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I - A long, long Sleep

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MM 72 =  aprox.

Voice

A long, long Sleep, A fa - mous Sleep

Piano

p

pp

pedal sustain

4

that makes no show for Morn

p

pp

8

by Stretch of Limb, or stir of Lid, an in - de - pen - dent One. Was

p

12 *rit.* *a tempo*

e - ver i - dle-ness _____ like This? _____ U - pon a

ten. *pp* *pedal sustain*

15

bank of Stone _____ to

ten. *pp* *pedal sustain*

19 *poco più mosso* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

bask _____ the Cen-tu-ri-es a - way, Nor

ten. *pp* *pedal sustain*

23

once look up _____ Nor

poco ten. *poco ten.*

più p

This system contains measures 23 through 26. The vocal line begins with a half note G4 (F#4 in the key signature) on the word 'once', followed by a quarter note A4 on 'look up', and then a half note B4 on 'Nor'. The piano accompaniment features a series of chords in the right hand and bass notes in the left hand. Dynamic markings include *poco ten.* above the piano staff at measures 24 and 26, and *più p* below the piano staff at measure 25.

27

once look up _____ for Noon _____ for

pp

This system contains measures 27 through 30. The vocal line continues with a half note G4 on 'once', a quarter note A4 on 'look up', a half note B4 on 'for', and a half note C5 on 'Noon', followed by a half note B4 on 'for'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and bass notes. A dynamic marking of *pp* (pianissimo) is placed below the piano staff at measure 28.

31

Noon _____ for Noon _____

This system contains measures 31 through 34. The vocal line begins with a half note G4 on 'Noon', followed by a half note F#4 on 'for', and a half note E4 on 'Noon'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and bass notes.

36 *più lento*
ten.

for Noon?

poco rall.

pedal sustain

40 *p* *a tempo*

A long long Sleep, a fa - mous Sleep

pp

pedal sustain

44

that makes no show for Morn

p

pp

pedal sustain

48

poco rit.

to bask the Cen-tu-ri-es a - way,

poco più mosso
p
poco ten.
a tempo

52

Nor once look up

ten.
più p

56

Nor once look up for

ten.
pp

59

Noon, _____ for Noon, _____

63

_____ for Noon, _____

68

for Noon? _____

espressivo *più lento* *rall. molto*

pedal sustain

II - I died for Beauty

MM 66 = ♩ aprox. *quasi recitativo*

I died for Beau - ty, ____ I

mf

laissez vibrare

³ *, rall*

died for Beau-ty, ____ but was scarce ad - jus - ted in the Tomb, ____

poco rall.

p

(with weariness)

⁶

When One who died for Truth, ____ when ____

8

One who died for Truth _____ was lain in an ad -

pp

10

joi - ning Room. _____

rall.

p

12

a tempo molto più mosso *rit.* *mosso* *rall. molto*

mf *espressivo*

15

accelerando poco a poco e cresc. a ***f***
e doppo rall. e dim. a ***p*** poco a poco

(ad libitum) **a tempo** *poco ten.*

p ***espressivo*** ***pp***

18

a tempo

He ques-tioned soft-ly — "Why I Failed"? "For

più lento ***rall.*** ***mf*** lasciare sonare

21

Beau - ty", I re-plied. **Lento e molto delicato** ***rall.*** "And

poco ten. ***p*** ***p súb.***

23 *a tempo*

I, for Truth, Them-self are One, We Bre-thren — are", He

ten.

26

said, And so, as

espressivo *rall.* *8va* *misterioso pp*

29 *a tempo*

Kins - men, met at Night, And

32

so, as Kins - men, met at Night, We talked bet-ween the Rooms, Un -

mf

34

til the Moss had reached our Lips, Un -

p

36

più p

til the Moss had reached our Lips, And co-vered up, — And

più p

p

38

co-vered up, _____ our names, our

8^{va}
pp
8^{va}

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 38, 39, and 40. The vocal line (treble clef) has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. Measure 38 contains the lyrics 'co-vered up, _____' with a melodic line of eighth and quarter notes. Measure 39 contains 'our names,' with a half note. Measure 40 contains 'our' with a half note. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Measure 40 includes dynamic markings 'pp' and '8^{va}'.

