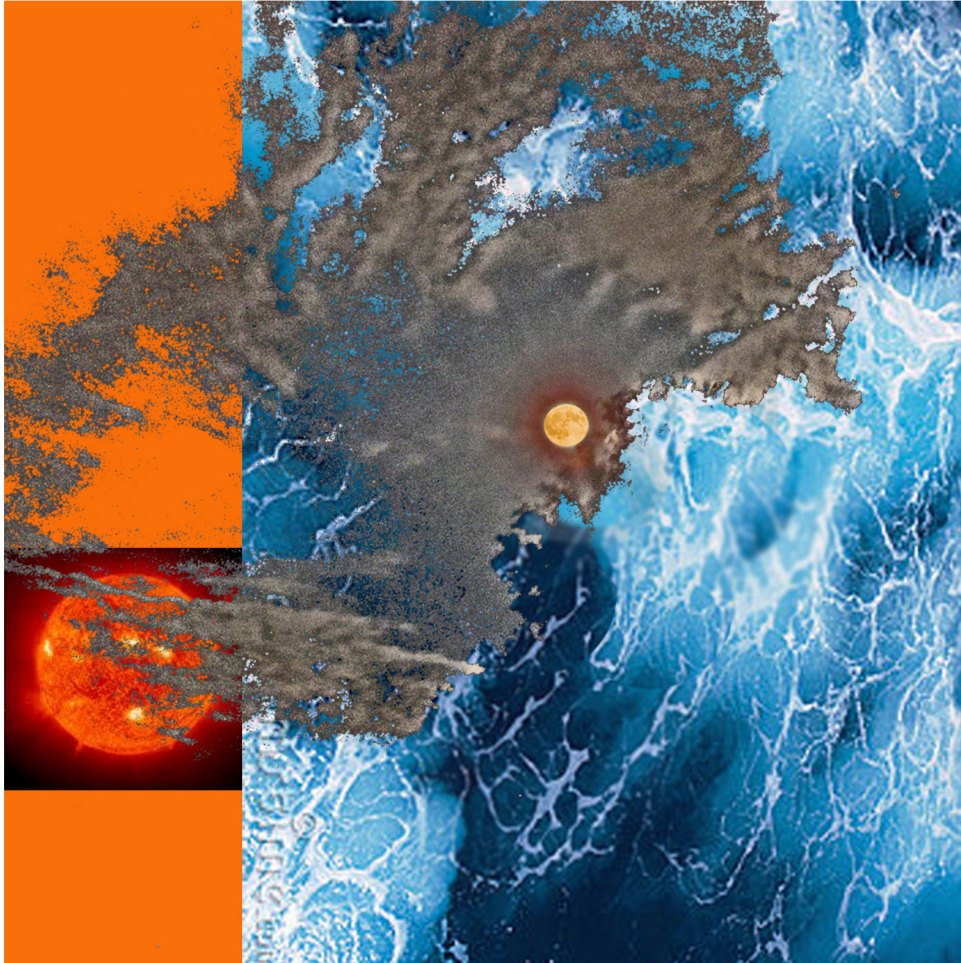


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The Hostile Sun

D. H. Lawrence
from "More Pansies"
(1932)

William Neil

Andante $\text{♩} = 68$

pp

3

pp Some - times the sun turns hos - tile to

3

5

men when the day - time con - scious - ness has got o - ver - ween - ing

5

mp

9

pp when thoughts are stiff like old leaves

9

3 *sf* *pp*

13

p *f*

and i - deas are hard

13

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

15

f 3 *p* *f*

like a - corns rea - dy to fall

15

ff *una corda* *pp* *Red.*

17 *p* then the

17 *ord.* *pp*

*

19 sun turns hos - tile to us

19

21 and bites at the throats and

21 *fp*

22

chests as he bites at

23

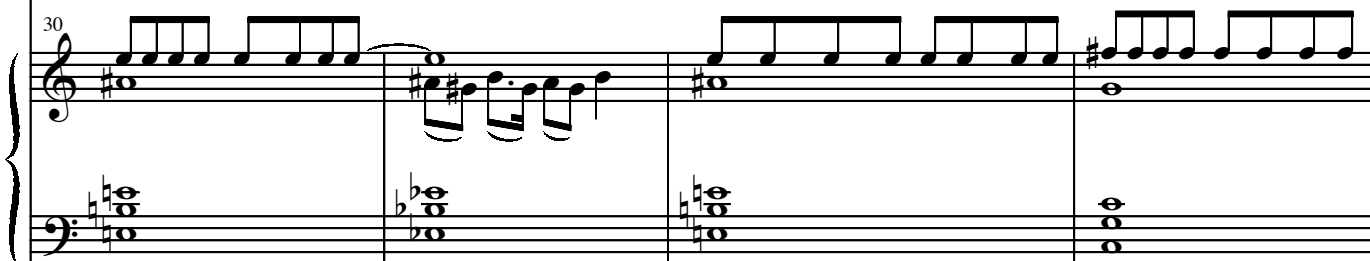
stems of leaves in au - tumn to make them fall.

26

Then we suf - fer, and though the sun

una corda *p* *ord.* *f*

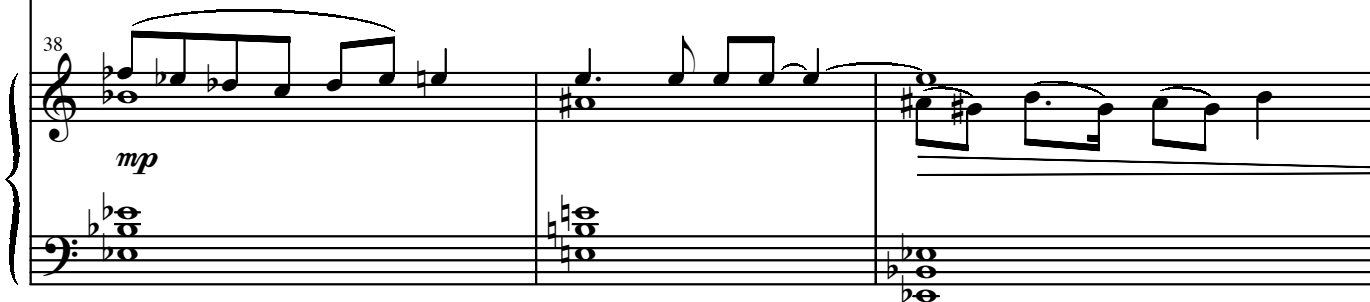
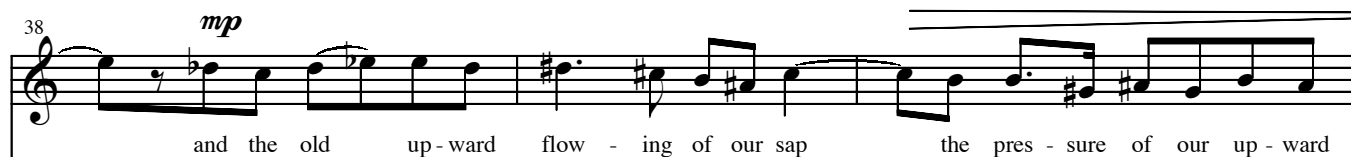
30



34



38



41 *p* meno mosso a tempo
 flow of feel - ing is a - gainst him. *p*

41 *una corda*
p *p*
 Ped.

