

8va-----

55

the snow is cov - ered with brok - en seed husks

55

mp

f

58

and the

58

p

f

rit.

$\text{♩} = 84$

61 *rit.* ♩. = 66

wind, _____ and the wind _____

64 ♩ = 84

67 the wind, the wind is temp - ered

70

temp - ered

mf *p* *p*

73

by a

pp

75

shrill pip - ing of plen - ty.

p

Adagio

77

77 8

pp

mf

Two in One

Medium Voice

Both music and the mind are uniquely able to sustain different streams of awareness at the same time. Perhaps that is one reason why music so often acts as an image of inner experience. "Two in One" is a small sketch of this ability. It is a musical setting of two early poems by Hart Crane as if at the same time, in vocal counterpoint. The solo voice divides into two registers with only one note in common, assigns one poem to each register, which is also a distinct vocal persona, and moves between these text-register layers against a continuously developing piano part. The texts are different but not opposite in tone and theme; the movement between them sometimes seems to make a certain immediate sense and sometimes not.

Echoes

Slivers of rain upon the pane,
Jade-green with sunlight, melt and flow
Upward again:—they leave no stain
Of all the storm an hour ago.

Over the hill a last cloud dips
And disappears, and I should go
As silently but that your lips
Are warmed with a redder glow.

Fresh and fragile, your arms now
Are circles of cool roses,—so...
In opal pools beneath your brow
I dream we quarreled long, long ago.

A3 to A4

A Persuasion.

If she waits late at night
Hearing the wind,
It is to gather kindnesses
No world can offer.

She has drawn her hands away.
The wind plays andantes
Of lost hopes and regrets,—
And yet is kind.

Below the wind,
Waiting for morning
The hills lie curved and bent
As now her heart and mind.

A4 to G-flat 5

Written voice range: A3 - G♭5

Tessitura: D4 - D5

Duration: 7 minutes

Composed 2016

Echoes / Persuasion

Lawrence Kramer

 $\text{♩} = 76$

mf p

8va

6

Sli - vers of rain u-pon the pane,

6

11

Jade green with If she waits late at

11

14

night _____ hear - ing the wind, _____

cresc. *mf* *f*

18

_____ sun - light, melt and flow _____ up - ward - a - gain: _____

p

23

It is to ga - ther kind - ness - es _____ no

mf *p*

27

world can of - fer.

27

cresc.

27

31

They leave no stain of all the storms an hour a - go,

31

mf *f* *p*

31

35

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

an hour a - go. She has

35

pp *pp*

35

40

drawn her hands a - way. She has

40

mf *cresc.* *p* 5

44

drawn her hands a - way.

44

mf *cresc.* *f* *p*

decr.

49

3

O - ver the hill a last cloud dips and dis - ap - pears.

49

52

The wind plays _____ an - dan - tes tes,

mf *p*

Detailed description: 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 B4, and a quarter note C5 in measure 53. Measures 54 and 55 continue the melody with a half note D5, a quarter note E5, and a half note F#5. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand, with chords in the left hand. Dynamics *mf* and *p* are indicated.

56

and I should go, _____ of lost hopes and re - grets, _____

Detailed description: This system contains measures 56 through 59. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a quarter note C5 in measure 56. Measures 57 and 58 continue the melody with a half note D5, a quarter note E5, and a half note F#5. Measure 59 ends with a whole note G5. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern. Dynamics *mf* and *p* are indicated.

60

_____ and I should go, _____ and yet is kind, _____

rit.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 60 through 63. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a quarter note C5 in measure 60. Measures 61 and 62 continue the melody with a half note D5, a quarter note E5, and a half note F#5. Measure 63 ends with a whole note G5. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern. The tempo marking *rit.* is present.

a tempo

64

Musical score for measures 64-67. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a whole rest in measure 64, followed by the lyrics "I should go as si-lent-ly, _____ but that your". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Dynamics include *mf* (measures 64-65), *mp* (measures 66-67), and *mf* (measure 68).