41

rall.

names, our names.

8^{va}
p
8^{va}

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 41, 42, 43, and 44. The vocal line (treble clef) has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. Measure 41 contains the lyrics 'names,' with a half note. Measure 42 contains 'our' with a half note. Measure 43 contains 'names.' with a half note. Measure 44 is a whole rest. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Measure 41 includes the dynamic marking 'p'. Measure 43 includes the dynamic marking '8^{va}'. The piece concludes with a double bar line in measure 44.

III - I Years had been from Home

Lentamente MM 66 = ♩ aprox.

espressivo

p

V

3

poco rit.

a tempo

più p

espressivo

V

7

rall. molto

a tempo

mf

I Years had been from Home, And

10

rit. ten. a tempo

now be-fore the Door, I dared not o-pen, lest a Face, I ne-ver saw be-fore, I

più p

mf

13

più lento

ne-ver saw be-fore,

più mosso

p

15

rall.

più lento e più p

(eco)

17 *libre*

Stare va-cant in - to mine,

rit.

p

lasciare sonare

Rev.

19 *parlato*

And ask my Busi - ness the - re,

cedendo

21 MM 80 = ♩ aprox.

cedendo

pp

23

23

cedendo

pp

25

poco più mosso

rall.

"My

ppp

p

28

a tempo

ten.

Busi - ness but a Life I left, Was such still

ten.

31 *pp*

— dwel-ling there?" I fum-bled at my Nerve, I scanned the Win-dows o'er The

pp *mf*

Leg. sustain - lasciare vibrare

34

Si - lence like an O - cean rolled, And broke a-gainst my Ear.

pp *mf*

37

marcato *f*

rall. molto

39

delicadamente

p una corda

I laughed a Woo-den laugh, That I could fear a

41

parlato

rall.

Door Who Danger, and the Dead, had faced But ne-ver shook, be-fore,

3 cordes

44

più mosso (MM 120 = aprox.)

I lif-ted to the Latch, my

f *p*

47

Hand, With trem-bling care,

sf

50

meno mosso

mf

52

più p

rall.

Lest

54 *a tempo*

back the Aw - ful Door, lest

mf

56

back the Aw - ful

mf

58

Door should

f

60

spring And

mf

62

leave me, in the

poco rall.

64

a tempo

Floor, in the Floor.

diminuendo

p

67

pp (como un rumore)

70

Lentamente

poco rit.