44 rit. meno mosso 3 3
 Then on - ly un - der the moon cool and un - con - cerned

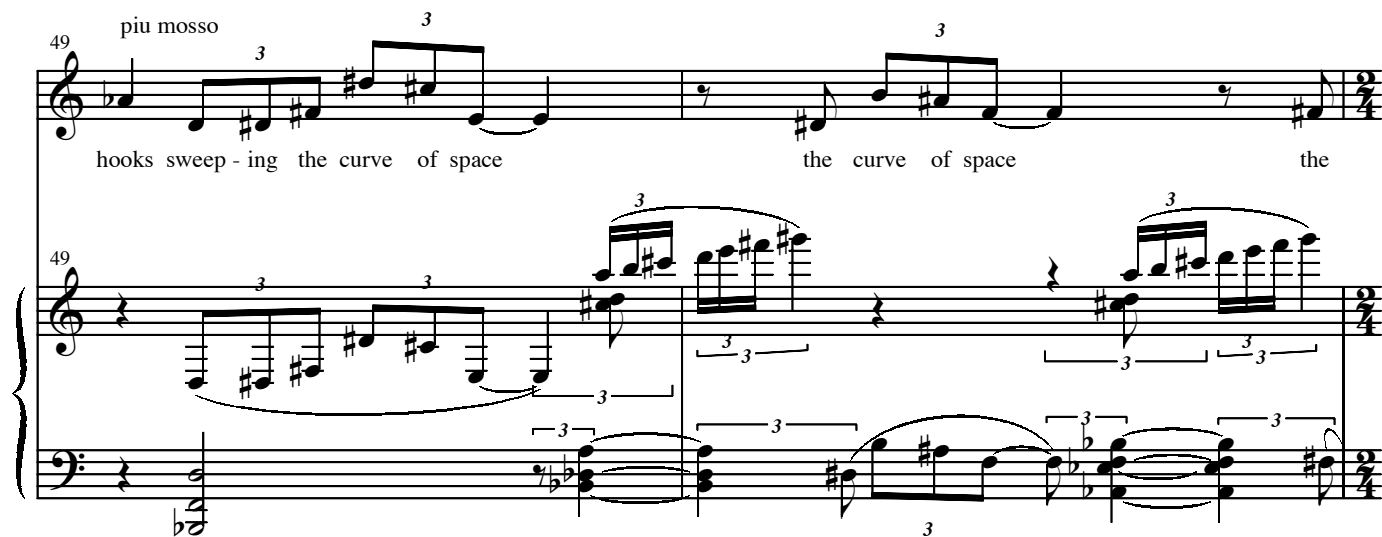
44 ord.
p
 *

47 poco accel.
 calm with the calm of sci - mi - tars and bril - liant reap - ing

47 L. V.
pp *f*

49 *piu mosso*

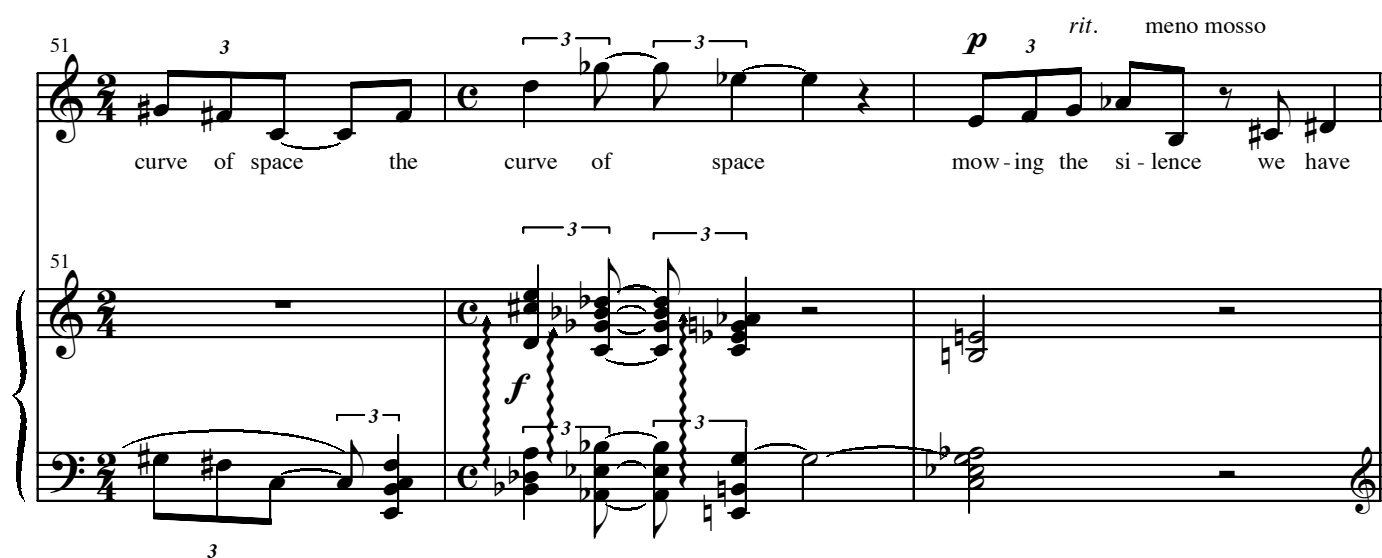
hooks sweep - ing the curve of space the curve of space the



51

curve of space the curve of space *p* 3 *rit.* meno mosso

mow - ing the si - lence we have



54 *a tempo*

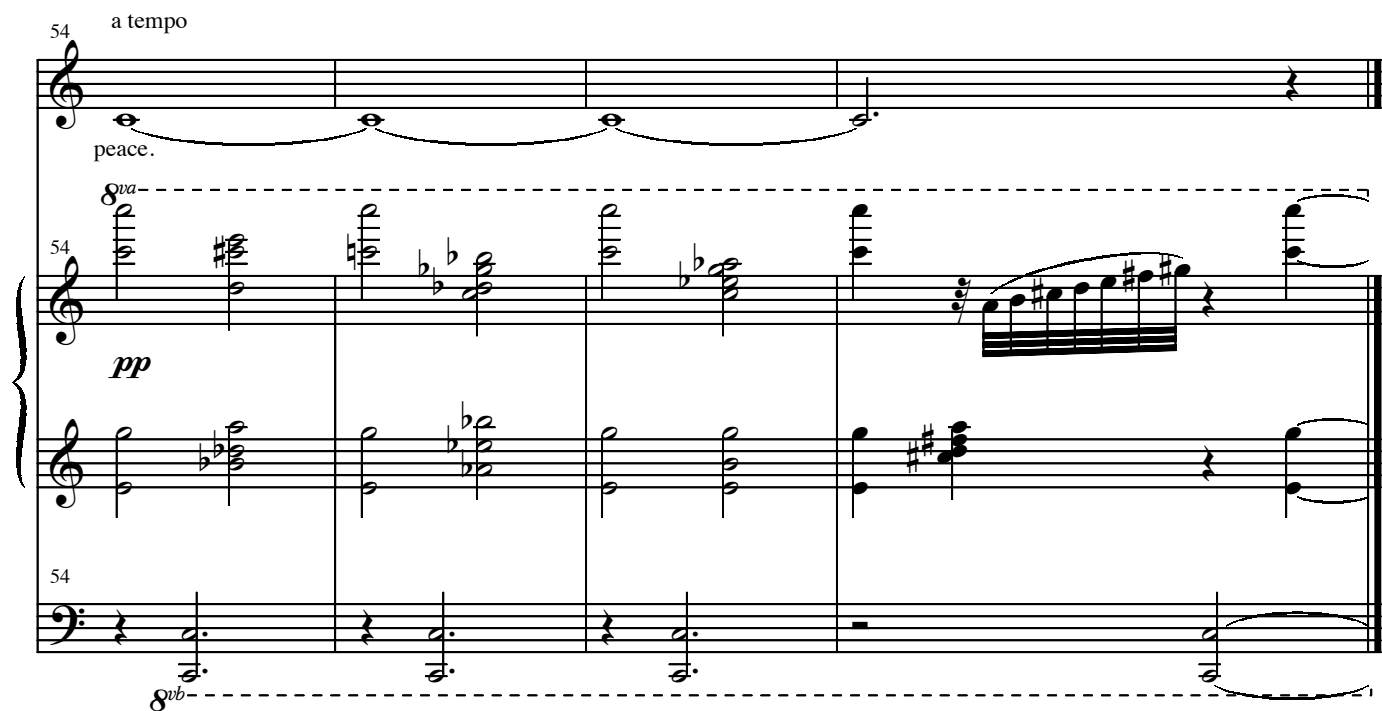
peace.

pp

8va-

54

8vb-



Shades

D. H. Lawrence
from "Collected Poems"
(1928)

William Neil

Lento *p*

Shall I tell you then how it is?