68

Musical score for measures 68-71. The vocal line (treble clef) continues with the lyrics "lips, _____ be-low the wind, _____ be-low the wind, _____". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) continues with the same rhythmic pattern. Dynamics include *mp* (measures 68-69), *mf* (measures 70-71), and *f* (measure 72).

72

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

Musical score for measures 72-75. The vocal line (treble clef) has whole rests in measures 72-75. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Dynamics include *pp* (measures 72-73) and *8va* (measures 74-75).

78 *a tempo*

but that your lips are warmed with a red der

p

81 *rit.**a tempo*

glow. Be - low,

p *cresc.*

8va

87

be - low the wind,

f *p*

91

Fresh, fresh and fra - gile,

95

rit.

your arms now Wait -

mf *p* *f* *p*

98

a tempo

ing, wait-ing for morn - ing,

101

are cir - cles of cool ros - es, so: _____

p

105

the hills are curved and bent, _____

sf *pp*

111

in o - pal pools be - neath your brow, _____

p *mf*

115 *rit.* *a tempo*

as now her heart and mind, _____

mp *mf* *mp*

119

mf *f*

122 *rit.*

I dream we quar - relled _____

8va -----

p *pp*

Adagio

126

long, long a - go.

(8^{va})

126

Two Willows

Voice

An old willow with hollow branches
slowly swayed his few high bright tendrils
and sang:

It is a willow when summer is over,
a willow by the river
from which no leaf has fallen nor
bitten by the sun
turned orange or crimson.
The leaves cling and grow paler,
swing and grow paler
over the swirling waters of the river
as if loath to let go,
they are so cool, so drunk with
the swirl of the wind and of the river--
oblivious to winter,
the last to let go and fall
into the water and on the ground.

An old willow with hollow branches
slowly swayed and sang:
Love is a young green willow
shimmering at the bare wood's edge.

--William Carlos Williams

Stanza 1, "Epitaph," lines 1-3

Stanza 2: "Willow Poem"

Stanza 3: "Epitaph": condensed reprise and lines 4-5.

Written voice range: D4-E5, with one optional F#5

Tessitura: F4 - D5

Duration: 4 minutes

Composed 2017

Two Willows

Lawrence Kramer

♩. = 76

The first system of the musical score for 'Two Willows' is in 9/8 time. It features a treble staff with a whole rest and a bass staff with a whole rest. The piano accompaniment begins in the right hand with a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes, marked 'always legato' and 'p' (piano). The left hand has a whole rest. The system consists of three measures.

slurs over wide skips = pedal through

The second system of the musical score continues the piano accompaniment. The right hand has a melody with slurs over wide skips, and the left hand has a whole rest. The system consists of three measures. The lyrics 'An old wil - low' are written below the first two measures.

The third system of the musical score continues the piano accompaniment. The right hand has a melody with slurs over wide skips, and the left hand has a whole rest. The system consists of three measures. The lyrics 'with hol - low branch - es slow - ly swayed his' are written below the first two measures.

few high bright ten - drills _____ and

10

13 sang, _____ and sang, _____

13 *cresc.* *mf* *detached, non-staccato*

16 _____ and sang: _____

16 *p* *always legato*

20

It is a wil - low when

23 *rit.* ♩ = 88

sum - mer is o - ver, a wil - low by the

rit. detached

pp

no release until sign

27

ri - ver from which no leaf has fal - len nor bit - ten by the sun

b.c.

* *no. as before*

32

— turned or - ange — or crim - son. — The leaves cling and grow pa - ler,

Red. as before

This system contains measures 32 through 36. The vocal line features a melodic phrase starting on a half note, followed by eighth and quarter notes, and ending with a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and a melody of half and quarter notes in the right hand. A fermata is placed over the final piano note in measure 36.

37

swing — and grow pa - ler — o - ver the swirl - ing wat - ers of the ri - ver

This system contains measures 37 through 41. The vocal line continues the melody with eighth and quarter notes, including a triplet of eighth notes in measure 40. The piano accompaniment features a more active right-hand melody with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand maintains a steady eighth-note bass line. A fermata is placed over the final piano note in measure 41.