p

I moved my

73

*poco
ten.***parlato**

p

fin - gers off, I moved my fin - gers off, as cautiously as Glass,

77 **tranquillo** solo fiato **più lento** quasi parlato

And held my Ears, and like a Thief Stole,

più p

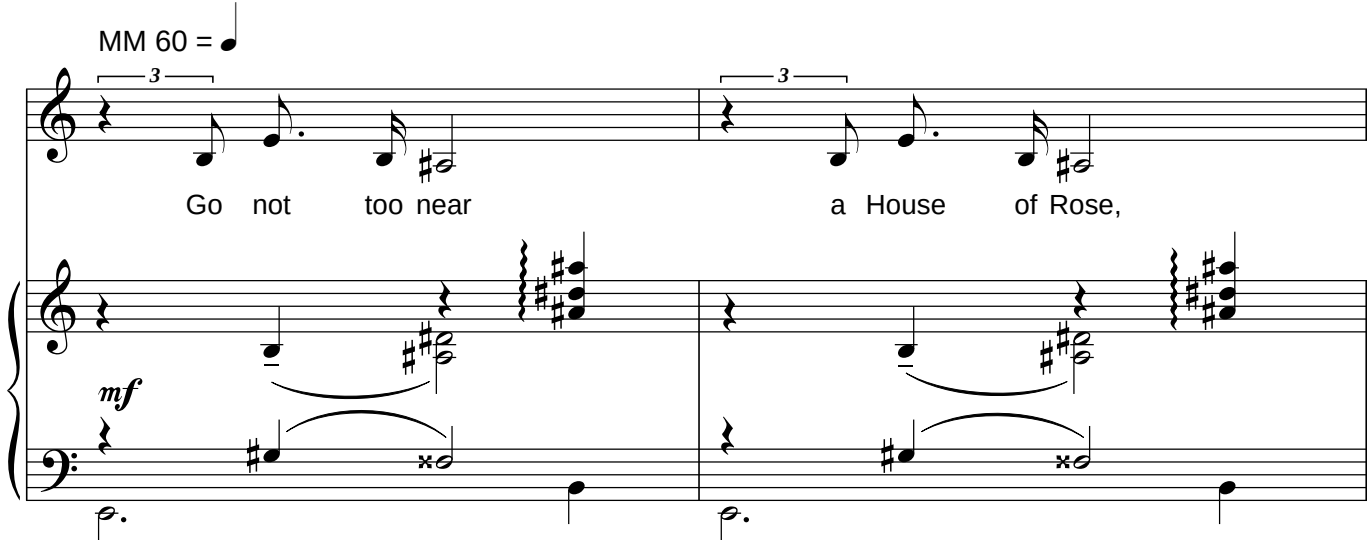
80 *(ad libitum)*

gas - ping, from the House.

Lento *lasciare vibrare* **rall.** *8va*

IV - Go not too near a House of Rose

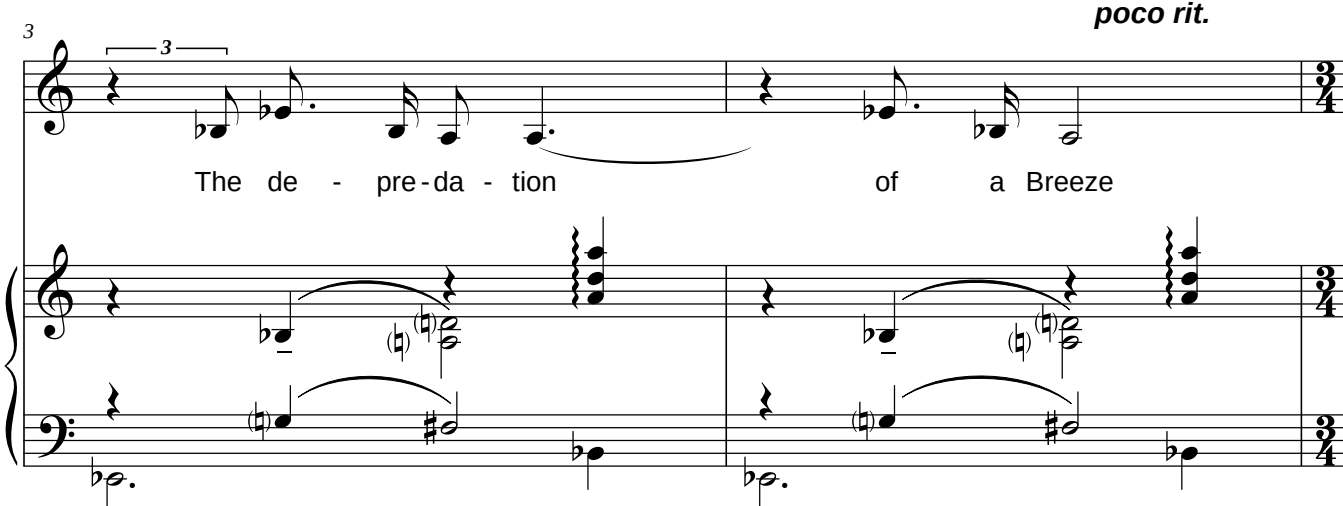
MM 60 = 



Go not too near a House of Rose,

mf

poco rit.



