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The Golden Harp

*Readings and Musical Settings of the Poetry of Rabindranath Tagore
for SATB Chorus and Piano, or String Orchestra, or String Quartet*

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The Golden Harp

Invocation

reading: “*Still thou pourest, and still there is room*”
song: “*I am here to sing thee songs*”

Beloved

reading: “*My heart wanders wailing with the restless wind*”
song: “*If thou speakest not*”

Prayer

reading: “*Let my country awake*”
song: “*This is my prayer*”

Light, My Light

reading: “*Thy joy in me is so full*”
song: “*Light, my light*”
(Solo song interspersed: “*O beloved of my heart*”)

Thou Art

song: “*Thou art the sky*”

My Tears of Sorrow

song: “*Mother, I shall weave a chain of pearls...*”
reading: “*On the day when death will knock on thy door*”
song: “*Death, my death, come and whisper to me*”

Salutation

poem: “*I boasted among men that I had known you*”
song: “*In one salutation to thee, my God*”

Notes

The Golden Harp is the result of a commission from the Arkansas Chamber Singers for a work for chorus and string quartet. The Chamber Singers wished to collaborate with the Quapaw Quartet (string quartet from the Arkansas Symphony) in presenting music written especially for the two ensembles.

The poetry of Rabindranath Tagore was suggested to the composer by a member of the Arkansas Chamber Singers. And indeed this poetry is well-suited to settings for chorus and strings. The poems are gentle and lyrical. The language is readily comprehensible and very singable. There are frequent images of floating and soaring—images congenial to the string idiom, as the bows float across the strings, or musical lines soar into the high ranges of the instruments.

The opening song, *I Am Here to Sing Thee Songs*, contains the phrase “When in the morning air the golden harp is tuned.” This beautiful image of a stringed instrument captured the composer's imagination, and led to the title of the work.

All of the poetry selected for **The Golden Harp** is found in Tagore's collection, *Gitanjali*, published in 1913. The poems span the course of the poet's life. And the form of **The Golden Harp** mirrors this pattern. The work is divided into seven sections: triumphant at the beginning and close (#1 *Invocation* and #7 *Salutation*); more introspective in the interior sections (#2 *Beloved*, #3 *Prayer*, #5 *Thou Art* and #6 *My Tears of Sorrow*); and rising to a celebratory middle section (#4 *Light, My Light*).

The message of **The Golden Harp** is spiritual, and yet very close to the center of human emotions. Tagore's poetry extols the beauty of the divine and the beauty of the soul within—the beloved as creator, the beloved as lover. “Thou art the sky and thou art the nest as well.”

Rabindranath Tagore

Born in 1861 to an influential Bengali family, Rabindranath Tagore achieved fame as a novelist, playwright, poet, painter, lecturer, politician and composer. In 1913 he was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature, the first non-European to achieve such an honor. He died in 1941.

Gwyneth Walker

Widely performed throughout the country, the music of American composer **Gwyneth Walker** is beloved by performers and audiences alike for its energy, beauty, reverence, drama, and humor. Dr. Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947) is a graduate of Brown University and the Hartt School of Music. She holds B.A., M.M. and D.M.A. degrees in Music Composition. A former faculty member of the Oberlin College Conservatory, she resigned from academic employment in 1982 in order to pursue a career as a full-time composer. For nearly 30 years, she lived on a dairy farm in Braintree, Vermont. She now divides her time between her childhood hometown of New Canaan, Connecticut and the musical communities of Sarasota, Florida and Randolph, Vermont.

*Further information concerning Gwyneth Walker and her works is available at
www.gwynethwalker.com*

To be read before Song #1

Thou hast made me endless, such is thy pleasure. This frail vessel thou emptiest again and again, and fillest it ever with fresh life.

This little flute of a reed thou hast carried over hills and dales, and hast breathed through it melodies eternally new.

At the immortal touch of thy hands my little heart loses its limits in joy and gives birth to utterance ineffable.

Thy infinite gifts come to me only on these very small hands of mine. Ages pass, and still thou pourest, and still there is room to fill.

The Golden Harp

for SATB Chorus and String Quartet

Rabindranath Tagore

Gwyneth Walker

I. I Am Here to Sing Thee Songs

$\text{♩} = 112$ With a gentle lilt

Violins
Viola
Violoncello

Violin part: Rests throughout, ending with **mf**.
Viola part: Rests until measure 4, then eighth-note chords with dynamics **mf** and **p**.
Violoncello part: Eighth-note chords starting with **mf**, followed by eighth-note patterns with dynamic **p**.

5

S.
A.
T.
B.

A

f

I am here to sing thee

Vln.
Vla.
Vlc.

f

A

mf

(**p**)

mf

mf

mf

Measures 5-8: SATB Chorus singing "I am here to sing thee" in unison at **f**.
Measures 9-12: Vln., Vla., and Vlc. playing eighth-note patterns at **mf**.
Measure 13: Vla. plays eighth-note chords with dynamic (**p**).
Measure 14: Vla. plays eighth-note chords with dynamic **mf**.
Measure 15: Vlc. plays eighth-note chords with dynamic **mf**.

10

S. songs. I am here to sing thee songs. In this

A. songs. I am here to sing thee songs. In this

T. songs. I am here to sing thee songs. In this

B. songs. I am here to sing thee songs. In this

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc.

B a tempo ♩ = 112

19 **f** songs.

molto rit. - - - - Slower ♩ = 80

When the hour strikes for thy

p When the hour strikes for thy

S. A. T. B. songs.

B a tempo ♩ = 112

Vln. **f**

molto rit. - - - - Slower ♩ = 80

Vla. **f**

Vlc. **f**

pizz. pizz.

24 **more rit. - - - - Slowly, freely**

S. si - lent wor - ship

A. si - lent wor - ship

T. at the dark tem - ple of mid - night,

B. at the dark tem - ple of mid - night,

Com - - - mand me, com - - -
Com - - - mand me, com - - -
com - - -
com - - -

more rit. - - - - Slowly, freely

Vln. sul pont. (ord.)

Vla. sul pont. (ord.)

