

KEATS  
ODE  
TO A  
NIGHTINGALE  
RECITATION  
WITH  
PIANO  
MUSIC BY G. ANTHEIL

Recitation, with piano

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Keats

# "Ode To A Nightingale"

Andante  
♩ = circa 80\*

George Antheil, 1950

Recitation

: my heart aches, and a drowsy numbness pains

Piano

mf adagio

RH LH

my sense, as though of hemlock I had drunk, Or empled

ff

RH LH

4 2

8/8

some dull opiate to the drains, one minute past, and Lethe-wards had sunk;

pp

ff

8va cassa

Tis not through envy of thy happy lot, But being too happy in thy happiness,

ff

p

bass 8va

That thou, light-winged Dryad of the trees, In some melodious plot, of

ff

ff

beechen green, and shadows numberless, singest at summer in full-throated

ff

ff

\* Metronome marks, tempo marks are very tentative; the accompaniment must, of course, follow the recitation.

1  
ease.  
8va

poco più mosso  $\text{♩} = 96$   
[4] Oh, for a draught of vintage! that hath been cool'd a long age in the

deep-delvèd earth tasting of Flora and the country green, Rance, and Provençal song and  
[5] sunburnt marsh!

slow

Oh! for a breaker full of the warm South, Full of the true,

the blushed Hippocrate, With beaded bubbles winking at the brim, and  
8va

purple-stained mirth; that I might drink, and leave the world unseen, And

with thee fade away into the forest dim

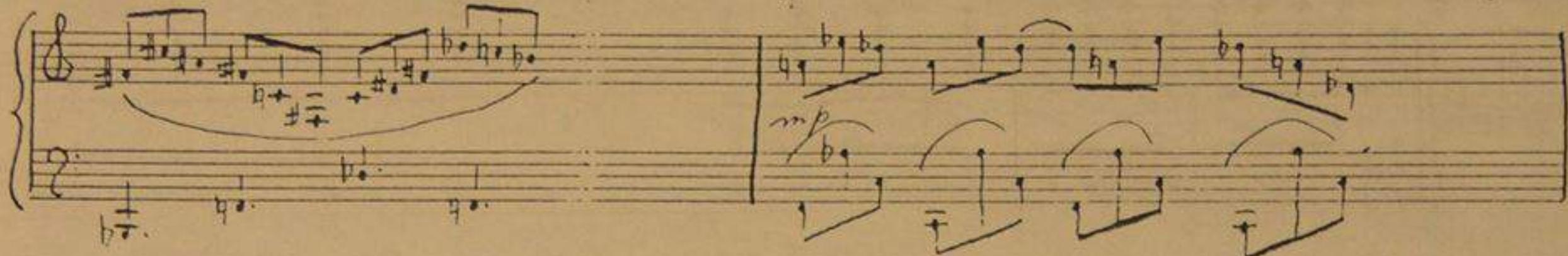
3  $\text{♩} = 88$

poco accal.  
③ dissolve and quite forget, what thou amongst the leaves hast never known,

Fade a-way,



[8] The weariness, the fever, and the fret Here, where men sit and hear each other groan; where



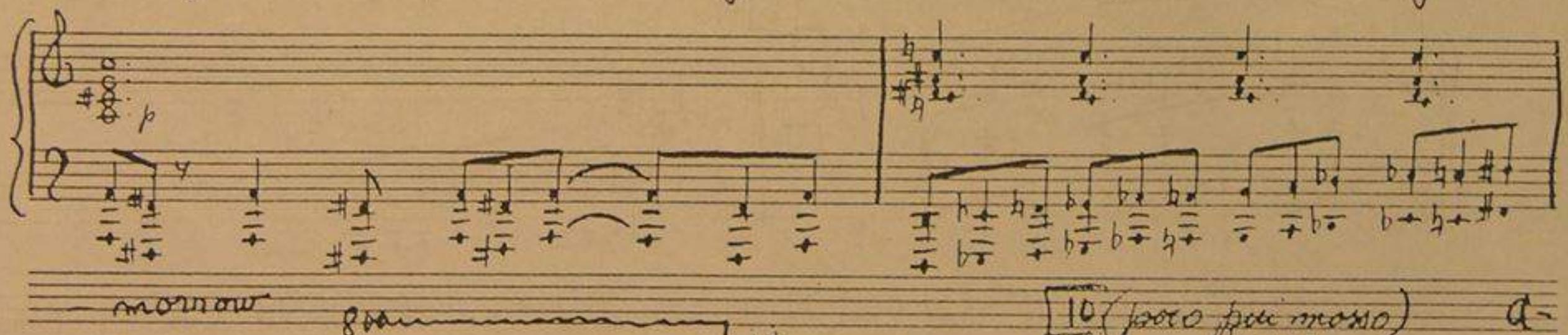
palely shakes a few, sad, last gray hairs, Where youth grows pale, and spectre-thin, and



