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I. o by the by

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Allegro (♩ = 104)

Piano *f*

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. It features a series of chords and eighth notes, with a dynamic marking of *f*. The left hand starts with a bass clef and a 4/4 time signature, playing a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

f o by the by has an - y - bod - y seen - lit - tle you - i

rit. e dim. *mp a tempo*

rit. *a tempo* *p*

The first system of the vocal score shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a treble clef with a 2/2 time signature. The lyrics are "o by the by has an - y - bod - y seen - lit - tle you - i". The piano accompaniment is in a bass clef with a 2/2 time signature. Dynamic markings include *f*, *rit. e dim.*, *mp a tempo*, *rit.*, *a tempo*, and *p*.

mf

who stood on a green - hill -

The second system of the vocal score continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a treble clef with a 2/2 time signature. The lyrics are "who stood on a green - hill -". The piano accompaniment is in a bass clef with a 2/2 time signature. A dynamic marking of *mf* is present.

p

and threw - his wish at - blue with a swoop and a

The third system of the vocal score concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a treble clef with a 2/2 time signature. The lyrics are "and threw - his wish at - blue with a swoop and a". The piano accompaniment is in a bass clef with a 2/2 time signature. A dynamic marking of *p* is present.

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mf *p* *rit.* *mp* *meno mosso* *atempo (Allegro)*

dart out flew his wish (it dived like a fish but it climbed like a dream)

pp *rit.* *meno mosso* *f*

atempo (Allegro)

Seo.

*

Develop (music)

f

throb - bing like a heart sing - ing like a flame

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mf *mf* *mf*

blue took it my far be-yond far and high be-yond high

sub. p

mp *rit.* *(mp) a tempo*

blu - ertook it your — but blu - est took it our a - way be-yond where — what a

rit. *a tempo*



won - der - ful thing is the end of a string

(mur - murs lit - tle you - i as the

hill be - comes hill)

and will some - bod - y tell me - why - peo - ple let go



II. when life is quite through with

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Andantino ($\text{♩} = 100$) *mp*

when life is quite through with and

Piano *p* *legatiss.*

leaves say a - las, ——— much is to do for the swal - low, that

clos - es — a flight in the blue; ——— when

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

(mf)

love's had his tears out, per - haps shall pass a mil - lion years ———

(mp)

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mf
 (while a bee doz - es on the pop - pies, the dears; — when

mp

ancora cresc.
 all's done and said, and — un - der the grass —

dim.

ancora cresc.
dim.

(mp)
 — lies her head — by oaks and ros - es —

(p)

p rall.
 de - lib - er - a - ted) —

pp
rall. al fine
ppp

III. what if a much of a which of a wind

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Vivace ($\text{♩} = 132$) *mf*

what if a much of a which of a wind

Piano *mp*

gives the truth to sum-mer's lie; blood-ies with diz-zy-ing

leaves the sun and yanks im-mor-tal stars a-wry?— Blow

(*sost.*)

king to beg-gar and queen to seem (blow

cresc. *mf*

friend to fiend: ——— blow space to time) ——— when

cresc. *dim.*

cresc. *mf*

skies are hanged and o - ceans drowned, ——— the

mp *cresc.* *mp*

cresc. *f*

sin - gle se - cret will still be man ———

mp *f*

mf

what if a keen of a lean wind flays scream-ing hills with

mp

sleet and snow: _____ stran-gles val-leys by ropes of thing and sti-fles for-ests in

white a - go? _____ Blow hope to ter - ror; blow

see - ing to blind (blow pit - y to en - vy _____ and soul to

mind) _____ whose hearts are moun - tains, roots are trees,

mf *cresc.*

— it's they shall cry hel - lo to the

f *mf* *subito*

spring — what if a dawn of a

rit. molto *Molto meno*

doom of a dream bites this u - ni - verse in two,

Tempo I^o Vivace

mf *f rit. molto* *a tempo*

peels for - ev - er out of his grave and sprin - kles no - where with me and you? —

mp *(sost.)*

Blow soon to nev - er and nev - er to twice (blow

(p)

cresc. *mf*

life to is - nt: blow death to was) — all noth - ing's

cresc. *dim.* *mp*

cresc. *mf*

on - ly our hu - gest home; the most who

cresc. *mp* *mf*

cresc. *ff*

die, — the more we live

molto *ff*

IV. silent unday by silently not night

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Calmo (♩=60)

Piano

p pale

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a series of eighth notes, while the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment of eighth notes. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C).

The first system of the vocal line includes the lyrics: "si - lent un - day by si - lent - ly not night". The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern. The dynamic marking *p* is present above the vocal line.

The second system of the vocal line includes the lyrics: "did the great". The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern. The time signature changes to 3/4.

The third system of the vocal line includes the lyrics: "world (in dark - ly tak - ing rain) drown be - yond". The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern. Dynamic markings *cresc.* and *dim.* are used to indicate volume changes.

mp
 sound down (slow - ly — be - neath sight — fall - ing) fall - ing through

cresc. touch-less still - ness — *mp* (seized a - mong what ghost - ly nev - ers —

— of a - gain) — si - lent not night —

poco cresc. by si - lent - ly — un - day — *mf* life's bright less

cresc. *dim. molto rit.*

dwin-dled to a least-ful most un-der im-ag-i-na-tion.

cresc. *dim. molto rit.*

marcato f a tempo *sost.*

when (out of sheer noth-ing) came a hu-ger than fear

f a tempo marcato *f*

Con Furia (L'istesso)

p *f*

a white with mad-ness wind and broke

p *mf*

o-ceans and tore moun-tains from their sock-ets and strewed the black

f

air with writh-ing a - live - - - - - skies and in death's place

Calmò (L'istesso) *mp*

new fra-grant - ly young earth space

o - pen-ing was. - - - - - Were your eyes: - - - - - lost, -

non rit.

be - liev - ing; - - - - - hushed - - - - - with when -

non rit.

V. until and i heard

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Allegro (*leggierissimo*) (♩. = 80)
mp

un - til and i heard _____ a

Piano

p

cer - tain a bird _____ i dreamed i could sing but like

(mp) *sub.* *mf*

noth - ing _____ are the joys of his voice _____ are the joys _____ of his

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

voice _____ un - til and who came _____ with a

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

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song like a dream of a bird with a song — like not an-y - thing - un-der

cresc. *mp* *f* *mf*

skies — o - ver grass — un -

dim. *mp* *mf* *8va.*

til and un-til — in-to flame i can feel how the earth must fly — if a

p *cresc.*

truth is a cry of a whole of a soul — of a whole — of a soul —

L.H. *R.H.*

p un - til i a - woke - for the beau - ti - ful sake - of a *cresc.* *poco*

a grave gay brave bright cry of a - live. *poco*

f with a trill like un - til *ff*

ff *sva.*