Vlc. **mf**

mf

27

S. mand me, my mas - ter, to stand be - - - fore thee to sing. I am here to sing thee

A. mand me, my mas - ter, to stand be - - - fore thee to sing. I am here, I am here to sing thee

T. mand me, my mas - ter, to stand be - - - fore thee to sing. I am here, I am here to sing thee

B. mand me, my mas - ter, to stand be - - - fore thee to sing. I am here to sing thee

rit. - - - -

Vln. f p

Vla. arco f p

Vlc. arco f p

rit. - - - -

C a tempo $\text{♩} = 112$

30

S. songs. songs. p

A. songs. songs. p

T. songs. songs. p

B. songs. songs. p

C a tempo $\text{♩} = 112$

Vln. f

Vla. f

Vlc. f

9

35 **D** (♩ = 112) *mp with excitement*

S. When in the morn - ing air the gol - den harp is
A. When in the morn - ing air the gol - den harp is
T. When (nnn)
B. When (nnn)

Vln. **D** (♩ = 112) *pizz.*
Vla. *pizz.*
Vlc. *pizz.*

39 *p* ————— *mf*
S. tuned, the gol - den harp is tuned, the gol - den harp is
A. tuned, the gol - den harp is tuned, the gol - den harp is
T. tuned, The gol - den harp, the gol - den harp is
B. (b) tuned, The gol - den harp, the gol - den harp is
Vln. *mf* pizz.
Vla. *mf*
Vlc. *mf*

arco 3 *p* 3 *mf* pizz.
arco 3 *p* 3 *mf*
arco 3 *p* 3 *mf* pizz.
arco 3 *p* 3 *mf* *mf* arco
arco 3 *p* 3 *mf* pizz. *mf* arco
arco 3 *p* 3 *mf* *mf* (mf)

44

rit. - - - - **Slower**

S. tuned, hon - or me, com - mand - ing my pres - ence **p**

A. tuned, hon - or me, com - mand - ing my pres - ence I am

T. tuned, hon - or me, com - mand - ing my pres - ence

B. tuned, hon - or me, com - mand - ing my pres - ence

rit. - - - - **Slower**

Vln. 3 3 3 3

Vla. 3 3 3 3

Vlc. 3 3

47

E a tempo ♩ = 112

S. *p* I am here to sing thee songs,
A. here, I am here to sing thee songs,
T. *p* I am here, I am here to sing thee songs,
B. *p* I am here to sing thee songs,

E a tempo ♩ = 112

Vln. *p*
Vla. *p*
Vlc. *p*

50

S. songs, ————— songs, ————— When the gol - - - den

A. songs, ————— songs, ————— When the gol - - - den

T. songs, ————— songs, ————— When the gol - - - den

B. songs, ————— songs, ————— When the gol - - - den

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc.

rit. — - - - -

— - - - - a tempo

55 S. harp // p is tuned. —————

A. harp //

T. harp //

B. harp //

tuned, —————

Vln. 3 3 //

Vla. 3 3 //

Vlc. (arco) 3 3 p mf

a tempo

p

58

S. *p*

A. *p* tuned.

T. *p* tuned.

B. *p* tuned.

Vln. *f* *mf* *f*

Vla. *p* *mf* *p*

Vlc. *p* *mf* *p*

To be read before Song #2

Clouds heap upon clouds and it darkens. Ah, love, why dost thou let me wait outside at the door all alone?

In the busy moments of the noontide work I am with the crowd, but on this dark day it is only for thee that I hope.

If thou showest me not thy face, if thou leavest me wholly aside, I know not how I am to pass these long, rainy hours.

I keep gazing on the far away gloom of the sky, and my heart wanders wailing with the restless wind.

II. If Thou Speakest Not

Slowly, quasi recitative

Soprano

Alto

If thou speak-est not I will fill my heart with thy si - - - lence.

Tenor

If thou speak-est not I will fill my heart with thy si - - - lence.

Bass

If thou speak-est not I will fill my heart with thy si - - - lence.

Violins

Viola

con sord.

Violoncello

p

5 A

S. If thou speak-est not I will fill my heart with thy si - lence and en - - - dure it.

A. If thou speak-est not I will fill my heart with thy si - lence and en - - - dure it.

T. If thou speak-est not I will fill my heart with thy si - lence and en - - - dure it.

B. If thou speak-est not I will fill my heart with thy si - lence and en - - - dure it.

Vln. con sord.

Vla. con sord.

Vlc. con sord.

p

B

9

S. *p* I will keep still and wait like the night with star - ry vig - il and its head bent low with pa - tience

A. *p* I will keep still and wait like the night with star - ry vig - il and its head bent low with pa - tience

T. *p* I will keep still and wait like the night with star - ry vig - il and its head bent low with pa - tience

B. *p* I will keep still and wait like the night with star - ry vig - il and its head bent low with pa - tience

B

Vln. *p*

Vla. *p*

Vlc. *p*

C with gentle motion $\text{♩} = 72$

13 *p*

S. The morn-ing will sure - ly come, the dark-ness will van - ish, and thy voice pour down in

A. The morn-ing will sure - ly come, the dark-ness will van - ish, and thy voice pour down in

T. The morn-ing will sure - ly come, the dark-ness will van - ish, and thy voice pour down in

B. the dark-ness will van - ish, and thy voice pour down in

C with gentle motion $\text{♩} = 72$

gradual accel. to **D**

Vln. *p*

Vla. *p*

Vlc. *p*

16

S. gol - - - den streams break - - - ing through the sky.

A. gol - - - den streams break - - - ing through the sky.

T. gol - - - den streams break - - - ing through the sky.

B. gol - - - den streams break - - - ing through the sky.

Vln. senza sord.

Vla. senza sord.

Vlc. senza sord.

D Faster, with energy $\text{♩} = 108$

19 *f cantabile*

S. Then thy words will take wing in songs from ev - ery one of my birds' nests, and thy

A. Then thy words will take wing in songs from ev - ery one of my birds' nests, and thy

T. Then thy words will take wing in songs from ev - ery one of my birds' nests, and thy

B. Then thy words will take wing in songs from ev - ery one of my birds' nests, and thy

D Faster, with energy $\text{♩} = 108$

Vln. *f*

Vla. *f*

Vlc. *f*

23 E

poco rit. —————— a tempo ($\text{♩} = 96$)

S. mel - o - dies will break forth in flow - ers in all my for - est groves.

A. mel - o - dies will break forth in flow - ers in all my for - est groves.

T. mel - o - dies will break forth in flow - ers in all my for - est groves.

B. mel - o - dies will break forth in flow - ers in all my for - est groves.

Vln. Vla. Vlc.