ff *p* *ppp*

3

There came a clo - ven gleam

ff *p* *ppp*

5 *un poco piu mosso* *f* *p* *meno mosso* $\bullet = 58$

5 *f* *p*

7 *poco a poco accel.*
mf *f*
 like a tongue of dark - ened flame

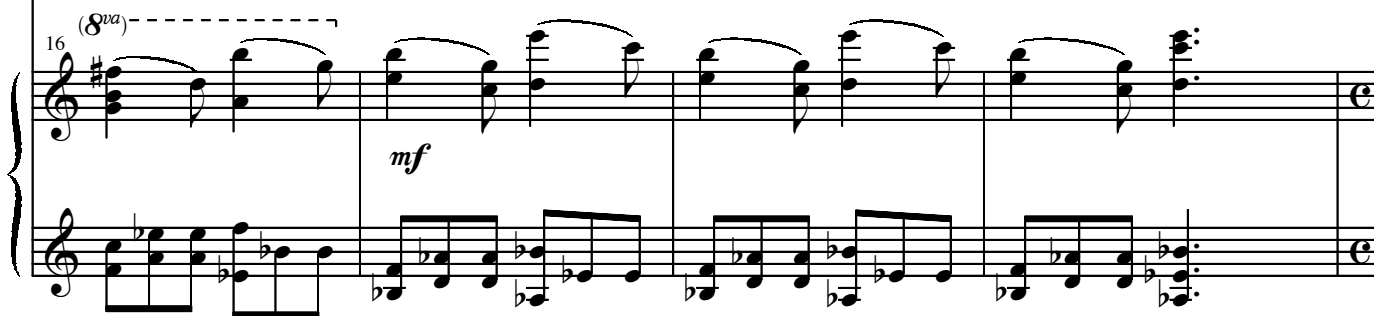
10 *mp*
 to

12 *meno mosso* *rit.* *a tempo*
 fli-cker in me and so I seem to have you still the same in one world with me.

16

mf

16

(8^{va})*mf*

20

*rit.**p*

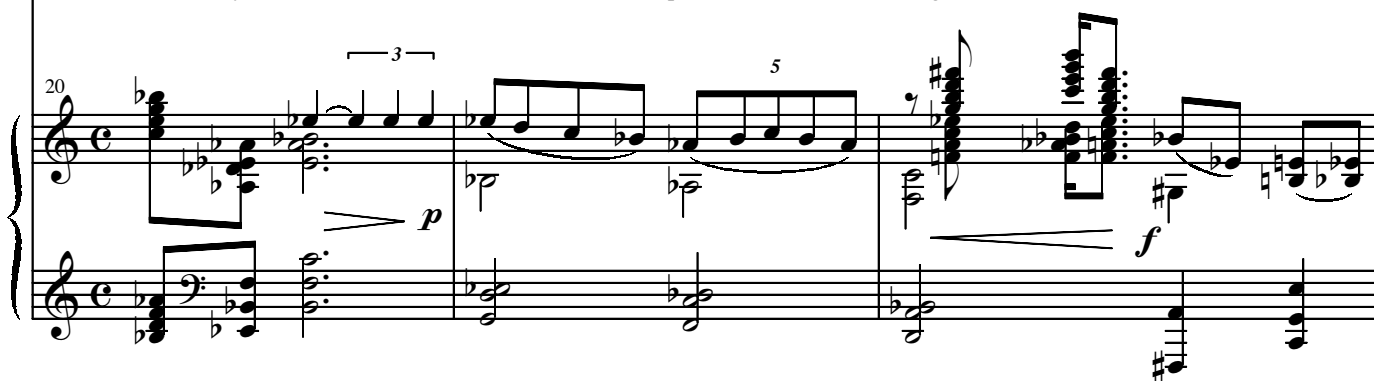
5

f

20

3

5

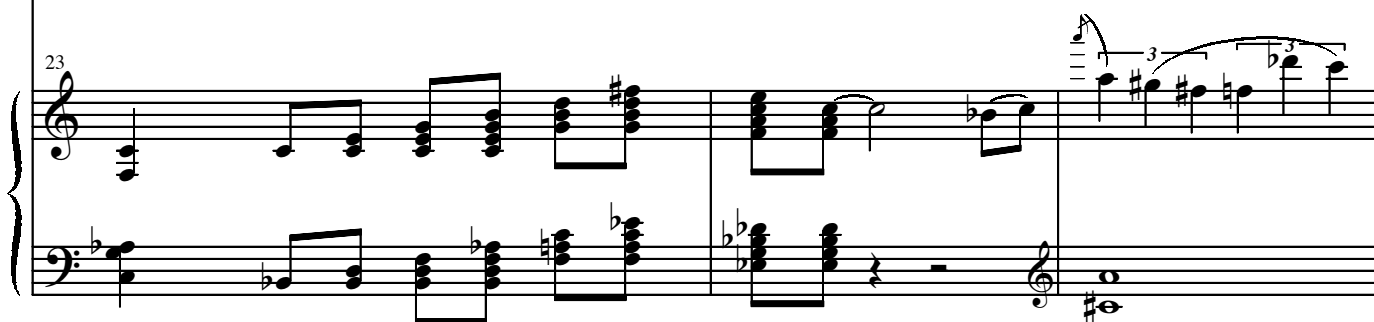
*p**f*

23

yet it de - prives them none of the glis-ten.



23



26 *p* *f*

In ev - ery sha - ken mor - sel I see our sha - dow trem - ble

26

28

as if it

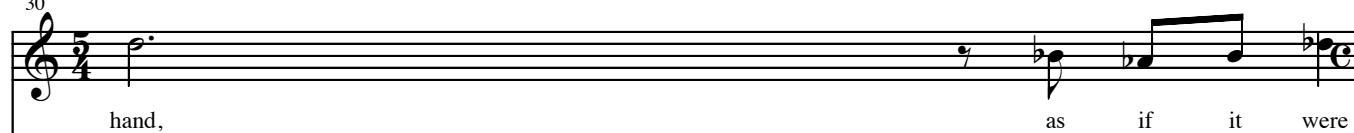
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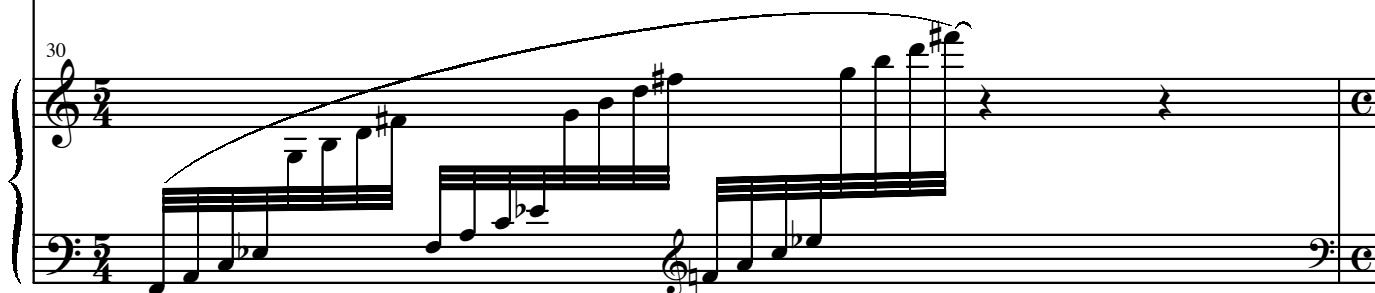
rip - pled from out of us hand in