42

as if loath to let go. —

rit. $\text{♩} = 76$

always legato
p

This system contains measures 42 through 46. The vocal line has a half rest in measure 42, followed by a melodic phrase in measures 43-44, and ends with a half note in measure 45. The piano accompaniment has a half rest in measure 42, followed by a half note in measure 43, and then a more active melody in measures 44-45. A fermata is placed over the final piano note in measure 46. The tempo marking 'rit.' and '♩ = 76' appear above the vocal staff in measure 43. The instruction 'always legato' and the dynamic 'p' are placed above the piano staff in measure 44.

46

They are so cool,

49

so cool, so

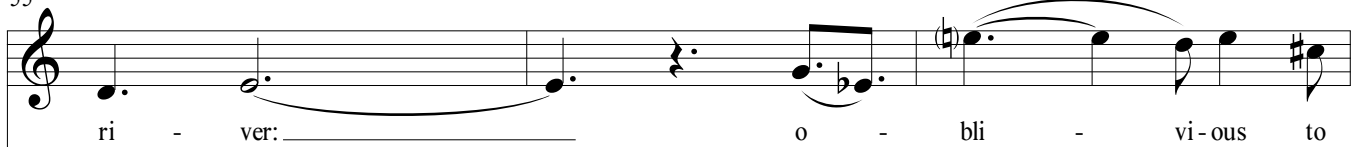
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52

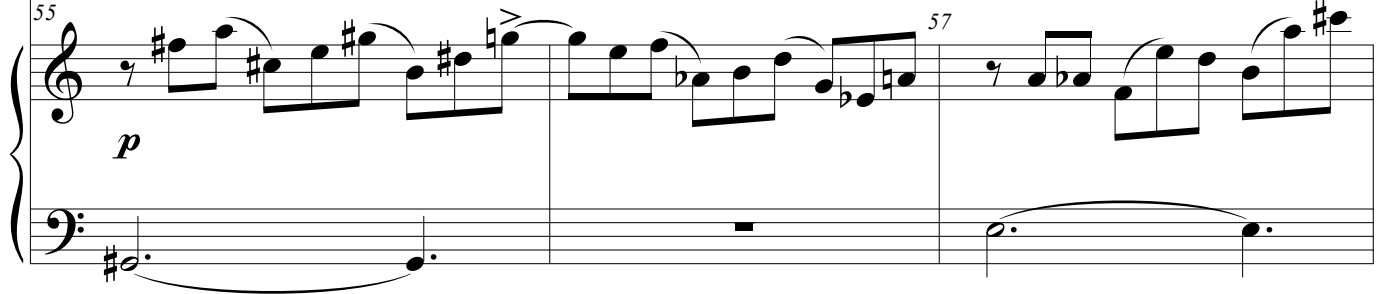
drunk with the swirl of the wind and of the

mf

55

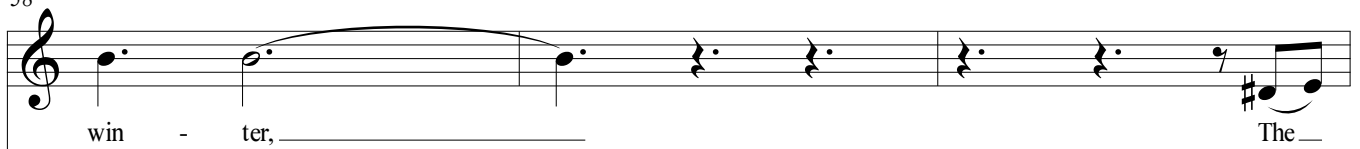


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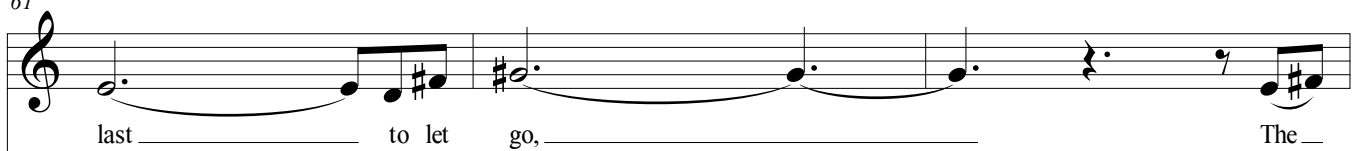
58

*detached**always legato*

58



61

*detached, non-staccato*

61



64

last to let go and fall in - to - the

always legato

67

wat - er and on the ground.