The de - pre-da - tion of a Breeze

a tempo MM 96 = 



or in - un - da - tion of a Dew A -

8

larms its walls a - way.

poco più mosso

12

lasciare vibrare

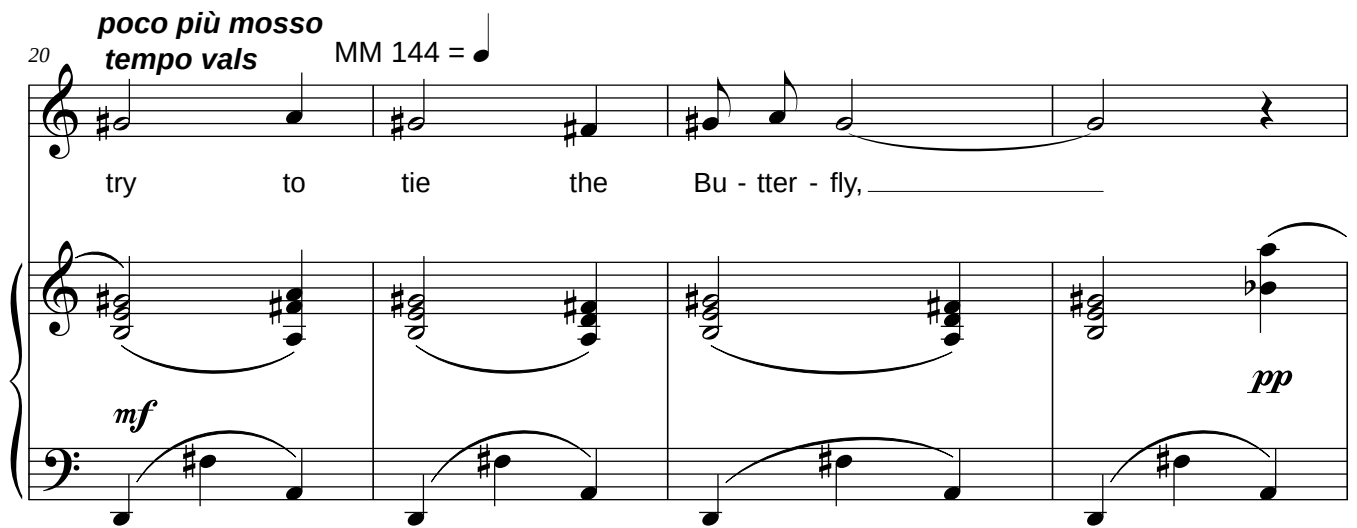
16

rall.

Nor

ten.

20 *poco più mosso*
tempo vals MM 144 = 



try to tie the Bu - tter - fly, _____

mf *pp*

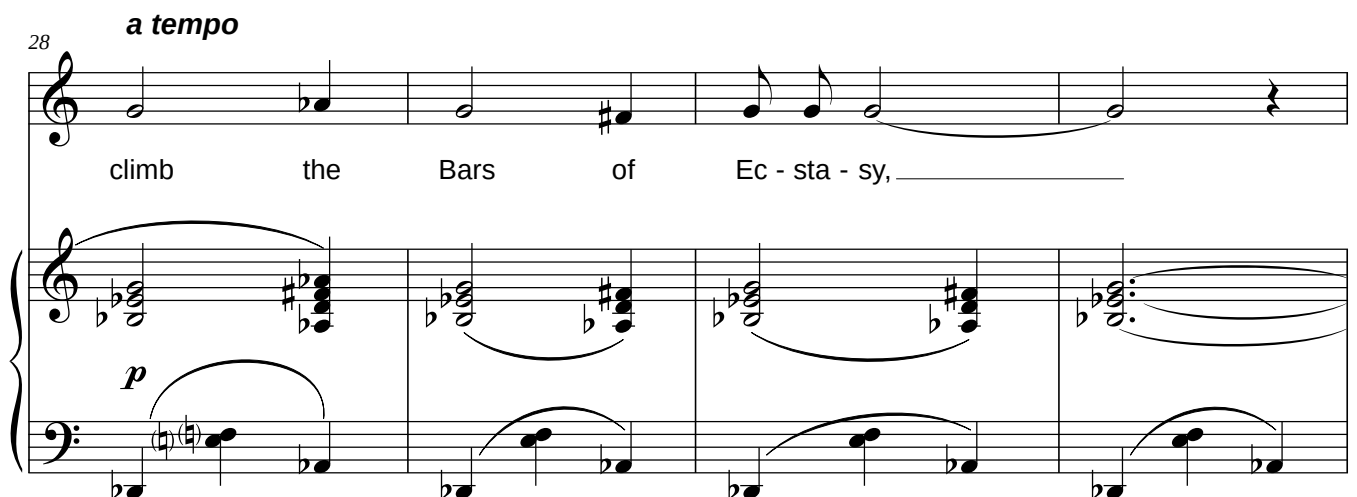
24



Nor

rit.