29

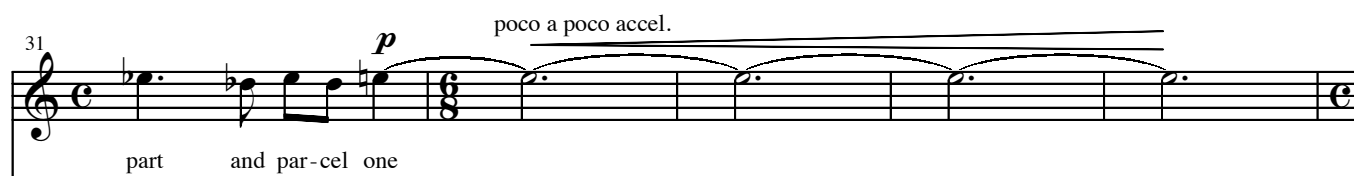
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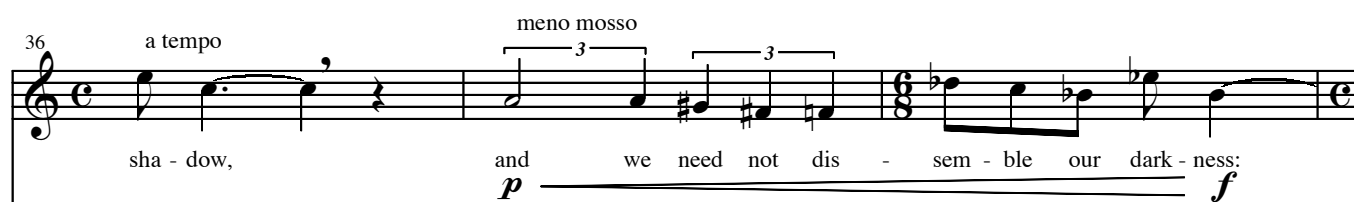
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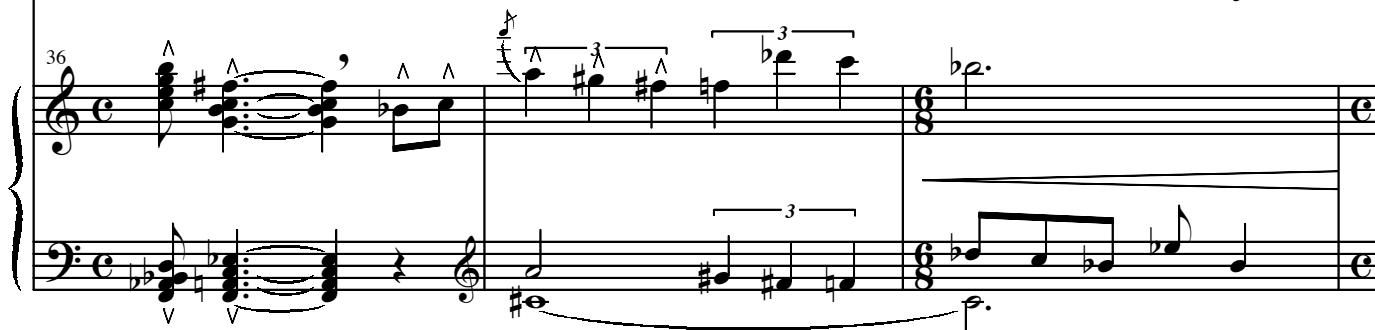
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36



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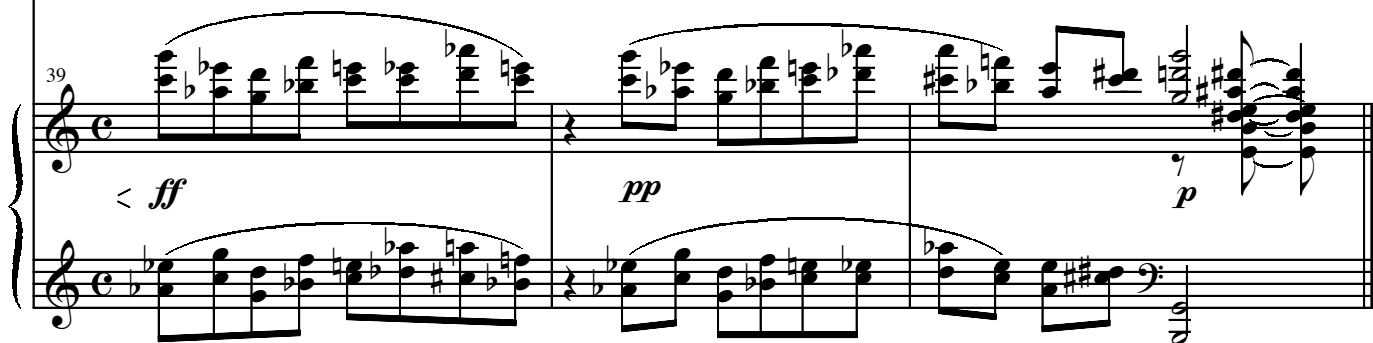


39

molto lento

p

39

< *ff**pp**p*

A White Blossom

D. H. Lawrence

William Neil

p

ff *f* *pp* *pp* *8va-* *8vb-* *A*

4

ti - ny moon as small and white *ritenuto* as a sin - - -

4

7

3

gle jas - mine flow - er stands all a - lone a - bove

7

p

a tempo
 10 *mf* $\text{< } f \text{>}$ *p*
 on night's win - t'ry bow - - - er.
 10
mf

11

11

ff

6

p

p

ff

15

15

pp

ff

8va

18 *piu mosso* *f*

Li - quid as lime - tree blos - som, soft

p

8va

8va

22 *f*

as bril - liant wa - ter

p

8va

9

10

24

or rain

f

10

10

10

26 subito tempo primo *mf*

she shines, the first white

subito tempo primo

29

love of my youth, pas - sion - less

pp $\wedge$ *f* *p* *ritenuto*

f *p*

8vb - - -

8vb - - -

33

*ff**ritenuto* and in vain.

33

*p**ff*

36

36

3

*f**gliss.**pp**p**ppp**pp**8vb-1*
Leo.

*

*8vb-1**8vb-1*

Reach Over

D. H. Lawrence
from "Uncollected Poems"

William Neil

Lento ♩ = 56

p Reach o - ver, then, reach o - ver a - cross the cha - sm in the dark.

p *pp*

7 *piu mosso*

I am com - ing down, down to the le - vels

7

11 *poco rit.* *a tempo* *8vb-1* *un poco piu mosso* ♩ = 63

where you have stayed. I am com - ing back. But be - tween us still

11 *f* *p*

16 *p*

lies a cha-sm, though it nar-rows now. Per-haps one could step a -

20 *p*

cross. But reach o - ver, reach o - ver and

20 *mp*

25 *f* $\text{♩} = 52$ *meno mosso*

give me a hand. I come back to

25

29 *a tempo*
mf ♩ = 63

you. Men, dumb in the dusk, 3 but men, *p*

29 *p*

33 *p*

and dear - er to me than a - ny - thing

33 *p*

39 *ff*

else, than wo - man or tri - umph, mo - ney or suc - cess, men

39 *ff*

43 *tempo primo*
 in the dusk, *f* dumb but

45 *dim.* *p*
 mas - cu - line as the sun wait - ing for the sun to rise on

49 *rit.*
 you. Reach o - ver, then, reach o - ver and let us em -

55 *p* *f* *pp*

brace. 8^{va} let us em - brace.

55 *p* *f* *pp* *ppp*

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a voice and piano piece. The voice part is on a single staff with a treble clef. It begins at measure 55 with a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a half note. The dynamics are marked *p* (piano), *f* (forte), and *pp* (pianissimo). The piano accompaniment consists of two staves, treble and bass, with a brace on the left. The right hand of the piano has a melody of eighth notes, while the left hand has a bass line. Dynamics for the piano are marked *p*, *f*, *pp*, and *ppp* (pianississimo). A 'brace. 8va' marking is placed above the piano's right hand, indicating an octave transposition. The lyrics 'let us em - brace.' are written under the voice part.

Love Message

William Neil

D. H. Lawrence
from Collected Poems

Adagio

pp

The first system of the musical score for 'Love Message' is in 12/8 time. The vocal line begins with a whole note rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a dotted quarter note Bb4. The piano accompaniment starts with a whole note rest in the right hand and a half note Bb3 in the left hand. The piano part features a descending eighth-note scale in the right hand: Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb3. The lyrics 'If you hap - pen u - pon my love,' are written below the vocal line.

Ped.

The second system continues the piece. The vocal line has a triplet of eighth notes: G4, F4, E4, followed by a half note D4, a quarter note C4, and a dotted quarter note Bb3. The piano accompaniment continues the descending eighth-note scale in the right hand. The lyrics 'just greet him from me, just greet him from me.' are written below the vocal line.

The third system of the musical score. The vocal line begins with a whole note rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a dotted quarter note Bb4. The piano accompaniment features a descending eighth-note scale in the right hand: Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb3. The lyrics 'Catch him by the sleeve of his coat' are written below the vocal line. The piano part includes a dynamic marking of *p* and a crescendo leading to a *mf* marking.

8

and in-vite him to me.

sfp *mf* *p* *pp* *mf*

11

If he will not come at your re - quest, God

p *f* *p*

14

spare him all sor - row of me, God spare him

f *p* *rit.* *ff*

p *rit.* *ff*

17

f *pp*

all sor-row of me, I wish him still the

f *p* *ff* *pp*

20

p

best. I wish him still the best.

p *pp*

There Is Rain in Me

D. H. Lawrence
Pansies
(1929)

William Neil

Lento $\bullet = 46$

8^{va}

pp

4 *p*

There is rain in me run - ning down, run - ning

4

7

down, trick - ling a - way from mem - or - y.

