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Edgar Allan Poe
Songs

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ELDORADO

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
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Con moto, poco doloroso

1 *mp* Gai - ly be - dight, a gal - lant knight,

6 in sun - shine and in sha - dow had jour - neyed long, *poco più f* sin - ging a song, in search of El - do -

sfz *f* *p* *mp* *leggiro* *poco più f* *sfz*

Con mezzopedale (*)

Poco meno mosso

11 ra - do. *p* But he grew old, this knight so bold, and o'er his heart a sha - dow

p (*)

Tempo primo

16 fell as he found *cresc.* no spot of ground *mp* that looked like El - do ra - do. *p* And, as his strength

Molto meno mosso

(senza rit.)

21 failed him at length, he met a pil - grim sha - dow. *mf* "Shadow", - said he, - where can it be, *f* this land of El - do -

Piu animato

27 ra - do?" *p* *più f*

32 *pp* "O-ver the moun - tains of the Moon Down the val - ley of the sha dow, Ride, *cresc.* bold - ly ride', - - -

pp *cresc.* *mf*

38 *cresc.* the shade re - plied, - - - "If you seek, if you seek, if you seek

f *cresc.* *f* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

Rubato, andante **Tempo primo**

43 *mp* if you seek for El - do - ra - do!"

mp *sfz* *p*

(*)

Poco meno mosso

49 *pp* "Ride, bold - ly ride", - - - the shade re - plied, - if you seek for El - do - ra - do..." *pp* *rit.* *lunga*

The musical score is written for a vocal part and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 6/8. The tempo is marked 'Poco meno mosso'. The score begins with a vocal line starting on a whole note rest, followed by eighth notes, and then a half note. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more complex bass line in the left hand. The score includes dynamic markings like 'pp' and 'rit.', and tempo markings like 'Poco meno mosso' and 'lunga'.

THE CITY IN THE SEA

*Per me si va nella città dolente,
Per me si va nell'eterno dolore...*

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
25 June 1986

For a single singer (high baritone) with a very wide
range, or for two singers (bass and tenor).

Con moto, funebre

1 *pp* una corda, surdo *p* simile

6 *mp*

12 *mf* tre corde

17 *f* *sfz*

Con pedale

f Lo!

f simile *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

Basso tenuto, senza vibrato *poco a poco cresc.*

Death has reared

mf

him - - - self *cresc.* a throne in a

f *mp*

Tenore sfz
aperto voce

strange ci - ty ly - ing a - lone far down with -

sub. ff

in the dim West, *meno f* where the good and the

bad, and the worst and the best have gone to their

f

37 42 46

Basso
misterioso

e - ter - - - - - nal rest. *p* There shrines and

p misterioso

pp

Poco meno mosso

Tenore
rit.

pa - - - la - ces, and towers *sub f* (time - ea - ten towers that trem - bled not!) *mp* re - *misterioso*

sub f *mp*

Tutti

(A tempo)
legato

sem - - - - ble no - thing that is ours.

pp *mp*

64

mp

p

mp

A - round, by lif - ting winds for - got,

69

rit.

Tenore

mp

re - sig - ned - ly be - neath the sky

Basso

ritenuto -----

Meno mosso

Tenore *non legato*

pp

pp

pp

> the me - lan - cho - ly wa - ters lie. No rays from the ho-ly heaven come

73

*poco stringendo,
portamento*

Basso

down *pp* on the long night - time of that town; *pp* but light from out the lu - rid sea

Tenore
*tenuto, più legato
rit.*

A tempo di Meno mosso

streams up the tur - rets si - lent - ly, *pp* gleams up the pin - nac - les far and free, *p* up domes, up

simile
pp tenuto, più legato

cresc. Tutti

Tenore
portamento

spires, up king - ly halls *p* Up fanes, up Ba - by - lon - like - walls, *p* up

pp *p portamento*

Basso Più mosso

*più portamento,
poco stringendo*

sha - do - wy long - for - got - ten bowers, of sculp - tured i - vy and stone flowers, up many and

91 *p*

many a marve - lous shrine, *p* whose wrea - thed frie - zes in - ter - twine the

94 *p legato*

Pochissimo più mosso

Tutti
vi - ol, the vio - let and the vine *più p*

Tenore
portamento
p Re - sig - ned - ly be - neath the

97 *p*

Basso *poco a poco più mosso*

sky the me-lan-cho-ly wa-ters lie. *pp* So blend the tur-rets and sha-dows there that
(senza cresc.)

101 *pp* (senza cresc.)

Tenore **Tutti**

all seem pen-du-lous in air, *f* while from a proud tower in the town *ff* Death looks gi-

106 *f* *ff*

rit. ----- **Tenore** **Più mosso** **Basso**

gan-ti-cal-ly down *mp* There o-pen fanes and gap-ing graves *pp* yawn

110 *sfz* *mp* *pp*

poco stringendo

cresc.

p

Tenore

p

p legato

Tempo di Meno mosso

rit.

pp

pp

grave

Basso **Tenore** **Piú mosso**

las! *pp* a - long that wil - der - ness of glass, - No swel - lings tell that winds may be

123 *pp* *leggiero*

piú cantando

up - on some far - off hap - pier sea, *mf* no hea - vings hint that winds have been on seas less *piú f*

127 *mf* *piú f*

poco a poco accelerando

mp hi - deous - ly se - rene.

131 *mp*

wave, - - - there is a move - ment there! *sub pp* As if the towers had thrust a - side, in

slight - ly sin - king, the dull tide, *ppp* as if their tops had feeb - ly given a void with - in the

fil - my heaven. *mp* The waves have now a red - - - der *mf* glow, *pp* the

Tenore

hours are brea - thing faint and low, *mp* and *e cresc.* when, a - mid no earth - ly moans, *f*

162 *pp* *mp e cresc.*

Tutti

ff Dawn, *ff* dawn that town shall set - tle hence!