dies — Where but to think into be full of sorrow, And leaden-eyed despairs, Where



Beauty cannot keep her lustrous eyes, Or new love pine at them beyond to-



morrow

8va

[10] (poco animando) = 104

a-



way! a-way! for I will fly to thee, Not charioted by Bacchus and his bands, but



poco. a poco rit -  
on the viewless wings of Poetry, through the dull brain perplexes and retards:

Measures 11-12: The piano part consists of two staves. The top staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and common time. It features eighth-note patterns with various accidentals. The bottom staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and common time. It features quarter notes and eighth-note patterns. The vocal line begins with "Already with thee" at a tempo of 80 BPM. The piano accompaniment continues with eighth-note chords.

[11] Already with thee! tender is the night and happily the Queen-Moon is on her

Measures 12-13: The piano part continues with eighth-note chords. The vocal line continues with "tender is the night and happily the Queen-Moon is on her". The piano accompaniment includes a basso continuo line with sustained notes and eighth-note patterns. The vocal line ends with "throne, clustered around by all her starry Days. But there is no light".

[12] here

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Measures 13-14: The piano part consists of two staves. The top staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and common time. It features eighth-note chords. The bottom staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and common time. It features sustained notes and eighth-note patterns. The vocal line begins with "Save what from Heaven is with the breeze blown, Through verdurous glooms and".

Measures 14-15: The piano part continues with eighth-note chords. The vocal line continues with "Save what from Heaven is with the breeze blown, Through verdurous glooms and". The piano accompaniment includes a basso continuo line with sustained notes and eighth-note patterns.

[13] piano

80a

winding mossy ways.

Measures 15-16: The piano part consists of two staves. The top staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and common time. It features eighth-note chords. The bottom staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and common time. It features sustained notes and eighth-note patterns. The vocal line begins with "Save what from Heaven is with the breeze blown, Through verdurous glooms and". The piano accompaniment includes a basso continuo line with sustained notes and eighth-note patterns. The vocal line ends with "(Recitation)".

fine meno mosso

rit

[14]

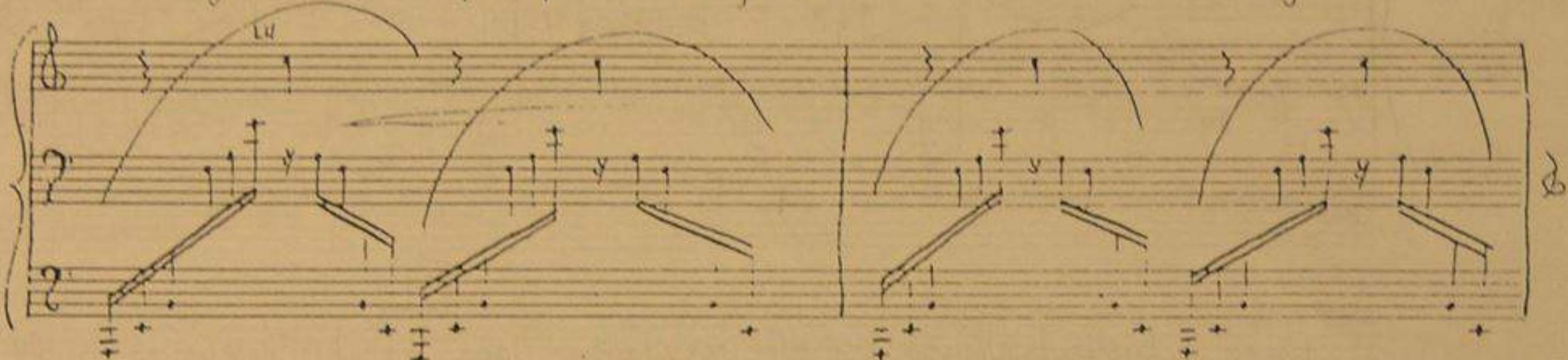
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cannot see what flowers are it my feet,