7 15^{ma}

p

6 6 6

ff *pp*

3 3

3

4

10 *p*

There is o - cean in me, there is o - cean

10 *ff* *p*

11

15 *f* *p*

in me, sway - ing, sway -

15 *pp* *p* *f*

19 *p* *f* *poco accel.* *a tempo*

ing O so deep, so

19 *p* *f* *p*

8^{va} 8^{vb}

24

fa - thom - less - ly black,

(8va) 3 3

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

28 *piu mosso* ♩ = 80 3

and spurt - ing sud - den - ly up, snow - white

28 *f*

30

like snow - leo - pards rear - ing, rear - ing

30

33 *f* *high*

33 *f* *ff* *p* *8va*

35 *p* *f* *p*

and claw-ing with rage at the cliffs of the soul,

35 *pp* *pp* *8va*

38 *pp* *8va*

38 *pp* *8va* *8va*

41 *sfz* *then*

41 *8va* *ff* *ff*

44 *f* *dis - ap - pear - ing* *back with a hiss*

44 *ff* *15* *sfz* *ff*

46 *of*

46 *p* *f* *8vb*

48

e - ter - - - nal salt rage.

48

(8vb) - - - - -

ff

V V

50

An - gry is old o - cean with - in a man.

50

f

fff

ppp 8vb - -

Baby Songs --- Ten Months Old

D. H. Lawrence
from Collected Poems
(1928)

William Neil

mf

See how she snug-gles a- gainst my neck,

f

p *f* *poco rit.*

5 my wee mouse,

mf *f* *poco rit.*

8 *p* 3 3 *piu mosso* *p*

and her fin-gers move in the ruts of my ears and my throat is wet

8 *p* *pp dolce* *p* *sfz* *sfz*

piu mosso

12 with her tears with her tears.

12 *sfz pp* *ff*

17 *p* Allegro ♩ = 88

I can just see the nape of her white lit - tle

17 4 4 4

21

neck. *f* My pale, wet

21

pp *mf*

23

f but - ter - fly, fluf - fy chick - en. The rest is a cloud of

23

*f*³

26

this - tle - down.

26

p

28

Soft, tick - ling

3

28

30

ritenuto *ritardando* *p* 3 *meno mosso* *p*

brown. I can - not call her "Sweet Joy" now, my

30

p *f* *p*

33

meno mosso *ff* *rit.* *ad lib.* *pp*

wee squirrel, she is no long - er two days old: 'twas a tale soon told.

33

ff *rit.*

38

*a tempo primo**p*

Musical score for measures 38-43. The vocal line (treble clef) has lyrics: "And dark now is the sky". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a melody in the right hand with triplets and a bass line with eighth notes. Dynamics include *p* and *pp*. Measure numbers 38 and 43 are indicated.

44

f

Musical score for measures 44-48. The vocal line (treble clef) has lyrics: "that she came through, my white bird,". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a melody in the right hand with triplets and a bass line with eighth notes. Dynamics include *f*. Measure numbers 44 and 48 are indicated.

49

*rit.**f*

Musical score for measures 49-53. The vocal line (treble clef) has lyrics: "heav-y with drops of the first cruel rain, tears for". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a melody in the right hand with triplets and a bass line with eighth notes. Dynamics include *ff*. Measure numbers 49 and 53 are indicated.

52 *♩ = 60 molto lento* *p*

her pain. There, press your hot, red cheek a-against

(8va) -----

56 *p < f* *rit.* *pp* *piu mosso*

mine, my own ba - by,

56 *rit.* *ppp* *piu mosso*

61 *8va* -----

61 *p* *f* *pp*

63 *p*

there, for the heat of it

63 *ppp*

65 *p* *f* *pp* *ppp*

caus - es a smart

8va

65

67 *p* *f* *pp*

that stings down

8va

67

69

to my heart.

69

ppp

71

8va

71

p *f* *pp*

Mystery

D. H. Lawrence
from "Collected Poems"
(1928)

William Neil

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into two systems. The first system consists of three measures. The vocal line begins in the third measure with the lyrics "Now I am all". The piano accompaniment features a continuous eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more static bass line in the left hand. The second system also consists of three measures. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "one bowl of kiss-es such as the tall slim vo-ta-ress of E-gypt". The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note pattern, with some chords in the right hand and sustained notes in the left hand. Dynamics include *p* (piano) and *f* (forte). There are also markings for *p* at the beginning of the piano part in the first system and at the end of the first system.

p
Now I am all

f
p

4
one bowl of kiss-es such as the tall slim vo-ta-ress of E-gypt

7 ³

filled for di - vine ex - cess - es.

ff

10

I lift to you my bowl of kiss - es and through the tem - ple's blue re - ce - sses

pp

13 *accel.* *f* *p* *rit.*

cry out to you in wild ca - resses

p *f* *p* *rit.*

17 *p*
as to my lips' bright

17 *f* *p*

p 8vb

20 crim-son rim the pas-sion slips, and down my slim white bo - dy and

20

8vb

23 down my slim white bo - dy drips the mov - ing hymn,

23

8vb

26 *p*

and still before the al - tar I ex - alt the bowl, brim - ful, and

26

29

cry to you to stoop and drink, Most

29

p *f*

32

High. Ah, drink me up that I may

32

34 *p* *f*

be with - in your cup like a my-ste-ry, like wine

ff

37 *p*

that's still in ecs-ta - sy.

f *p*

41

44

44

ppp

Tease

D. H. Lawrence
from Collected Poems
(1928)

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p

I will give you all my keys. You shall be my cha-te-laine.

pp *pp*

5 *pp* *f*

You shall en-ter as you please, as you please shall go a-gain. When I

5 *p*

8 *f*

hear you jing-ling through the cham-bers of my soul, how I sit and laugh at you

8

11 *meno mosso*
p

in your close house - keep - ing

ff *pp*

3 3

14

role: jeal - ous of the small - est co - ver,

p *pp*

3 3 3 3

16

an - gry at the simpl - est door. Well, you an - xious, in - qui - si - tive lov - er,

p *f*

3 3 3 3

18 *f* *meno mosso* *3* *3* *f*

are you pleased with what's in store? You have fin-gered all my trea-sure.

18 *meno mosso legato* *pp* *f* *marc.* *legato*

21 Have you not, most cu-ri-ous-ly, handled all my tools and mea-sures and

21 *3* *f*

25 *ad lib. molto ritardando* *3* *p* *molto meno mosso* *poco a poco accel.*

mas-cu-line ma-chi-ne-ry? O-ver ev-'ry sin-gle beau-ty you have had your lit-tle rap-ture;

25 *pp* *p* *f*

28 *mf* 3 *f* *p*

you have slain, as was your du - ty, ev - 'ry sin - nower you could cap - ture.

28 *pp* *mf*

31 *p* *adagio* 3

rit. Still you are not sa - tis - fied!

31 *ff* *pp* *adagio*

34 Still you trem - ble faint re - proach. Chal - lenge me. I

34

37 *rit.* *ritardando* *molto meno mosso*
mp

keep a - side sec - rets that you may not broach. May-be yes and may-be no;

37 *rit.* *f* *p* *mf* *ff*

may - be there are sec - ret pla - ces, al - tars bar-b'rous be -

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

may - be there are sec - ret pla - ces, al - tars bar-b'rous be -

40 *sub. pp* *pp*

43 low, elsewhere halls of high dis - grac - es.

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

47

tempo primo

Musical score for measures 47-49. The system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand and a triplet of eighth notes in the left hand, both marked with a '3'. The vocal line has a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand and a triplet of eighth notes in the left hand, both marked with a '6'. The piano part ends with a *pp* (pianissimo) dynamic marking.

50

Musical score for measures 50-52. The system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand and a triplet of eighth notes in the left hand, both marked with a '3'. The vocal line has a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand and a triplet of eighth notes in the left hand, both marked with a '6'. The piano part ends with a *ff* (fortissimo) dynamic marking.

