

From the Almanac of Last Things

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♩ = 63

mp

From the al - ma - nac of

p flowing, like sand in an hourglass

2

last things, I choose the spi - der li - ly

4

for the grace of its brief blos - som, yet I

poco più f

più p

6

choose the Song of Songs for the flesh of po-me-gran-ates

poco

mf

poco

8

sur - viv-ing all frost of dog - ma. I

mp

poco f

mp

p

10

choose Jan - u - a - ry with its chill les-sons of

mp

poco

mp

pa - tience and des-pair, Au - gust too sun-struck for

poco

les - sons. I choose a thim-ble-full of red wine

mp

to make my heart race, a - no-ther to help me sleep.

poco

p

18 *mp* *poco*

From the al-man-ac of last things I

poco f *mp*

20 *mp*

choose you, and I choose ev'ning be - cause the light

p

22

cling-ing to the win-dow re - flects the most just as it is

24 *poco rit.* *ben p*

read - y *poco rit.* to go out.

ben p e dolce