No.



which soft incense hangs upon the boughs, but in sustained darkness, goss each about

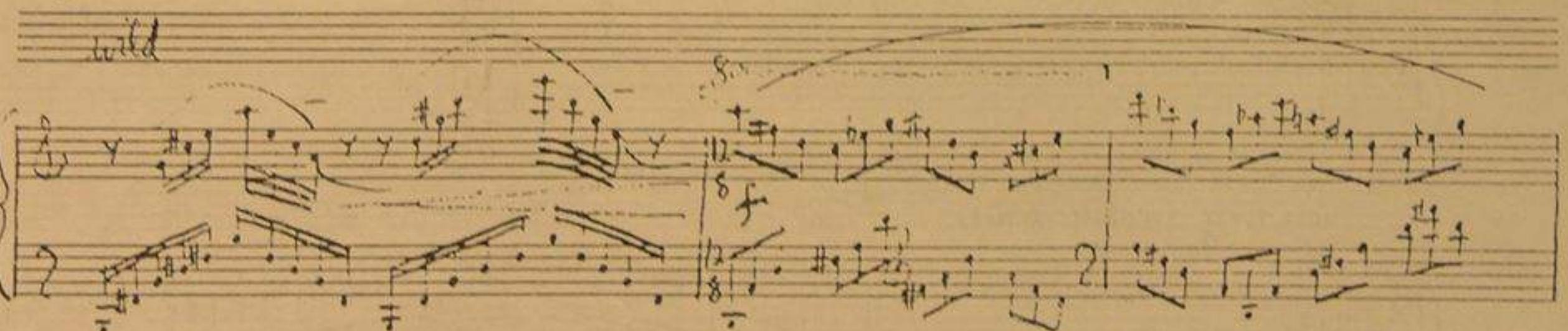


forewifl the sonorous mouth endow, The grass, the thicket, and the fruit-tree

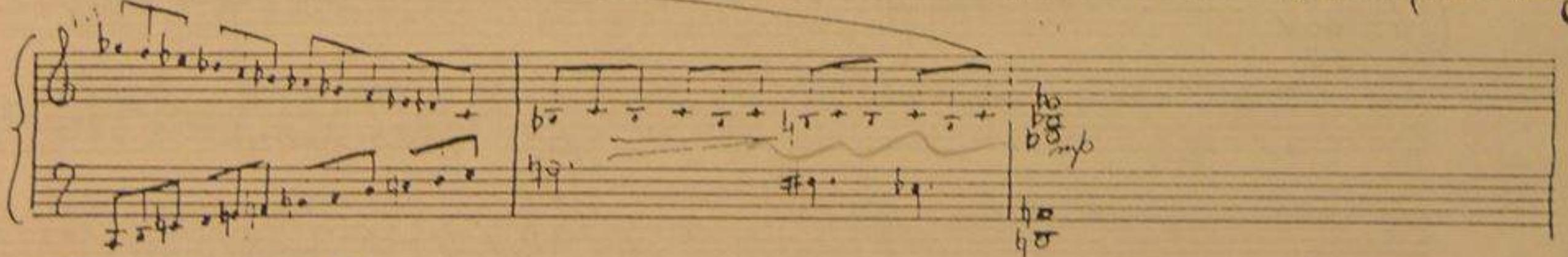
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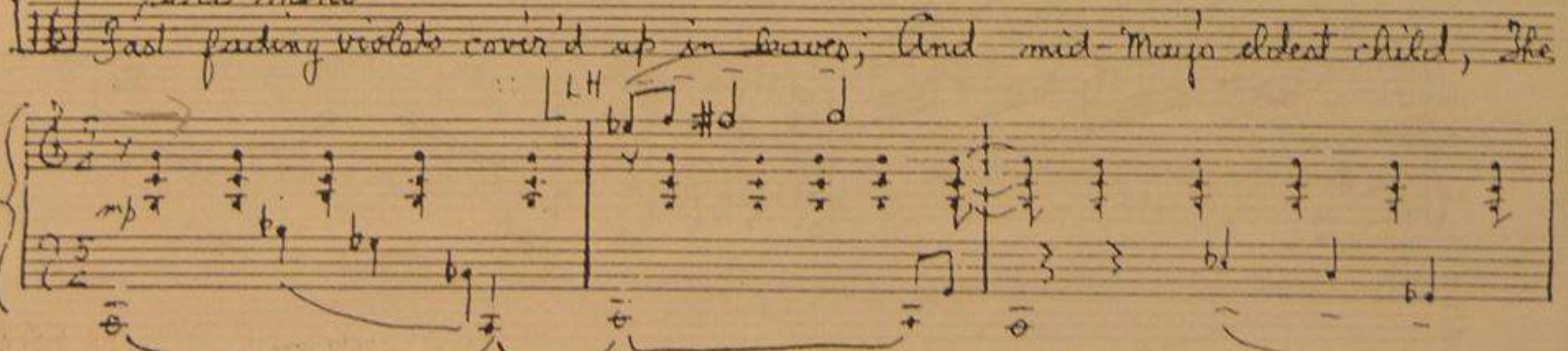
wild