May - be yes and may - be no,

53

Musical score for measures 53-55. The system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand and a triplet of eighth notes in the left hand, both marked with a '3'. The vocal line has a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand and a triplet of eighth notes in the left hand, both marked with a '6'. The piano part ends with a *ff* (fortissimo) dynamic marking.

you may have it as you please, since

56 *meno mosso* *mf*

you are so keen to know e - v'ry - thing, Mis - ter

56 *f* *ff* *pp*

61 *f*

III - At - Ease.

61 *ff* *ppp*

Twilight

D. H. Lawrence
from *Rhyiming Poems*
1913

William Neil

$\text{♩} = 66$ *f*

Dark - ness comes out of the earth

ff

p

and swal - lows dip

pp

3 3 3 3

7 *p* *f*

in -

7

p *f*

9

to the pal - lor of the

9

11 *p*

west.

8va -

11 *p* *pp*

13

meno mosso

8va- *poco accel.*

16

*a tempo**p**f**p*

From the hay comes the cla - mour of child - ren's mirth.

16

*a tempo**f**p**f*

19

meno mosso

♩ = 52

p

Wanes the old

pa - limp - sest.

molto rit.

19

*p**p*

5

22 *p*

The night-stock ooz-es scent, and a moon-blue

26 *ff* *pp* *46*

moth goes flit-ter-ing by. All that the world-ly

30 *pp* *8va* *mf* *pp* *mf* *pp* *3* *8va* *pp* *3* *ff*

day has meant wastes

34 *ff*

like a lie.

38 $\text{♩} = 66$ *p* *f* *pp*

The child - ren have for - sa-ken their play. A

42 $\text{♩} = 46$ *meno mosso*

sin - gle star in a veil of light

45 *f* 3

glim - mers. Lit - ter of day

45 *f* 13 *ff*

47 $\bullet = 66$ *p* --- *f* --- $\bullet = 46$ *pp*

is gone from sight.

47 *f* *meno mosso* *pp* 3 3 8va--

Piano

D. H. Lawrence
from "Rhyming Poems"
(1928)

William Neil

Lento $\bullet = 40$

pp

p

3

3

5

p

Soft - - - ly in the dusk

5

f

7

a wo - man is sing - ing to

9

me, tak - ing me back down the vis - ta of years till I see a child

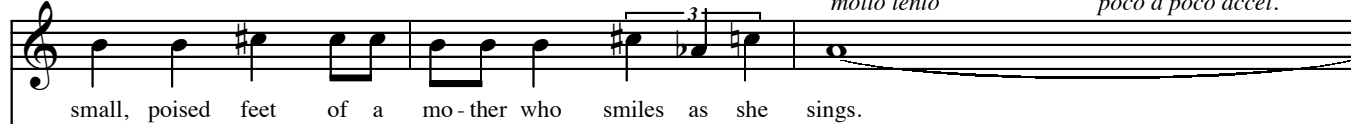
p *f* *p* *3* *piu mosso*

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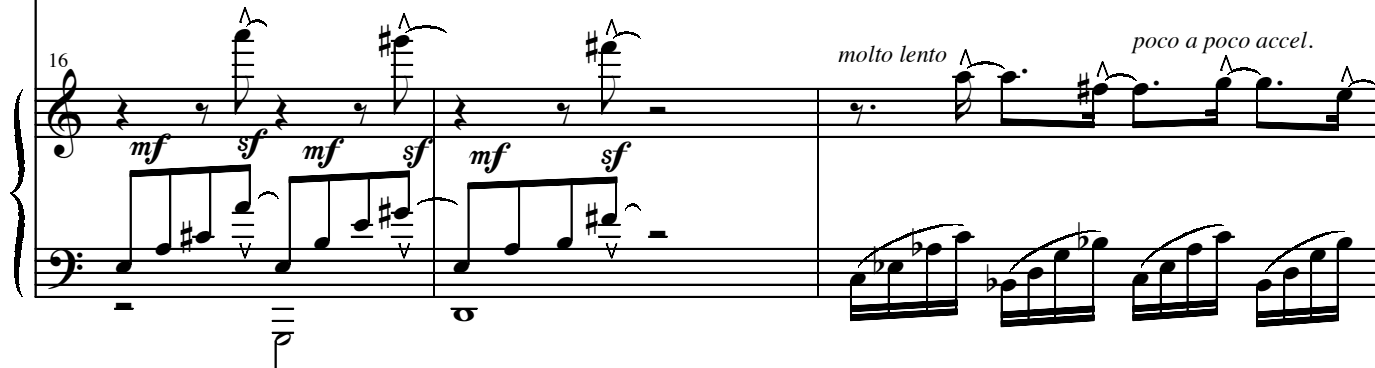
sit-ting un - der the pi - a - no in the boom of the tink - ling strings, press - ing the

p *rit.* *a tempo primo* *3* *mf* *sf* *mf* *sf*

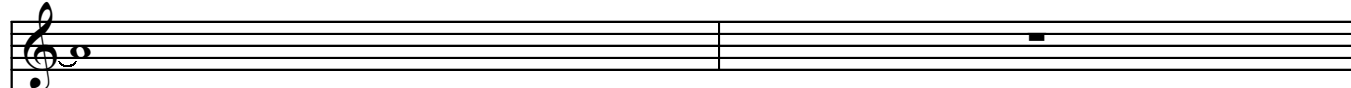
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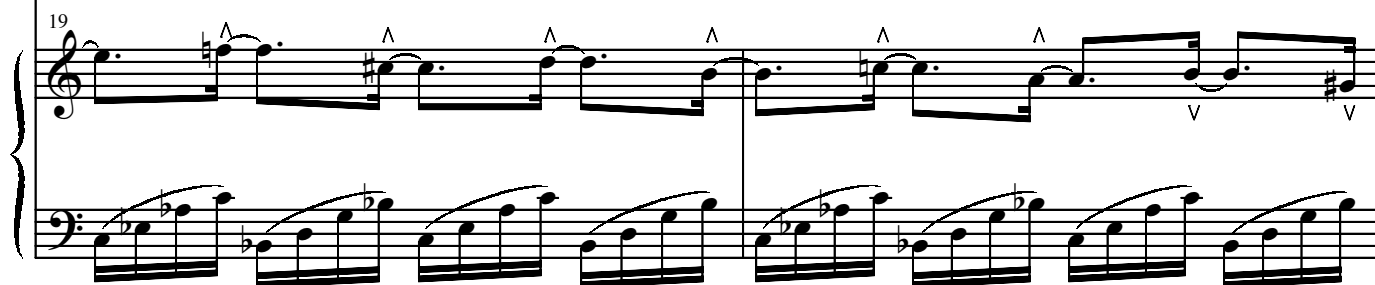
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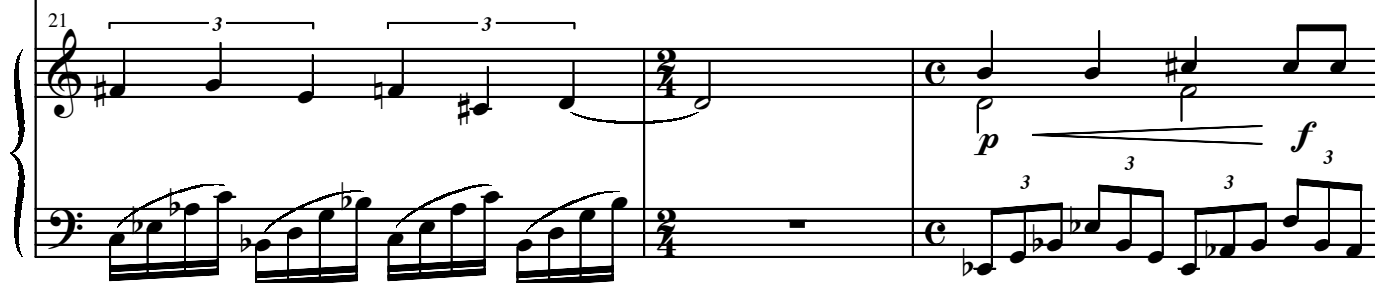
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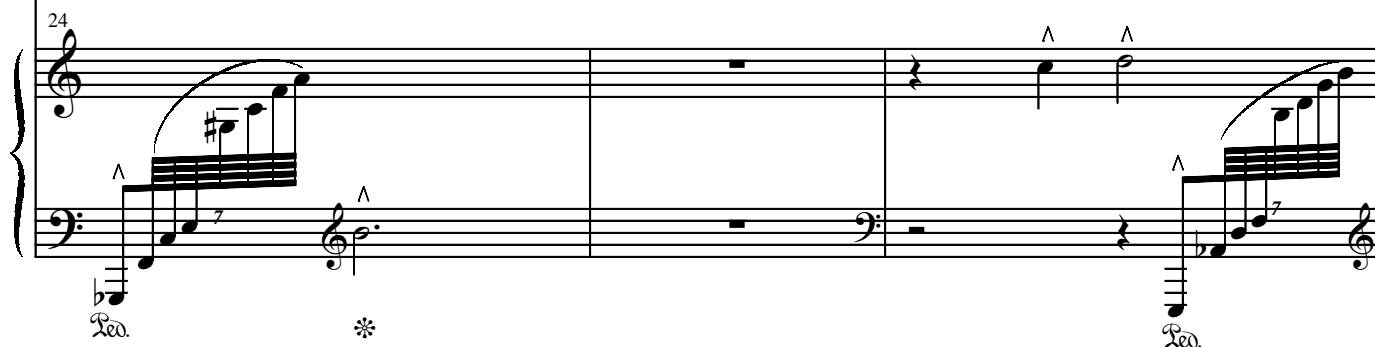