E

poco rit. —————— a tempo ($\text{♩} = 96$)

sfp f

sfp f

sfp f

f

26

S. ——————

A. —————— f Then the words will take

T. The thy words will take wing,——

B. The thy words will take wing,——

Vln. Vla. Vlc.

mf

mf

mf

29 *f* rit. — — — — — *p* Slower F

S. Then thy words will take wing in songs, and thy mel-o-dies will break forth in flow-ers in all my for-est

A. wing, — wing in songs, and thy mel-o-dies will break forth in flow-ers in all my for-est

T. Then thy words will take wing in songs, and thy mel-o-dies will break forth in flow-ers in all my for-est

B. Then thy words will take wing in songs, and thy mel-o-dies will break forth in flow-ers in all my for-est

Vln. rit. — — — — — *p* Slower F *v*

Vla. *f* *sfp*

Vlc. *f* *sfp*

a tempo (♩ = 108)

33 *f* groves. (f) flowing Thy words will take wing in, wing in songs, thy

A. *f* groves. (f) flowing Thy words will take wing in, wing in songs, thy

T. *f* groves. (f) flowing Thy words will take wing in, wing in songs, thy

B. *f* groves. (f) flowing Thy words will take wing in, wing in songs, thy

a tempo (♩ = 108)

Vln. *p* *f*

Vla. *p* *f*

Vlc. *p* *f*

37

rit. — — — Slower G

S. words will take wing in, wing in songs will break forth in flow - ers in all my for - est

A. words will take wing in, wing in songs will break forth in flow - ers in all my for - est

T. words will take wing in, wing in songs, and thy mel - o - dies will break forth in flow - ers in all my for - est

B. words will take wing in, wing in songs, and thy mel - o - dies will break forth in flow - ers in all my for - est

rit. — — — Slower G

Vln. *poco rit.* — — —

Vla. *sfp*

Vlc. *sfp*

a tempo ♩ = 108

43

S. groves. ff

A. groves. ff

T. groves. ff

B. groves. ff

accel. — — — — — — — —

Vln. p ff

Vla. p ff

Vlc. p ff

a tempo ♩ = 108

accel. — — — — — — — —

To be read before Song #3

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;

Where knowledge is free;

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments
by narrow domestic walls;

Where words come out from the depth of truth;

Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;

Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into
the dreary desert sand of dead habit;

Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening
thought and action –

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

III. This is My Prayer

Unrushed $\text{♩} = 96$

Soprano *p gently*
 Alto *p gently*
 Tenor *p gently*
 Bass *p gently*

This is my prayer to thee, my Lord. This is my prayer to thee, my Lord.

Unrushed $\text{♩} = 96$

Violins *con sord.*
 Viola *con sord.*
 Violoncello *con sord.*

pp

This is my prayer to thee, my Lord. This is my prayer to thee, my Lord.

This is my prayer to thee, my Lord. This is my prayer to thee, my Lord.

This is my prayer to thee, my Lord. This is my prayer to thee, my Lord.

Quartet tacet al fine

A **Slightly faster** $\text{♩} = 108$

S. *mp*
 A. *mp*
 T. *p*
 B. *p*

6

Give me the strength light - ly to bear my joys and sor - rows. Ah

Give me the strength light - ly to bear my joys and sor - rows. Ah

Ah

Give me the strength to

Give me the strength to

accel. - - - **B** ♩ = 120

10

S. Ah, Give me the strength

A. Ah, Give me the strength

T. make my love fruit - ful in ser - - vice. Ah, Ah,

B. make my love fruit - ful in ser - - vice. Ah, Ah,

rit. - - - - - **f**

13

S. nev - er to dis - own the poor or bend my knees be - fore in - - - so - - lent might.

A. nev - er to dis - own the poor or bend my knees be - fore in - - - so - - lent might.

T. nev - er to dis - own the poor or bend my knees be - fore in - - - so - - lent might.

B. nev - er to dis - own the poor or bend my knees be - fore in - - - so - - lent might.

C ♩ = 108

16

S. to raise my mind high a - bove dai - ly tri - - - fles. And

A. to raise my mind high a - bove dai - ly tri - - - fles. And

T. Give me the strength to raise my mind high a - bove dai - ly tri - - - fles.

B. Give me the strength to raise my mind high a - bove dai - ly tri - - - fles.

20 *rit.* - - - - -

S. give me the strength, give me the strength to sur - ren - der my strength to thy will with

A. give me the strength, give me the strength to sur - ren - der my strength to thy will with

T. (mf) Give, ah, give me the strength to sur - ren - der my strength to thy will with

B. (mf) Give, ah, give me the strength to sur - ren - der my strength to thy will with

24 **D** ♩ = 96 *gradual rit. to end*

S. *love,* with *love,* with

A. *This is my prayer to thee, my Lord.* *This is my prayer to thee, my Lord.*

T. *This is my prayer to thee, my Lord.* *This is my prayer to thee, my Lord.*

B. *This is my prayer to thee, my Lord.* *This is my prayer to thee, my Lord.*

29

S. love.

A. to sur - ren - der my strength to thy will with love. , , , *p*

T. to sur - ren - der my strength to thy will with love. , , , *p*

B. to sur - ren - der my strength to thy will with love. , , , *p*

1'45"

To be read before Song #4

Thus it is that thy joy in me is so full. Thus it is that thou hast come down to me. O thou lord of all heavens, where would be thy love if I were not?

Thou hast taken me as thy partner of all this wealth. In my heart is the endless play of thy delight. In my life thy will is ever taking shape.

And for this, thou who art the King of kings hast decked thyself in beauty to captivate my heart. And for this thy love loses itself in the love of thy lover, and there art thou seen in the perfect union of two.

IV. Light, My Light

With energy ♩ = 144

Soprano Alto Tenor Bass

With energy ♩ = 144

Violins Viola Violoncello

(p) sim. sim.

(p)

A

6

S. A. T. B.

Light, my light, the
Light, my light, the

(p) mp

(p) mp

(p) mp

(p) mp

(p) pizz.

(p) pizz.

(p) (p)

(p)

A

10

S. world fill-ing light, the eye kiss-ing light,

A. world fill-ing light,

T.

B.

Vln. arco (p)

Vln. arco (p)

Vla. >

Vlc. >

14

B

S. -

A. sweet-en-ing light

T. s Light, my light, my light, my light,

B. my light, my light, my light, my light,

B

Vln. >

Vln. >

Vla. >

Vlc. >

22

poco rit. — — — — **C** ♩ = 126 unrushed

S. *light.*

A. *light.*

T. *light.*

B. *light.*

mp lightly

Ah, the light dan - ces, my dar - - ling, —

mp lightly

Ah, the light dan - ces, my dar - - ling, —

poco rit. — — — — **C** ♩ = 126 unrushed

Vln. *p*

Vla. *p*

Vlc. *p*

p

p

mp

mp lightly

26

S. at the cen - ter of my life.

A. at the cen - ter of my life.

T. The light strikes the chords of my

B. The light strikes the chords of my

Vln. sul pont. *pp* — *p*

Vla. sul pont. *pp* — *p*

Vlc. *pp* — *p*

30

S. the wind runs wild,

A. the sky o - - - - pens, the wind runs wild,

T. love; the sky o - - - - pens, the wind runs wild,

B. love; the sky o - - - - pens, the wind runs wild,

Vln. *pp* — *p* ord. *p*

Vla. *pp* — *p* *mp* — *mf*

Vlc. *pp* — *p* *mf*

34 D

S. (mf) —————— *poco accel.* —————— **f**
 laugh - ter pass - es o - ver the earth
 A. (mf) —————— **f**
 laugh - ter pass - es o - ver the earth
 T. (mf) —————— **f**
 laugh - ter pass - es o - ver the earth
 B. (mf) —————— **f**
 laugh - ter pass - es o - ver the earth