White Rathom and the pastoral elegacie,



[17] poco meno



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coming muck-score, full of drowsy wine,

The murmurous sound of

Flies on summer eve.

Drowsing I listen and for many a

time, I have been half in love with easeful breath

(3) Call'd him soft names **[18]** in

③

many a mixed rhyme

To

Take unto the air my quiet breath, now more than ever seems it rich to die, to

④ But do not recite this too softly.

(7)

came upon the midnight with me  
    fain, While others are fearing for thy soul abroad in

[19] *sighing softly*

Still would thou sing, and I have  
    ears in vain — To thy high requiem become a nod

Thou was not born for death, immortal Bird! No hungry generations tread thee down; The

[20] *"movemented"* voice Hear this passing night was heard In ancient days by

Emperor and down Per - Raps the self - same song that found a

path through the red heart of flesh when sick for home the

(8)

stood in tears amid the alien corn, The news that oft times Ruth

[21] charmed  
by magic incants, opening on the  
frame of perilous seas in faery lands forlorn.

a tempo! Forlorn! the very word is like a bell To

F. 8va

tell me back from thee to my sole self! Adieu! The fancy cannot cheat so

well As she is fam'd to do,  
deceiving elf! Adieu! Adieu! thy plaintive anthem fades

(a tempo)

23) Past the near meadows over the still stream Up the hillside; and now 'tis buried deep in th'