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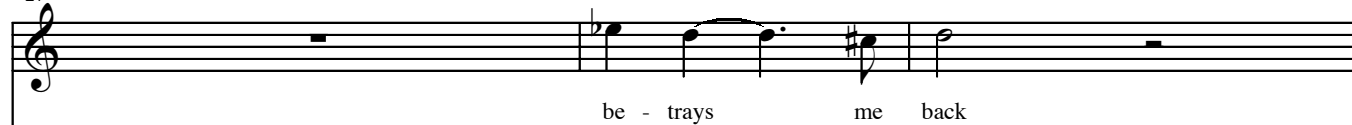
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In spite of my - self the in - si - di - ous mas - ter - y of song

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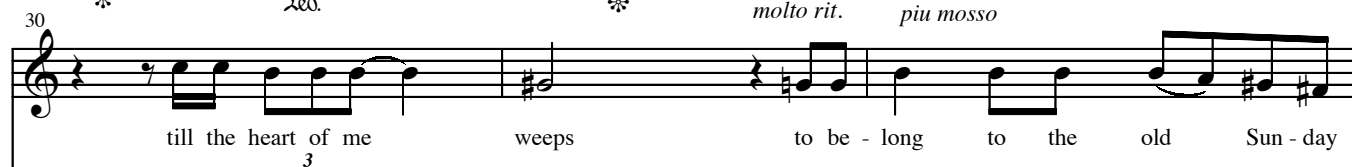


be - trays me back

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till the heart of me weeps to be - long to the old Sun - day

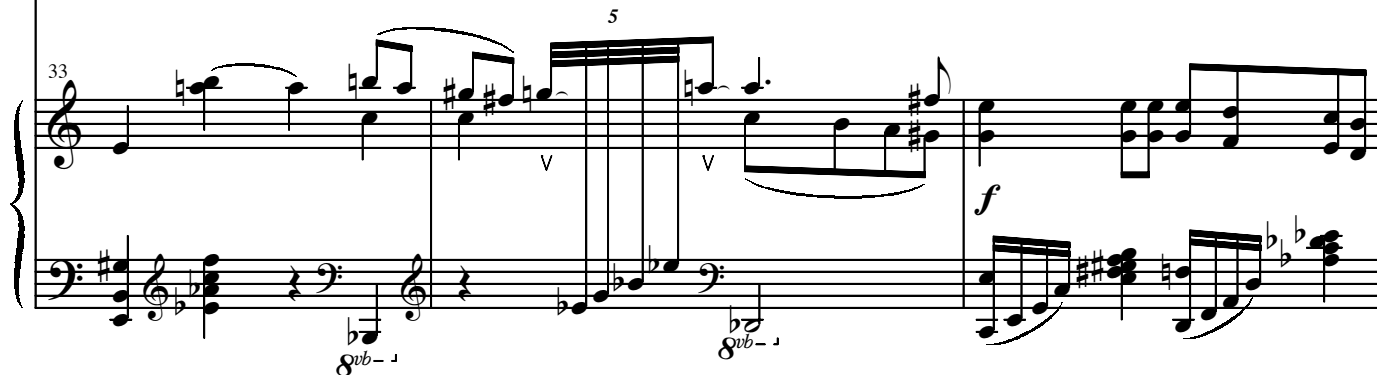
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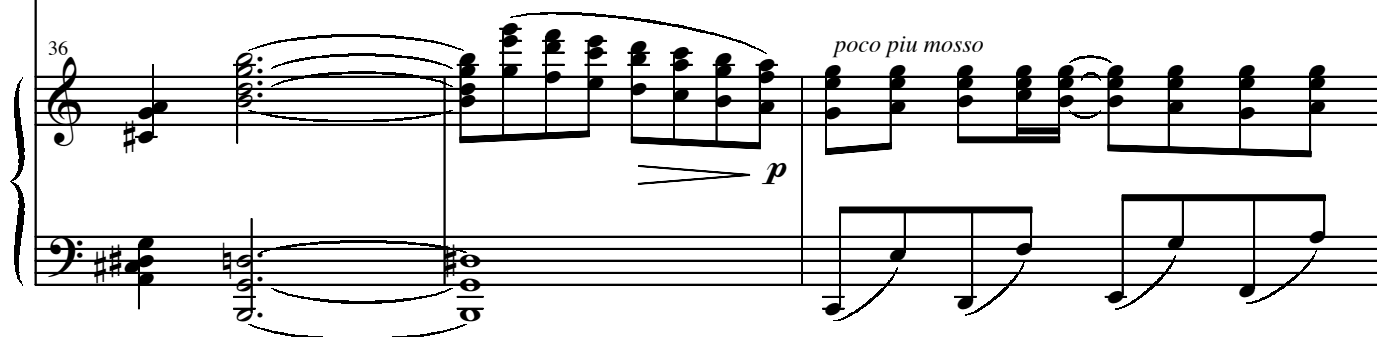
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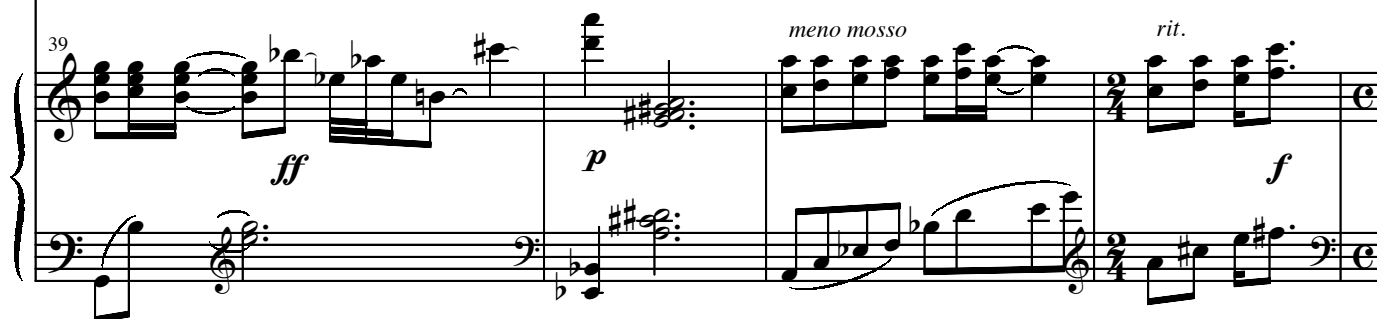
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a tempo

43 *p* *f* 3

So now it is vain for the sing - er to

43 *p* *f* 3

45 3

burst in - to cla - - - mour

45 *ff* *Leg.*

46 10 6 8^{va}

with the great black pi -

46

*

48 *p* *f*

a - no ap - - - - -

8va - - - - -

48

p *f*

49

49

50

pas - sio - na - to

50

6 Ped. *

6 Ped. *

51

p *f*

ap - - - - - pas-sio - na - to.

3

51

ff

Reo.

54

p *f*

The gla-mour of child-ish days is u-pon me, my man-hood

54

una corda

ppp

fp *fp*

58

p

is cast down in the flood of re-mem-brance.