Vln. (mf) ——————
 Vla. (mf) ——————
 Vlc. (mf) ——————

D (mf) —————— *poco accel.* ——————
 Vln. (p) ——————
 Vla. (p) ——————
 Vlc. (p) ——————

38 E a tempo $\text{♩} = 144$

S. ——————
 A. —————— **p** ——————
 T. —————— **p** —————— *f* Light,
 B. —————— **p** —————— *f* Light, my light, my
 Light, my light, my light, my light, my

Vln. **f** —————— **p** —————— **f** —————— **p** ——————
 Vla. **f** —————— **p** —————— **f** **mf** —————— **p** ——————
 Vlc. **f** —————— **p** —————— **f** **mf** —————— **p** ——————

E a tempo $\text{♩} = 144$

54 *a tempo* ♩ = 126

S. - - - - -

A. - - - - -

T. *waves* of light. ————— The light is shat - tered in - to *p*

B. *waves* of light. ————— The light is shat - tered in - to *p*

G gradual ritard. through measure 64

Vln. (sul pont.) 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ord. *sfp* ord.

Vla. sul pont. 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 *sfp* ord. ≥

Vlc. sul pont. 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 *sfp* ord. ≥

G gradual ritard. through measure 64

57

S. gold, the light is shattered in - to gold on ev - ery cloud,

A. gold, the light is shattered in - to gold on ev - ery cloud,

T. gold, the light is shattered in - to gold on ev - ery cloud,

B. gold, the light is shattered in - to gold on ev - ery cloud,

Vln. p f sf

Vla. p f sf

Vlc. p f sf

60

S. the light is shattered in - to gold on ev - ery cloud, my dar - ling, and it scat - ters gems in pro -

A. the light is shattered in - to gold on ev - ery cloud, my dar - ling, and it scat - ters gems in pro -

T. the light is shattered in - to gold on ev - ery cloud, my dar - ling, and it scat - ters gems in pro -

B. gold on ev - ery cloud, my dar - ling, and it scat - ters gems in pro -

Vln. sf (p) p mf

Vla. sf (p) p mf

Vlc. sf (p) p mf

63

S. *fu - - - sion.*

A. *fu - - - sion.*

T. *fu - - - sion.*

B. *fu - - - sion.*

H Tempo primo $\text{♩} = 144$

p *f* *Light,* *my light,* *the*

p *f* *Light,* *my light,* *the*

f *Light!* *Light!*

f *Light!* *Light!*

Vln. *pizz.*

Vla. *pizz.* *arco*

Vlc. *pizz.* *arco*

(no break)

Vln. *p* *f* *p* *pizz.* *f* *pizz.*

Vla. *p* *f* *p* *arco* *p* *f*

Vlc. *p* *f* *pizz.* *arco* *p* *f*

S. *world fill - ing* *light,*

A. *world fill - ing* *light,*

T. *la la la la la la la la* *The eye kiss - ing* *light,*

B. *la la la la la la la la* *The eye kiss - ing* *light,*

p *f* *f*

Vln. *arco* *p* *f* *p* *f*

Vla. *p* *f* *p* *f*

Vlc. *p* *f* *f* *p* *f*

68

S. *world fill - ing* *light,*

A. *world fill - ing* *light,*

T. *la la la la la la la la* *The eye kiss - ing* *light,*

B. *la la la la la la la la* *The eye kiss - ing* *light,*

p *f* *f*

Vln. *arco* *p* *f* *p* *f*

Vla. *p* *f* *f* *p* *f*

Vlc. *p* *f* *f* *p* *f*

72

S. *p* sweet - en - ing, la la la la la la la
A. *p* sweet - en - ing, la la la la la la la
T. *p* sweet - en - ing, sweet - en - ing, la la la la la la la
B. *p* sweet - en - ing, sweet - en - ing, la la la la la la la

Vln. *p*
Vla. *p*
Vlc. *p*

75 *f* la la la la la la la light. *p* rit. ——————
A. *f* la la la la la la la light. *p*
T. *f* la la la la la la la light. *p*
B. *f* la la la la la la la light.

Vln. *f* *p* rit. ——————
Vla. *f* *p*
Vlc. *f* *p*

I more slowly and freely
Quasi recitative (not conducted)

78 Solo *mf*
S. Yes, I know, this is noth - ing but thy love,—— O be - lov - ed of my heart

I more slowly and freely
Quasi recitative (not conducted)

Vln. *sf* slight accent
Vla. *sf* slight accent
Vlc. *sf* slight accent

80 (Solo)
S. this gold - en light that dan - ces up - on the leaves, these i - dle clouds sail - ing a - cross the sky,
sim.
Vln. sim.
Vla. sim.
Vlc. sim.

82 (Solo)
S. this pass - ing breeze leav - ing its cool - ness up - on my fore - head.
Vln.
Vla.
Vlc.

J With motion $\text{♩} = 126$

84 (Solo) S. $\text{♩} = 126$ mp
The morn - - ing light has

J With motion $\text{♩} = 126$

Vla. Vlc. p

87 (Solo) S. mf p
flood - ed my eyes. Thy face is bent from a - bove,

Vla. Vlc. mf p

90 (Solo) S. f p
thy eyes look down on my eyes, and my

Vla. Vlc. f mf f p

93 (Solo) S. rit. —
heart has touched thy

Vla. Vlc. f mf p

106

S. *p* *mf* *f* *p*
light, light, light, la la la

A. *p* *mf* *f* *p*
light, light, light, la la la

T. *mf* *p* *f* *p*
light, my light, the world fill - ing light,

B. *mf* *p* *f* *p*
light, my light, the world fill - ing light,

Vln. *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*
p *f* *p* *f* *p*

Vla. *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*
p *f* *p* *f* *p*

Vlc. *p* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*
p *f* *p* *f* *p*

111

S. *p* *p* *p* *p*
la la

A. *p* *p* *p* *p*
la la

T. *f* *p* *f* *p*
the eye kiss - ing light, heart sweet - en - ing

B. *f* *p* *f* *p*
the eye kiss - ing light, heart sweet - en - ing

Vln. *p* *p* *p* *p*
p *p* *p* *p*

Vla. *p* *f* *p* *f*
p *f* *p* *f*

Vlc. *p* *f* *p* *f*
p *f* *p* *f*

115 M

S. la la la la la la la la Light, my light, the world fill - ing light, the
A. la la la la la la la la Light, my light, the world fill - ing light, the
T. light. Light! Light! la
B. light. Light! Light! la la

Vln. M
Vla.
Vlc.

119

S. eye kiss - ing light, heart sweet - en - ing, sweet - en - ing,
A. eye kiss - ing light, heart sweet - en - ing, sweet - en - ing,
T. la sweet - en - ing, sweet - en - ing,
B. la sweet - en - ing, sweet - en - ing,

Vln.
Vla.
Vlc.