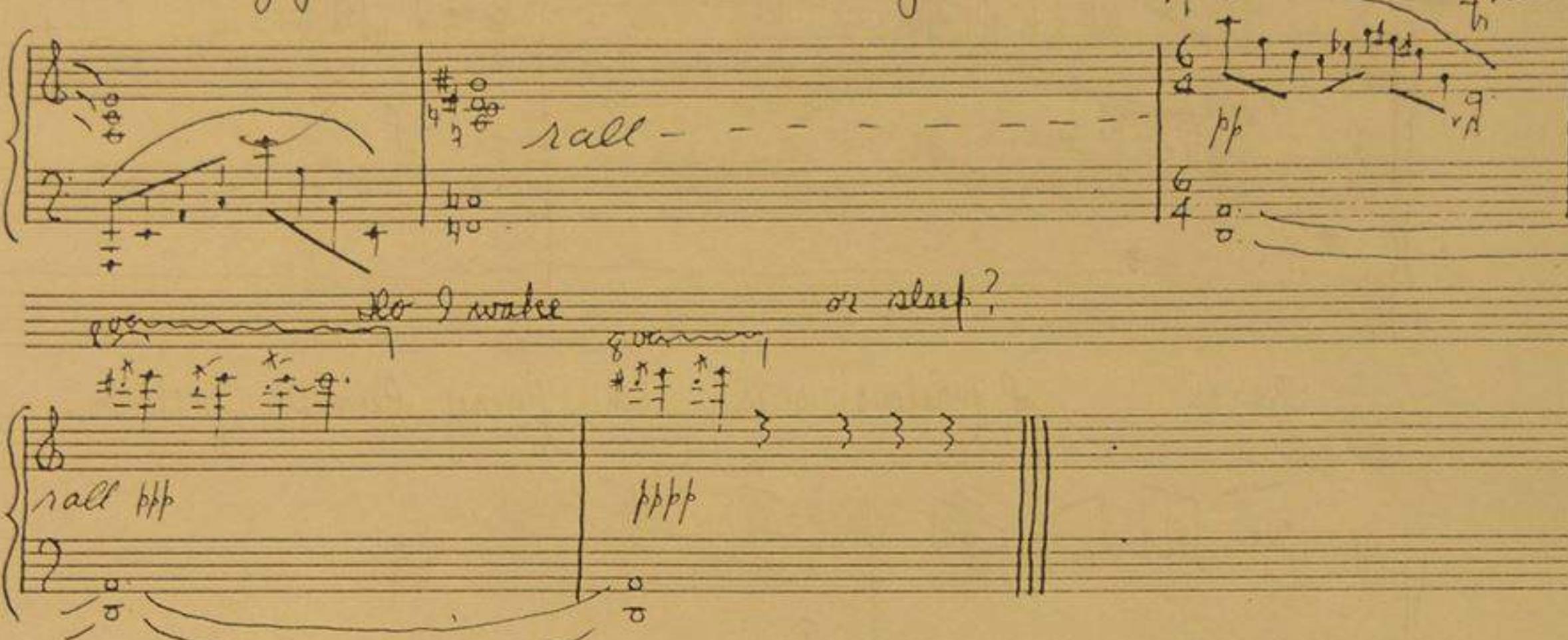
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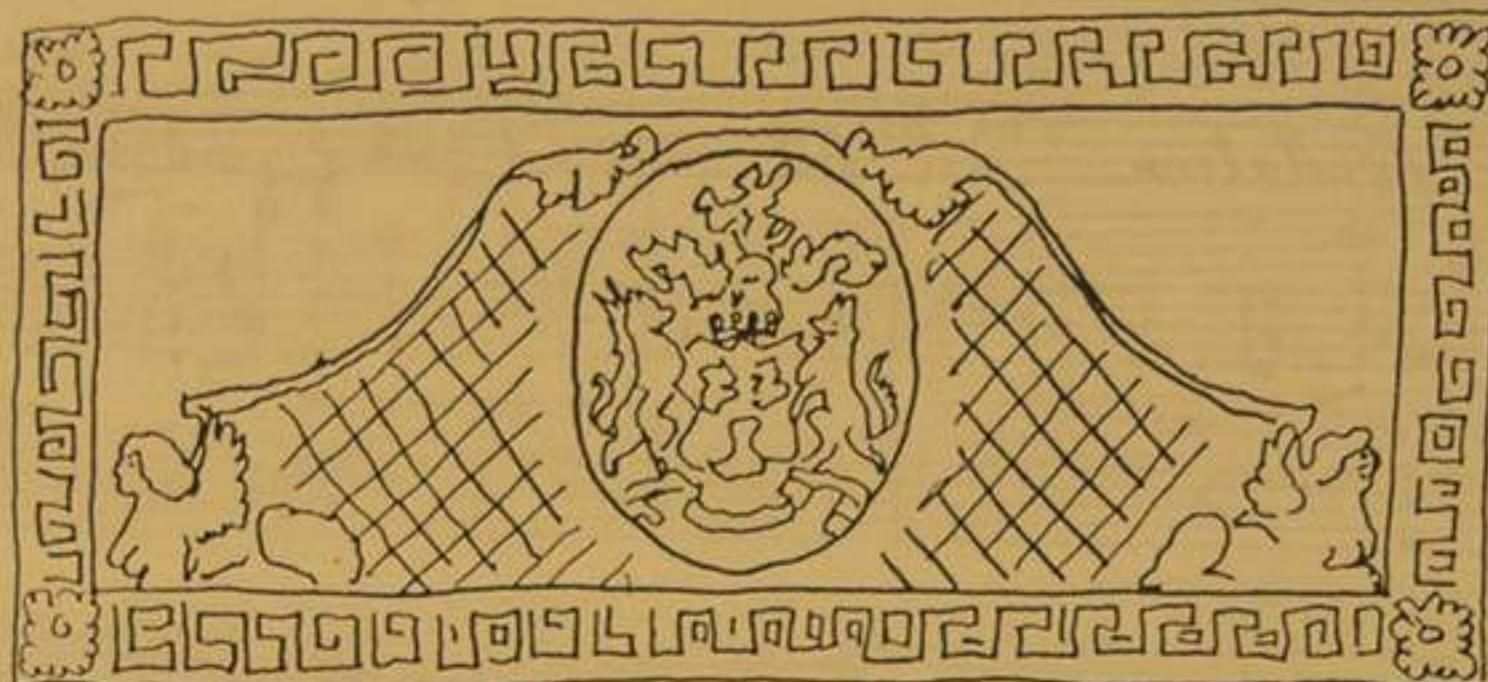
next valley glades: Was it a vision or a walking dream?