28 *a tempo*



climb the Bars of Ec - sta - sy, _____

p

32

pp

36

p sub. *diminuendo*

40

Lento, ad lib.

rit.

In in - se - cu - ri - ty to lie,

45

In in - se - cu - ri - ty to lie, Is

p *pp*

48

Joy's in - su - ring qua - li - ty.

p *pp*

V - A sepal petal and a thorn

Recitativu, quasi ad libitum

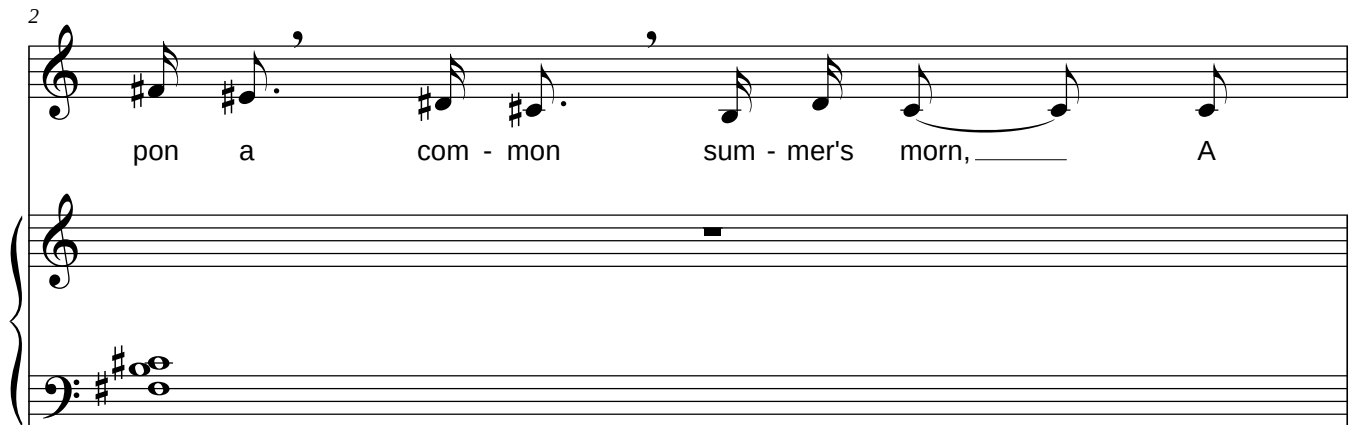
MM 60 =  aprox.