122

S. sweet - en - ing, sweet - en - ing,

A. sweet - en - ing, sweet - en - ing,

T. ^s sweet - en - ing, sweet - en - ing,

B. sweet - en - ing, sweet - en - ing,

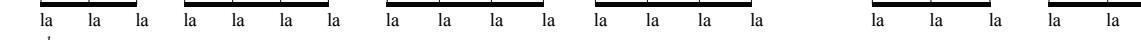
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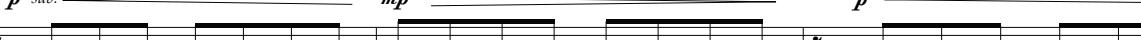
Vla. Vlc.

N ♩ = 152 or faster

125 *p* sub. ————— *mp* ————— *p* —————

S. 
la la

A. 
la la

T. 
la la

B. 
la la

N ♩ = 152 or faster

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc.

131

S. 8 *p* ff

A. light! 8 *p* ff

T. light! 8 *p* ff

B. light! 8 *p* ff

Vln. *p* ff

Vla. *p* ff

Vlc. *p* ff

V. Thou Art the Sky

With gentle motion ♩ = 108

Soprano Alto Tenor Bass

Thou art the sky and Thou art the nest as well.

Violins Viola Violoncello

con sord.

Quartet tacet al fine

6 *p* — *mp* — *rit.* — — — — A ♩ = 88

S. Thou art the sky and Thou art the nest as well. O thou beau - ti - ful

A. Thou art the sky and Thou art the nest as well. O thou beau - ti - ful

T. well. Thou art the sky and Thou art the nest, thou beau - ti - ful

B. well. Thou art the sky and Thou art the nest, thou beau - ti - ful

11 *mp* *p* 3 3 —

S. there in the nest it is thy love that en - clos - es the soul with col - ours and sounds and o - dours.

A. mm. that en - clos - es the soul with col - ours and sounds and o - dours.

T. mm. that en - clos - es the soul with col - ours and sounds and o - dours.

B. mm. that en - clos - es the soul with col - ours and sounds and o - dours.

B a tempo $\text{♩} = 108$

14 *p* *mp* *p* *rit.* — — — — — $\frac{5}{4}$

S. Thou art the sky and Thou art the nest as well.
A. Thou art the sky and Thou art the nest as well.
T. Thou — — — — — Thou art the sky and Thou art the nest, and
B. — — — — — Thou art the sky and Thou art the nest, and

C $\text{♩} = 88$ *rit.* — — — — — *unrushed* *p* $\frac{3}{4}$

18 $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ bear - ing the wreaths of beau - ty,
A. $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ bear - ing the wreaths of beau - ty,
T. $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ bear - ing the wreaths of beau - ty,
B. there *(non dim.)* $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ bear - ing the wreaths of beau - ty,
there comes the morn - ing with the gold - en bas - ket in her hand — — — — —

D $\text{♩} = 88$

21 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ si - lent - ly to crown the earth. $\frac{12}{4}$

A. $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ si - lent - ly to crown the earth. And there comes the eve - ning $\frac{12}{4}$

T. $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ si - lent - ly to crown the earth. $\frac{12}{4}$

B. $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ si - lent - ly to crown the earth. $\frac{12}{4}$

quasi recitative $\text{♩} = 88 \text{ or slower}$ *rit.* — — — — — *Slowly* *p*

24 $\frac{12}{4}$ $\frac{12}{4}$ $\frac{12}{4}$ car - ry - ing cool draughts of peace in her gold - en pit - cher from the o - cean of rest. But $\frac{5}{4}$

A. $\frac{12}{4}$ $\frac{12}{4}$ $\frac{12}{4}$ — — — — — in her gold - en pit - cher from the o - cean of rest. But $\frac{5}{4}$

T. $\frac{12}{4}$ $\frac{12}{4}$ $\frac{12}{4}$ car - ry - ing cool draughts of peace in her gold - en pit - cher from the o - cean of rest. But $\frac{5}{4}$

B. $\frac{12}{4}$ $\frac{12}{4}$ $\frac{12}{4}$ car - ry - ing cool draughts of peace in her gold - en pit - cher from the o - cean of rest. But $\frac{5}{4}$

E

25

S. there, where spreads the in - fin - ite sky for the soul to take her flight in reigns the stain - less white ra - diance.

A. there, where spreads the in - fin - ite sky for the soul to take her flight in reigns the stain - less white ra - diance.

T. there, where spreads the in - fin - ite sky for the soul to take her flight in reigns the stain - less white ra - diance.

B. there, where spreads the in - fin - ite sky for the soul to take her flight in reigns the stain - less white ra - diance.

F with motion ♩ = 96

28

S. There is no day or night. There col - our, and ne - ver, ne - ver,

A. There is no day or night. There col - our, and ne - ver, ne - ver,

T. There night. There is no form or col - our, and ne - ver, ne - ver,

B. There night. There is no form or col - our, and ne - ver, ne - ver,

G a tempo ♩ = 108

33

S. ne - ver, ne - ver a word. Thou art the sky and Thou

A. ne - ver, ne - ver a word. Thou art the sky and Thou

T. ne - ver, ne - ver a, ne - ver, ne - ver, ne - ver a word. Thou art the nest and

B. ne - ver, ne - ver a, ne - ver, ne - ver, ne - ver a Thou art the nest and

38

S. Thou art the sky and Thou Thou art the sky and Thou and Thou art the nest as well.

A. Thou art the sky and Thou Thou art the sky and Thou and Thou art the nest as well.

T. Thou Thou art the nest and Thou Thou art the nest as well.

B. Thou Thou art the nest and Thou Thou art the nest as well.

VI. Mother, I Shall Weave a Chain of Pearls...

With gentle motion $\text{♩} = 88$

Solo Baritone

Tenor

Baritone

Bass

Violoncello **With gentle motion** $\text{♩} = 88$
con sord.

6

Solo Bar.

Vlc.

A

Moth - - - - er, _____

A

non cresc.

11

Solo Bar.

Vlc.

I will weave a chain of pearls _____ for thy neck with my tears _____ of

p

non cresc.

16

Solo Bar.

Moth - - - - er,

Vlc. (p) 6 p non cresc.

B

21

Solo Bar.

I will weave a chain of pearls for thy neck with my

T. (p) non cresc.

Moth - - - - er, I will weave a chain of pearls

Bar. (p) non cresc.

Moth - - - - er, I will weave a chain of pearls

B. (p) non cresc.

Moth - - - - er, I will weave a chain of pearls

Vlc. (p) 6 p non cresc.

26

Solo Bar.

tears of sor - - - - - row.

T. (p) mf rit.

with my tears of sor - - - - - row.