? led in the music:

Soprano



Do I wake or sleep?



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(1) Keats

# Ode On A Grecian Urn

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Andante

M.M. 1=104

Recitation You still unawak'd Bush of quietness, then foster field of silence and slow

Piano

time, Sighan his-lorian who canst thus express

A

poco meno mosso ! = 100

flowering-tale more sweetly than our rhyme: What leaf-fringed legend knurts a-

poco più mosso (attempto)

- bout thy shape, Of diuers or mortals, or of both,

In

Temple or the dates of Arcady? ... poco più - What men or gods are there? What

maidens both? What mad fur-cud? What struggle to escape? What

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(12) pipes and timbrels, what wild ecstasy?

poco meno

(12)

Musical score for orchestra, page 12, section 1. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is for woodwind instruments (Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon) and the bottom staff is for strings (Cello, Double Bass). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats), and the time signature is common time (indicated by '8'). The music features eighth-note patterns and dynamic markings like 'mf' and 'f'. The tempo is indicated as 'poco meno'.

expressive

Hard melodies are sweet, but most unhard, Are

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sweeter; Therefore ye sweet pipes, play on; not to the sensual ear, but more endear'd

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poco meno = circa 92.

[3] Pipe to the spirit dithers of no tone: Fair youth, beneath the trees, thou canst not leave

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My song, never can those trees be bare, Bold lover, never, never canst thou be won

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Through winning over the soul - yet, bring me, like cannot fail, though they had not thy bliss.

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You are with love fair, and she is fair!

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8va  
bassa

INDEPENDENT

Id, happy, happy boughs, that cannot shed your

(4) *v. f.* Beards, nor ever did the spring adieu; And happy melody, unweary'd, For

ever piping songs for ever new; more happy love! more happy, happy

love! For ever warm and still to be enjoyed, For ever panting, and for ever

young; All breathing human passion for a love,

*that leaves a*

*grain,*

*b.g.*

*rit. -- and.*

(5) Heard high-sorrowful and clay'd, A burning forehead, and a panting tongue

poco fuor mossa  
 (Canto 13) N=104

Who are these coming to the pacific?

To

what green altar, O mysterious priest, send'st thou that heifer low-ing at the altar, And all her

silk'en flanks with garlands drest? What little town by river or

[6] sea shore, On mountain-built with peaceful citadel, So em-fied of this folk, this

poco meno

fious morn? And, little town, why streets for evermore will

silent be, and not a soul to tell, why thou art desolate, can e'er return

commodo.

gavotte

gavotte

(15)

Attic shape Fair attitude with grace of marble men and  
 maidens over wrought With forest branches and the trodden weed

Thou, silent form, does tease us out of thought Go into E-ternity

**Cold Pastoral!**

When old age this generation waste,

Thou shall remain, in midst of other woe Man ours, a friend to man, to

when thou sayst "Beauty is truth, truth beauty" That is all ye

know on earth, and all ye need to know