A se - pal, pe - tal, and a thorn, _____ U -

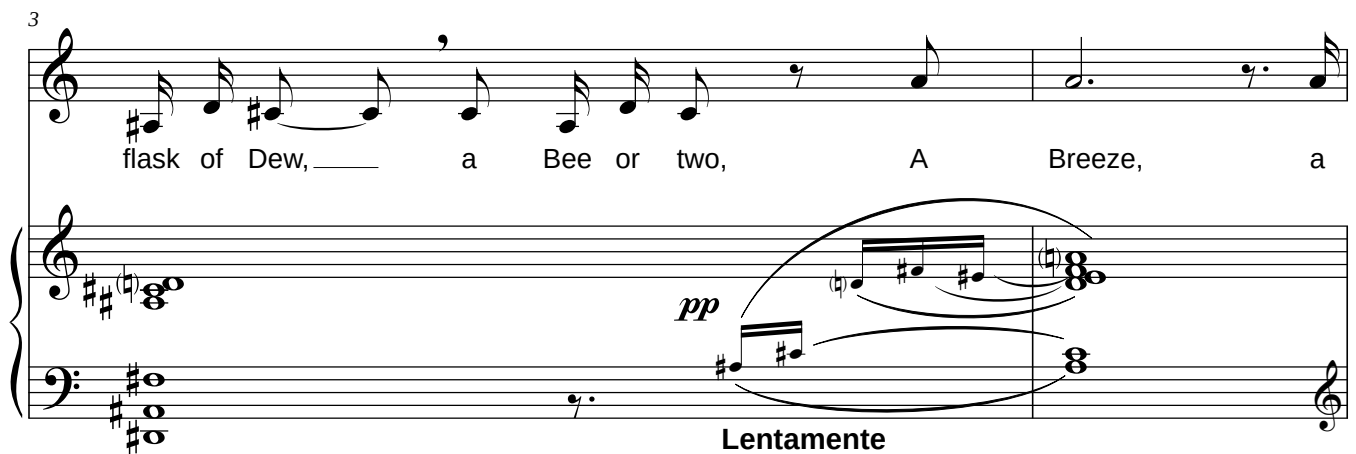
p

2



pon a com - mon sum - mer's morn, _____ A

3



flask of Dew, _____ a Bee or two, A Breeze, a

pp

Lentamente

5

ca - per in the trees,

pp

7

a ca - - - per in the

(pp)

9

trees, And I'm a Rose! _____

f *poco rit.* *a tempo*

fp

12

mf poco rit.

I'm a Rose!

poco rit.

mf

15

8va

rall.

p

Leg.

VI - This quiet Dust

MM $\text{♩} = 100$ aprox.

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a single treble clef staff with a whole rest in the first measure, followed by three measures of whole rests. The middle staff is a treble clef staff with a whole rest in the first measure, followed by a whole rest in the second measure, a quarter rest in the third measure, and a half note G4 in the fourth measure. The bottom staff is a bass clef staff with a half note F3 in the first measure, followed by a half note E3 in the second measure, a half note D3 in the third measure, and a half note C3 in the fourth measure. Dynamics include *pp* (pianissimo) in the first measure of the bottom staff and *p* (piano) in the fourth measure of the middle staff. A fermata is placed over the G4 in the fourth measure of the middle staff.

The second system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a single treble clef staff with a whole rest in the first measure, followed by a whole rest in the second measure, a quarter rest in the third measure, and a half note G4 in the fourth measure. The middle staff is a treble clef staff with a whole rest in the first measure, followed by a whole rest in the second measure, a quarter rest in the third measure, and a half note G4 in the fourth measure. The bottom staff is a bass clef staff with a half note F3 in the first measure, followed by a half note E3 in the second measure, a half note D3 in the third measure, and a half note C3 in the fourth measure. Dynamics include *f* (forte) in the second measure of the bottom staff and *p* (piano) in the fourth measure of the middle staff. A fermata is placed over the G4 in the fourth measure of the middle staff. The lyrics "This qui-et Dust, _____" are written below the middle staff.

The third system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a single treble clef staff with a whole rest in the first measure, followed by a whole rest in the second measure, a quarter rest in the third measure, and a half note G4 in the fourth measure. The middle staff is a treble clef staff with a whole rest in the first measure, followed by a whole rest in the second measure, a quarter rest in the third measure, and a half note G4 in the fourth measure. The bottom staff is a bass clef staff with a half note F3 in the first measure, followed by a half note E3 in the second measure, a half note D3 in the third measure, and a half note C3 in the fourth measure. Dynamics include *p* (piano) in the fourth measure of the middle staff. A fermata is placed over the G4 in the fourth measure of the middle staff. The lyrics "this qui-et Dust, _____" are written below the middle staff.

12

this qui-et Dust

mf

16

19

was

più p

22

Gen - tle - men and La - dies _____

mf

This system contains measures 22, 23, and 24. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a dotted quarter note Bb4, and a half note C5. The piano accompaniment features a complex texture with many beamed sixteenth and thirty-second notes in both hands, creating a shimmering effect. A mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic marking is placed below the piano part in measure 23.

25

and Lads and Girls, _____

This system contains measures 25, 26, and 27. The vocal line has a half rest in measure 25, followed by a quarter note D5, a dotted quarter note E5, and a half note F5. The piano accompaniment continues with dense, beamed sixteenth-note patterns. The key signature remains one flat (Bb).