Bar. (p) mf rit.

with my tears of sor - - - - - row.

B. (p) mf rit.

with my tears of sor - - - - - row.

Vlc. (p) 6 mf rit.

C Slower, more freely

31

Solo Bar.

The stars have wrought their ank - lets of light to deck thy feet, but mine will

C Slower, more freely

Vlc.

sfp

D Slower

35

Solo Bar.

hang up - on thy breast.

T.

Moth - er, Moth - er,

Bar.

Moth - er, Moth - er,

B.

Moth - er, Moth - er,

D Slower

Vlc.

p — *mf* — *p*

molto accel. — — — — — — — with energy

40

Solo Bar.

mf

T.

Moth - er, Moth - er, Moth - er, Moth - er. wealth and fame come from thee and it is for

Bar.

mf

Moth - er, Moth - er, Moth - er, Moth - er. wealth and fame come from thee and it is for

B.

mf

Moth - er, Moth - er, Moth - er, Moth - er. wealth and fame come from thee and it is for

molto accel. — — — — — — — with energy

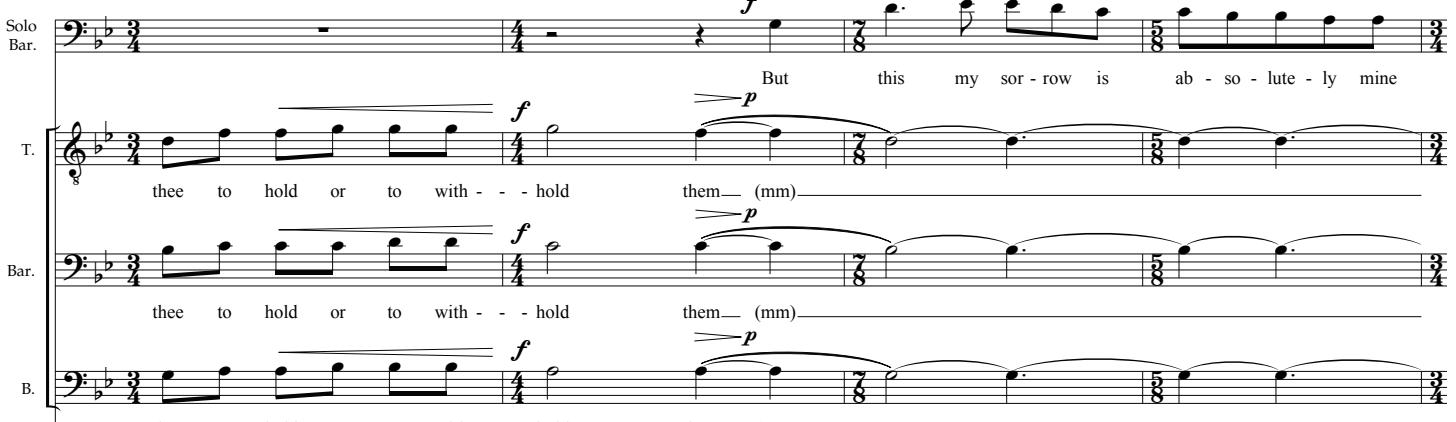
Vlc.

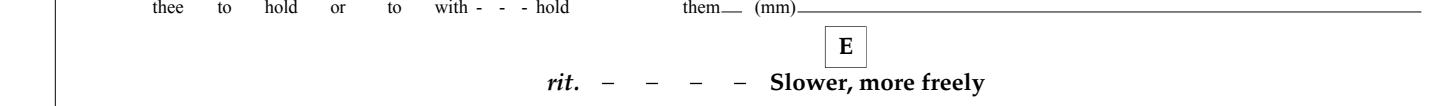
mf

E

rit. - - - - Slower, more freely
Quasi recitative, impassioned

44

Solo Bar. 

T. 

Bar. 

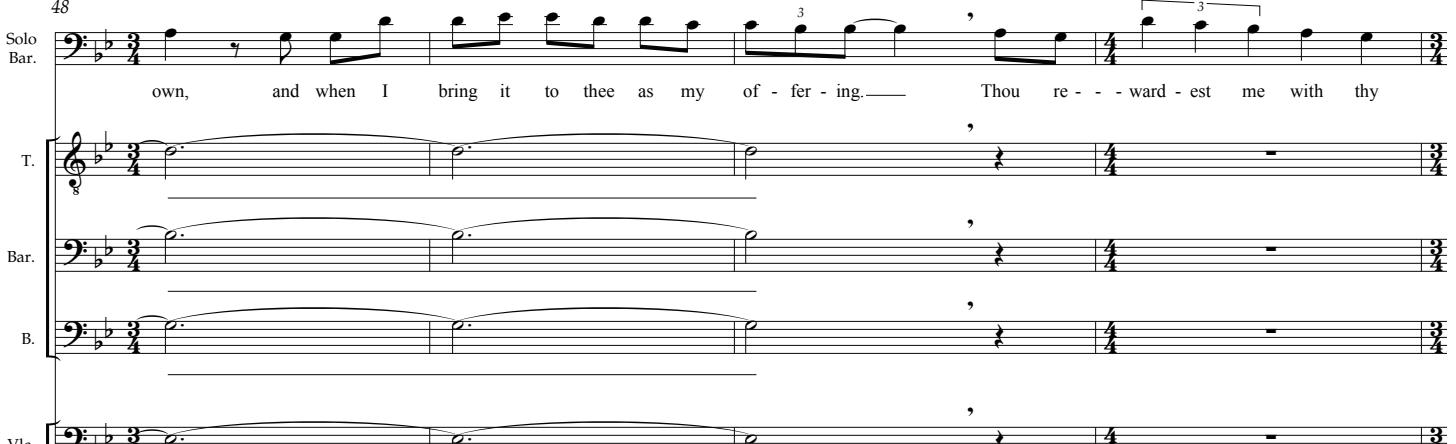
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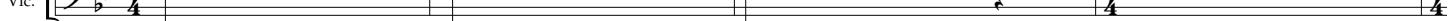
E

rit. - - - - Slower, more freely

Vlc. 

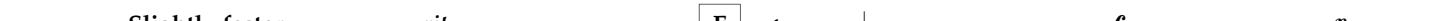
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Solo Bar. 

T. 

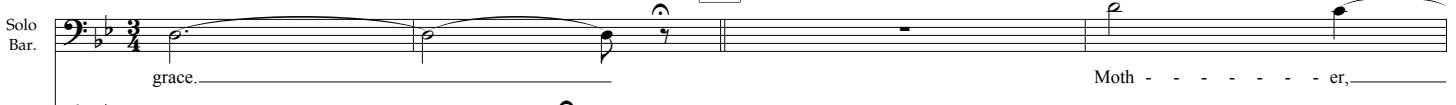
Bar. 