3

58

fp *fp* *fp* *pp*

The image shows a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree". It consists of three staves. The top staff is for the vocal line, written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The melody starts on a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a half note B4. The middle and bottom staves are for the piano accompaniment, written in treble and bass clefs respectively, also in 2/4 time. The piano part features a series of chords and single notes, with a dynamic marking of *f* (forte) at the beginning. The score is divided into two measures, each ending with a double bar line. The tempo is marked as 60 beats per minute.

62 *meno mosso*

weep like a child, like a

62 *meno mosso*

p *f* *p* *f*

66

child, for the past.

p

66

p *f* *ppp* senza rit.

Intimates --- To a Certain Friend

D. H. Lawrence
from *More Pansies*

William Neil

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a treble and bass clef in common time (C). The piano part features a series of sixteenth-note runs in the right hand, with a dynamic marking of *f* (forte). The voice part enters in the second measure with a melody that includes a trill. The score is divided into systems. The first system shows the piano introduction. The second system continues the piano part with a trill in the right hand. The third system introduces the vocal melody with the lyrics "Don't you care for my love?". The piano part provides a rhythmic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The score includes dynamic markings such as *p* (piano), *f* (forte), and *ff* (fortissimo). There are also performance instructions like "8va" (octave up) and "8vb" (octave down). The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature changes to 2/4 in the final system.

9 *rubato*

he said bit - ter - ly. I hand - ed him the mir - ror and said:

p *f*

And.

13 *p* *f*

Please ad - dress these ques - tions to the pro - per per - son!

p *f*

17

Please make all re - quests to head quar - ters! In all

6 8vb

21

mat - ters of e - mo - tion - al im - port - ance

21

(8^{vb})

25

please ap - proach the su - preme au - tho - ri - ty

25

6

29

di - rect! You're so in - t'rest - ed in your - self that you bore

29

p *rit.* *f* = 54 *meno mosso*

35 ³

me tho-rough-ly. I'm un-ab-le to feel a-ny in-t'rest in your

40 *rit.* *p*

in-te-rest-ing self. So I hand-ed

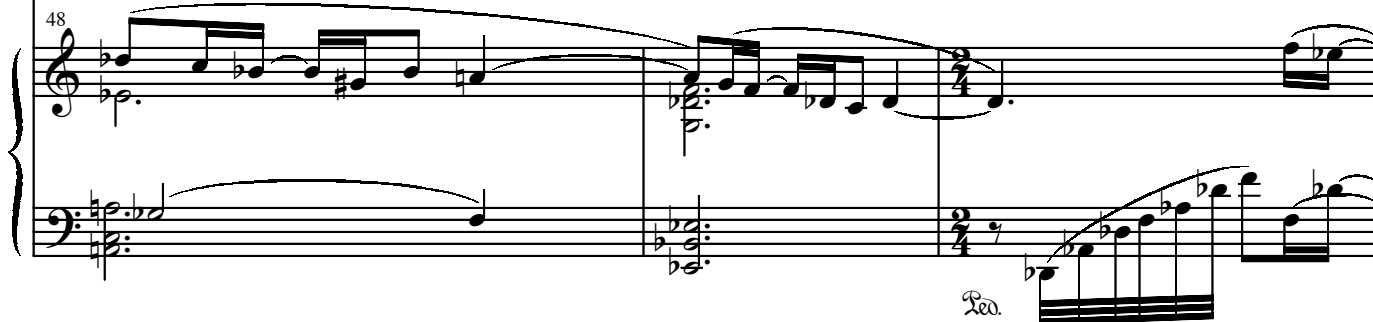
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him the mir-ror, and he

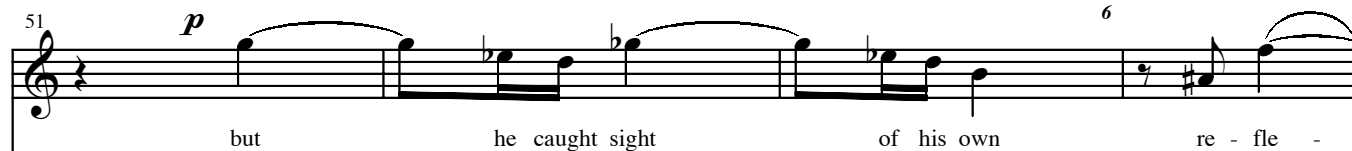
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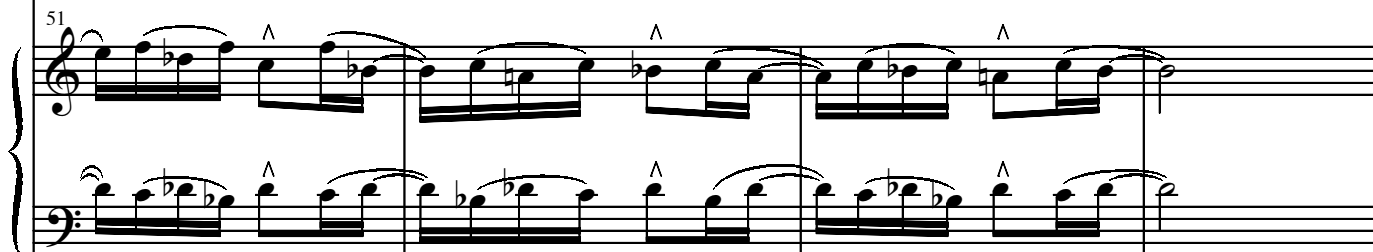
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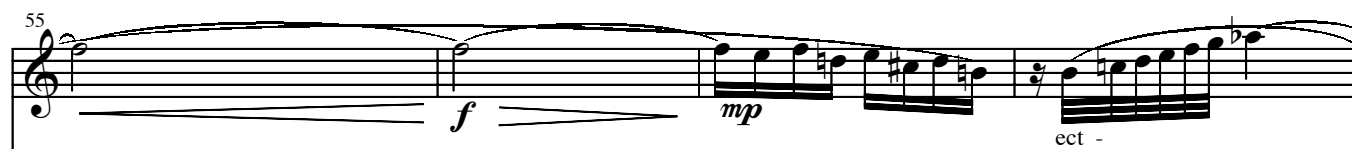
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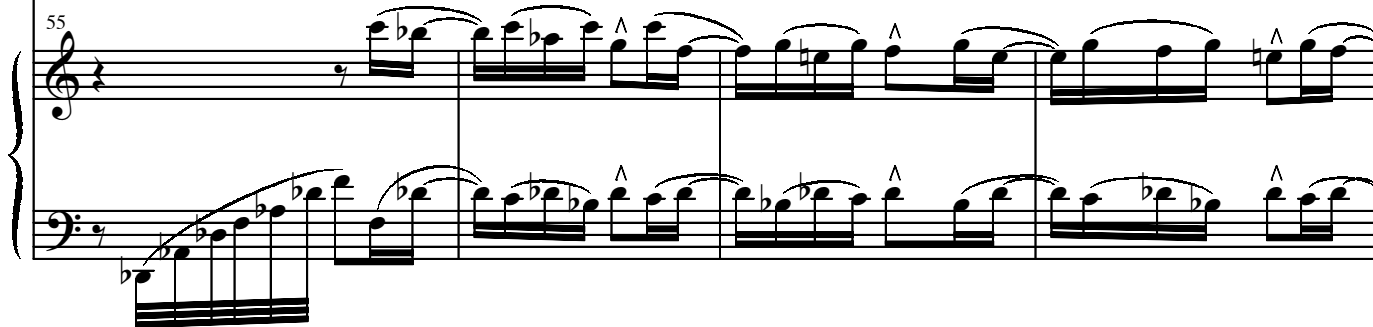
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55



55



59

ion, and that held him spell - - - bound

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63

for two se - conds

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piu mosso pp

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ff

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8va -

6

71

f

while

6

3

f

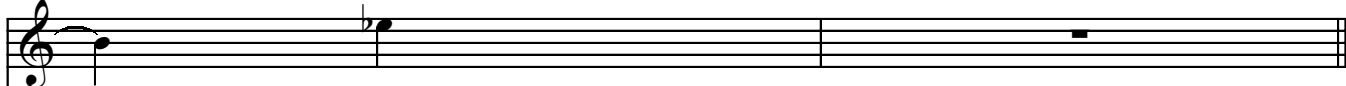
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I

75

f

80



fled!

80