28

was _____

This system contains measures 28, 29, and 30. The vocal line consists of a half note G4, a half note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The piano accompaniment features a more active bass line with eighth-note patterns. The key signature changes to two flats (Bb and Eb) at the start of measure 29.

31

laugh, _____

Measures 31-33: The vocal line features a long note in measure 31, followed by a rest in measure 32, and a quarter note in measure 33. The piano accompaniment consists of arpeggiated chords in the right hand and sustained chords in the left hand. Dynamics include *p* and *f* markings.

34

was _____ laugh, _____

Measures 34-36: The vocal line has a half note in measure 34, a half note in measure 35, and a half note in measure 36. The piano accompaniment continues with arpeggiated chords. Dynamics include *p* and *f* markings.

37

laugh - - -

Measures 37-39: The vocal line has a half note in measure 37, a half note in measure 38, and a half note in measure 39. The piano accompaniment continues with arpeggiated chords. Dynamics include *p* and *f* markings.

40 *poco ten.*

ter and a

43

bi - li - ty

p

Ped.

46

p

Ped.

49

and.

più p

Led.

Led.

52

rall.

ppp

Led.

55

a tempo

Sigh - ing

pp

sustain

59

59

sustain

63

63

and

pp

67

67

Frocks

and

71

Curls. _____

75

ten. _____

This _____

a tempo
un poco meno ♩ = 72

79

Pas - sive Place _____ a Sum - mer's nim - ble

p

82

man - sion, _____ a

The musical score for measures 82-84 features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains the lyrics "man - sion, _____ a". The piano accompaniment is in bass clef with the same key signature. It consists of a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand, some of which are beamed together. A fermata is placed over the final chord in measure 84.

85

pa - ssive place, _____ a Sum - mer's nim - ble

The musical score for measures 85-87 continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line has the lyrics "pa - ssive place, _____ a Sum - mer's nim - ble". The piano accompaniment maintains the eighth-note bass line and chordal accompaniment. A fermata is placed over the final chord in measure 87.

88

man - sion _____

The musical score for measures 88-90 shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has the lyrics "man - sion _____". The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note bass line and chords. A piano (*p*) dynamic marking is present in measure 89. A fermata is placed over the final chord in measure 90.

91

Where Bloom and Bees

Measures 91-93: The vocal line features a melody starting on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, and then a half note C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand, with a crescendo leading to a fortissimo (f) dynamic at the end of measure 93.

94

where Bloom and Bees

Measures 94-96: The vocal line has a rest in measure 94, followed by a half note G4 in measure 95, and a half note C5 in measure 96. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note bass line and chords, with a crescendo leading to a fortissimo (f) dynamic at the end of measure 96.

97

Measures 97-99: The vocal line has a half note C5 in measure 97, followed by rests in measures 98 and 99. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note bass line and chords, with a crescendo leading to a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic at the end of measure 99.

100 *poco rit.* *più lento* $\text{♩} = 60$

Bloom and Bees _____ Bloom and Bees _____

pp *poco* *poco*

104

Ful - filled Ful - filled

pp *poco* *simil*

108

their o - ri - en - tal cir - cuit _____ Then ceased _____

pp *poco*

111 *ten.* **più ampio**

like this

rall.

f energico

114

ff

116 *più calmo*

like this.

p

pedal sustain

119

morendo

pp

122

tempo I

p parlato:

p A long long

espressivo

126

boca chiusa

Sleep, a fa-mous Sleep

p

130

Was

133

*rit.**a tempo*

e - ver i - dle-ness like This? U - pon a

ten.

pp

pedal sustain

136

bank of Stone to

pedal sustain

140 *poc rit.* *a tempo*

bask _____ the Cen-tu-ri-es a - way, _____ Nor

poco più mosso *poco ten.*

144

once look up _____ Nor

ten. *pp* *poco ten.* *pp*

più p

148 *a tempo*

once look up _____ for Noon _____ for

pp

152

Noon _____ for

156

Noon _____

159

più lento *rall. molto*

for Noon? _____

espressivo

pedal sustain