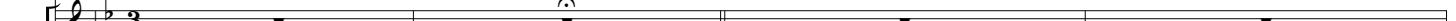
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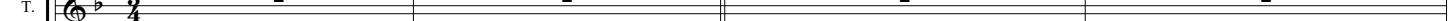
Vlc. 

52 Slightly faster

rit. - - - - F a tempo $\text{♩} = 88$

Solo Bar. 

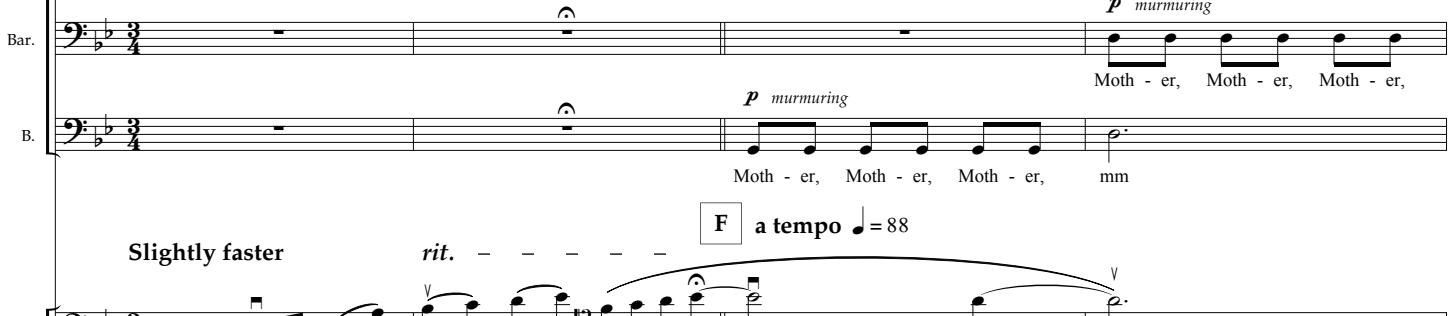
T. 

Bar. 

B. 

F a tempo $\text{♩} = 88$

Slightly faster

Vlc. 

56

Moth - - - - - er, I will weave a chain of

T. *p murmuring*

Bar.

B.

Vlc.

f *p*

mp

mm

mp

f *p*

rit. to end - - - - -

60

pearls with my tears of sor - - - - - row.

Solo Bar.

T.

Bar.

B.

Vlc.

mf

p

mm

p

mm

p

mm

p

mm

rit. to end - - - - -

f

2'30"

to be read before song #7

On the day when death will knock at thy door what wilt thou offer to him?

Oh, I will set before my guest the full vessel of my life – I will never let him go with empty hands.

All the sweet vintage of all my autumn days and summer nights, all the earnings and gleanings of my busy life will I place before him at the close of my days when death will knock at my door.

VII. Death, My Death, Come and Whisper to Me

Musical score for strings (Vln., Vla., Vlc.) in 4/4 time, key signature of three flats. The score consists of six measures. Measures 1-3 show the Vln. playing eighth-note patterns with slurs, while the Vla. and Vlc. are silent. Measures 4-6 show the Vln. playing sixteenth-note patterns with slurs, and the Vla. and Vlc. entering with eighth-note patterns. Measure 6 ends with a dynamic *p*. Measure 7 begins with a dynamic *con sord.*

Musical score for strings (Violin, Viola, Cello/Bassoon) showing measures 6 through 10. The score includes parts for Violin (Vln.), Viola (Vla.), and Cello/Bassoon (Vlc.). Measure 6 shows sixteenth-note patterns with slurs. Measures 7-8 show sustained notes. Measure 9 begins with a dynamic *p* and measure 10 with *(p)*. The tempo is marked *rit.* and $\text{♩} = 66$.

A

(♩ = 66) Quasi recitative

9

S. O thou the last ful - fil - ment of life, Death, my death, come and whis - per to me! _____

A. O thou the last ful - fil - ment of life, Death, my death, come and whis - per to me! _____

T. O thou the last ful - fil - ment of life, Death, my death, come and whis - per to me! _____

B. O thou the last ful - fil - ment of life, Death, my death, come and whis - per to me! _____

A

(♩ = 66)

Vln. _____

Vla. _____

Vlc. _____

12

S. Day af - ter day have I kept watch for thee; for thee have I borne the joys and pangs of _____

A. Day af - ter day have I kept watch for thee; for thee have I borne the joys and pangs of _____

T. Day af - ter day have I kept watch for thee; for thee have I borne the joys and pangs of _____

B. Day af - ter day have I kept watch for thee; for thee have I borne the joys and pangs of _____

Vln. *p* _____

Vla. *p* _____

Vlc. *p* _____

(p)

B Faster $\text{♩} = 108$

15

S. life.

A. life.

T. life.

B. life.

B Faster $\text{♩} = 108$

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc.

18

S.

A. all

T. All that I am, all that I have

B. All that I have

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc.

rit. - - - - - **Slower**

22 S. *mf* (*mf*) *f*,
and all my love have ev - er flowed towards thee in depth of se - cre - cy.
p *mf* (*mf*) *f*,
all that I hope and all my love have ev - er flowed towards thee in depth of se - cre - cy.
p *mf* (*mf*) *f*,
all that I hope and all my love have ev - er flowed
p *mf* (*mf*) *f*,
all that I hope and all my love have ev - er flowed

rit. - - - - - **Slower**

Vln. *p* *mf* *p*,
p *mf non dim.* *p*,
Vla. *p* *mf non dim.* *p*,
Vlc. *p* *mf non dim.* *p*,

C $\text{♩} = 88$ *rit.* - - - - - $\text{♩} = 66$

26 S. *f* *mf*,
One fi - nal glance from thine eyes and my life will be ev - er thine own.
A. *f* *mf* *p*,
One fi - nal glance from thine eyes and my life come and
T. *f* *mf* *p*,
One fi - nal glance from thine eyes and my life come and
B. *f* *mf* *p*,
One fi - nal glance from thine eyes and my life come and

C $\text{♩} = 88$ *rit.* - - - - - $\text{♩} = 66$

Vln. *f* *p*,
Vla. *f* *p*,
Vlc. *f* *p*,

30

rit. - - -

D Faster $\text{♩} = 108$

S. *p*

A. *pp*
whis-per to me! come and whis - per to me!

T. *pp*
whis-per to me! come and whis - per to me!

B. *pp*
whis-per to me! come and whis - per to me!

Vln. *pizz.*
p

Vla. *pizz.*
p

Vlc. *pizz.*
p

rit. - - -

D Faster $\text{♩} = 108$

Vln. *p*
pp
p

Vla. *pp*
p

Vlc. *pp*
p

Conduct only the downbeats,
allowing freedom for the soloist.