70

rit. $\text{♩} = 88$

An old wil - low with

rit. detached

pp

no release until sign

75

hol - low branch-es _____ slow - ly swayed and sang: _____

* *Red.*

81

Love is a young green wil - low, _____ Love _____ is a young green

* *Red.*

86

wil - low _____ shim-mer-ing _____ at the bare wood's edge. _____

3 *rit.*

* *Red.*

Winter Trees

Mezzo Soprano

All the complicated details
of the attiring and
the disattiring are completed!

Leaves are greygreen,
the glass broken, bright green.

A liquid moon
moves gently among
the long branches.

Leaves are greygreen,
the glass broken, bright green.

Thus having prepared their buds
against a sure winter
the wise trees
stand sleeping in the cold.

--William Carlos Williams

The text interleaves the couplet "Lines" between
segments of "Winter Trees."

Voice range: B3 - D5

Tessitura: D4 - B5

Duration 3:30

Composed 2019

Winter Trees

Lawrence Kramer

 $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as $\text{♩} = 80$. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

Measures 1-2: The piano accompaniment features a rapid sixteenth-note arpeggiated figure in the right hand, starting on G4 and ascending to D5, with a descending line in the left hand. The dynamic is *mf*. The vocal line is silent. Measure 2 includes a *Red.* (Reduction) and a repeat sign.

Measures 3-5: The piano accompaniment continues with the arpeggiated figure. The dynamic is *fp*. Measure 3 includes a *Red.* and a repeat sign. Measure 4 includes a *sf* (sforzando) and a *cresc.* (crescendo) marking. Measure 5 includes a *f* (forte) marking and a repeat sign.

Measures 6-9: The vocal line enters with the lyrics: "All the com - pli - cat - ed de - tails of the at -". The piano accompaniment continues with the arpeggiated figure. The dynamic is *p* (piano). Measure 6 includes a *Red.* and a repeat sign. Measure 9 includes a *Red.* and a repeat sign.

8

tir - ing and the dis - at - tir - ing _____ are com - plet - ed. _____

fp *sf* *cresc.* *f*

11

Leaves are grey _____ green, _____ the

pp *p*

16

glass, the glass bro - ken, _____ bright _____ green, _____ bright _____

cresc. *f* *mp*

21

green. — A li — quid

pp *p*

25

moon, — a — li — quid

28

moon — moves gent - ly, — moves

sf *sf* *p*

Red. * Red. * Red. *

32

gent - ly _____ a - mong the long branch - es. _____

Measures 32-35 of the piano accompaniment. The right hand features chords and moving lines, while the left hand plays a continuous eighth-note triplet pattern. Dynamics include *sf* and *f*.

36

Leaves are grey _____ green, _____ the

Measures 36-40 of the piano accompaniment. The right hand has chords, and the left hand continues the eighth-note triplet pattern. Dynamics include *pp* and *p*.

41

glass, the glass brok - en, _____ bright _____ green, _____ bright

Measures 41-45 of the piano accompaniment. The right hand has chords, and the left hand continues the eighth-note triplet pattern. Dynamics include *cresc.*, *f*, and *mp*.

46

green. _____ Thus, _____ hav - ing pre -

pp *p*

Red. *

49

pared their buds _____ a- gainst a sure _____ win - ter, _____

fp *sf* *f*

Red. *

53

_____ the wise

p *fp*

Red. * Red. *

56

trees _____ stand sleep - ing _____ in the cold. _____

56

sf *cresc.* 3 *f* *p*

60 *rit.*

sleep - ing _____ in the cold. _____

60

f *p* *pp*