34

Solo Soprano *freely mf*

E

S. - - - - - The flowers have been wo - ven and the gar - - - land is read - y for the

Vln. *rapidly, blurred*
p

Vla. - - - - -

Vlc. - - - - -

E

Vln. - - - - -

Vla. - - - - -

Vlc. - - - - -

42 (Solo) **F** Faster $\text{♩} = 108$

S. non dim.

night.

Vln. (f) non dim.

Vla. p

Vlc. p

rit. - - - - - G ♩ = 88

45

S. A. T. B. Vln. Vla. Vlc.

O thou last ful - fil - ment of life,
O thou last ful - fil - ment of life,
O thou last ful - fil - ment of life,
O thou last ful - fil - ment of life,

rit. - - - - - G ♩ = 88

Vln. Vla. Vlc.

p (non trem.)
p (non trem.)
p (non trem.)

gradual rit. to end

48

S. A. T. B. Vln. Vla. Vlc.

O thou last ful - fil - ment of life, O thou last ful - fil - ment of life,
O thou last ful - fil - ment of life, O thou last ful - fil - ment of life,
O thou last ful - fil - ment of life, O thou last ful - fil - ment of life,
O thou last ful - fil - ment of life, O thou last ful - fil - ment of life,

gradual rit. to end

Vln. Vla. Vlc.

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

52

S. *f* — *p* Solo *mf*
A. *f* — *p*
T. *f* — *p*
B. *f* — *p*

Vln. *f* — *p*
Vla. *f* — *p*
Vlc. *f* — *p*

S. night.

55

S. night.

Vln. *p*
Vla. *p*
Vlc. *p*

VIII. In One Salutation to Thee

9 $\text{♩} = 120$

A ($\text{♩} = 120$)

S.

A.

T.

B.

Like a rain-cloud of Ju - ly hung — low with its bur - den of
Like a rain-cloud of Ju - ly hung — low with its bur - den of

$\text{♩} = 120$

A ($\text{♩} = 120$)

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc.

13

S.

A.

T.

B.

let all my mind bend down at thy door in one sal - u -
let all my mind bend down at thy door in one sal - u -
un - - shed showers,
un - - shed showers,

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc.

poco accel. - - - - - - - - -

B Faster $\text{♩} = 132$
with energy

Vln.

21

S. (f) my God, I touch the world at thy feet.

A. (f) my God, I touch the world at thy feet.

T. (f) my God, I touch the world at thy feet.

B. God, I touch the world at thy feet.

Musical score for strings (Vln., Vla., Vcl.) in G major, 2/4 time. The score shows measures 11 and 12. The violins play eighth-note patterns. The viola and cello provide harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note patterns.

25

poco rit. — — — — — C ♩ = 120

S. *p* Let all my songs ga - ther to - geth - er their

A. *p* *mf* Let all my songs ga - ther to - geth - er their

T. *p*

B. *p*

poco rit. — — — — — C ♩ = 120

Vln. *f* *p*

Vla. *f* *p*

Vlc. *p* *f* *p*

29

S. strains in - - to a sin - - - gle cur - - rent — — — — —

A. strains in - - to a sin - - - gle cur - - rent — — — — —

T. *mf* and — — flow to a sea of — — — — —

B. *mf* and flow to a sea of — — — — —

Vln. *p*

Vla. *p*

Vlc. *p*

33

poco accel. - - - - -

S. *mf*
in one sal - u - - ta - tion to thee, — in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, —

A. *mf*
in one sal - u - - ta - tion to thee, — in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, —

T. *mf*
si - - lence in one sal - u - - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u -

B. *mf*
si - - lence in one sal - u - - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u -

Vln. *poco accel.* - - - - -

Vla. *poco accel.* - - - - -

Vlc. *poco accel.* - - - - -

D $\text{♩} = 132$

36 *f*

S. my God, — I touch the

A. my God, — I touch the

T. ta - tion, my God, — I touch the

B. ta - tion, my God, — I touch the

D $\text{♩} = 132$

Vln. *f*

Vla. *f*

Vlc. *f*

poco rit. - - - - -

41

S. world at thy feet. *p*

A. world at thy feet. *p*

T. world at thy feet. *p* *mf*

B. world at thy feet. *p* *mf* Like a

Vln. *f*

Vla. *f*

Vlc. *p* *f*

E $\text{♩} = 120 \text{ or slower}$

45

S. day and night, night and day,

A. day and night, night and day,

T. flock of home - sick cranes fly - ing night and day

B. flock of home - sick cranes fly - ing night and day

E $\text{♩} = 120 \text{ or slower}$

Vln. *p*

Vla. *p*

Vlc. *p*

non cresc. *3*

48

S. day and night, night and day.

A. day and night, night and day.

T. — let all my life take its voy - age to its e - ter - nal home

B. — let all my life take its voy - age to its e - ter - nal home

Vln. *pp*

Vla. *pp*

Vlc. 3 3 3 3

52 *poco accel.*

S. in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee

A. in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee

T. in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u -

B. in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u -

Vln. *f*

Vla. *f*

Vlc. *f*

poco accel.

F $\text{♩} = 132$

55 (f)

S. (f) my _____
A. (f) my _____
T. (f) ta - - - tion my _____
B. (f) ta - - - tion my God, _____

F $\text{♩} = 132$

Vln. (f)
Vla. (f)
Vlc. (f)

58

S. God, _____ p
A. God, _____ I touch the world at thy feet. p
T. God, _____ I touch the world at thy feet. p
B. _____ I touch the world at thy feet. p

Vln.
Vla.
Vlc.

62

G ($\text{♩} = 132$)

S.

A.

T.

B.

p

In one sal - u - ta - tion to thee,
In one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee,

G ($\text{♩} = 132$)

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc.

p

65

H gradual accel. and cresc. to **J**

S.

A.

p

In one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee,

T.

B.

in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee,
in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee,

H gradual accel. and cresc. to **J**

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc.

p

I

68

S. - - - - - In one sal - - - - u - - - -

A. in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee,

T. in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee,

B. in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee, in one sal - u - ta - tion to thee,

I

Musical score for strings (Violin, Viola, Cello) in 3/4 time, key of A major (three sharps). The score shows measures 11 and 12. Measure 11 consists of six measures of eighth-note patterns. Measure 12 begins with a measure of eighth notes followed by a measure of sixteenth-note patterns. The violins play eighth-note pairs, the viola plays eighth-note pairs, and the cello plays eighth-note pairs. Measure 12 concludes with a dynamic marking *mf*.

J Quickly $\text{♩} = 160$

S. 74 God,———— my God,———— my
A. my God,———— my God,————
T. my God,———— my God,————
B. ————— my God,———— my God,————

82

S. thee, my God! ff

A. thee, my God! ff

T. thee, my God! ff

B. thee, my God! ff

Vln. , - ff

Vla. , - ff

Vlc. , - ff

3' 15"

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