166 *ff*

ff Dawn that town shall set - tle hence.

170 *ff*

ritenuto ----- **Più mosso**

fff Hell, ri - sing from a thou - - - sand

174 **fff**

accelerando - - - **Più mosso, allegro**

thrones, Shall do it re - ve - rence.

178 *marcato* **fff sempre**

marcato **sfz**

183

Molto più presto
Secco, furioso

188 *sfz* *ff marcato* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

195 *accel.* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

202 *sfz* *sfz* *poco a poco cresc.* *secco, senza pedale*

209

216 *ritardando* *sfz* *sfz*

ISRAFEL

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
29 June 1986 in Siberia

Sostenuto con moto

Piu mosso

1 *mp* In heaven a spi - rit doth dwell, "whose heart-strings are a lute": *mf* None

6 sing so wild - ly well as the an - gel Is - ra - fel *mp* and the

10 gid - dy stars *p* (so le - gends tell), *mf* Cea - sing their hymns at - tend the spell of

Con pedale

Ancora piu mosso

14 his voice, all mute, at - tend the spell, all mute

mezzopedale

18 *mf* Totte - ring a - bove, in her high - - - est noon, the en -

mf

22 am - or - ed Moon blu - shes with love, *ben cantando* *piu f* While, to lis - ten, the red le - vin

piu f *volando*

26 (with the ra - pid Plei - ads e - ven, which were se - - - ven),

30 pau - ses in hea - - - - - ven. *f* Totte - ring a - bove, in her high - - -

34 est noon, the en - am - or - ed Moon blu - shes with love, while, to lis - ten

38 the red le - vin, (with the ra - pid Plei - ads e - ven, which were se - - -

42 ven), pau - ses in hea - - - - - ven. *mf* And they say (the star - ry choir and the

mf
Con pedale

47 o - ther lis - tening things) that Is - ra - fe - li's fire is ow - ing to that lyre, by

53 which he sits and sings the tremb - ling li - ving wire of those un - u - sual

58 strings, *p* of those un - u - sual strings, *pp* of those un - u - usual strings... *senza rit.*

Piú mosso

65 *volando*
mp But the skies that an - gel trod, where deep thoughts are

69 a du - ty, where Love's *mf* a grown up God, where the hou - ri glan - ces are, im-bu-ed with

cresc.

mf

cresc.

73 all the beau - ty which we wor - ship in a star. *f* There - fore, thou art not

Passionato e giocoso

f

3

3

3

77 wrong, Is - ra - fe - li, who des - pi - sest an un - im - pas - sioned song, an un - im - pas - sioned song, an un - im -

sub p

sub f

sub p

sub f

3

3

3

3

3

82 pas - sioned song; *ff* To thee the lau - rels be - long, best bard, be - cause the

87 wi - sest! Mer - ri - ly live and long, mer - ri - ly live and long, *pp* Mer - ri - ly live and

Tempo primo

92 long! *pp* The ex - ta - sies a - bove with thy bur - ning mea - sures suit...

97 *pp* the

pp

101 grief, thy joy, thy hate, thy love with fer - vor of thy lute - well may the

mp

mp

Piu mosso

105 stars be mute! *mf* Yes, Hea - ven is thine; but this is a

mf

111 world of sweets and sours; our flowers are me - re - ly flowers, and the

115 *cresc.* sha - dow of thy per - fect bliss is the *f* sun - shine of ours, is the

Ancora piu mosso

119 sun - shine of ours! *f* *mf* If I could dwell where Is - - -

123 ra - - fel hath dwelt, and he were I, he might not

127 sing as wild - ly well a mor - tal me - lo - dy, while a bol - der

131 note than this might swell from my lyre with - in the sky.

Tempo giusto, con moto

135 *ff* If I could dwell where Is - - - ra - - - fel hath

maestoso incantato

ff *volando*

139 dwelt, and he were I, he might not sing so wild - ly

143 well a mor - tal me - lo - dy, while a bol - der note than this might swell from my

147 lyre with - in the sky, from my lyre with - in the sky

151 **Allegro**

stringendo

mf sempre saltando

sempre poco a poco dim.

The image displays a page of musical notation for a piano piece, consisting of four systems of staves. Each system typically has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom, connected by a brace. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 7/8.

- System 1:** The treble staff features a complex, rapid passage of chords and single notes. The bass staff has a more rhythmic accompaniment with chords and single notes. Dynamic markings include *p* (piano) and *pp* (pianissimo).
- System 2:** The treble staff continues with a similar complex texture. The bass staff has a melodic line with a crescendo marking *sempre poco a poco dim.* (always a little bit less). Dynamic markings include *p* and *pp*.
- System 3:** The treble staff has a dense texture of chords. The bass staff has a simple accompaniment of single notes. Dynamic markings include *p* and *pp*.
- System 4:** The treble staff has a complex texture of chords and single notes. The bass staff has a simple accompaniment of single notes. Dynamic markings include *ppp* (pianississimo).

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a series of eighth-note chords, some of which are beamed together. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a series of eighth-note chords, some of which are beamed together. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The word "morendo" is written above the lower staff in the second measure.

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THE SLEEPER

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
4 October 1986 in Siberia

Con moto. Sempre molto leggero.

1 *p* At mid - night, in the month of June, I stand be - neath the mys - tic

p *il voce cantate poco piu forte chi altri*

m. s. più p
Con pedale ma poco portamento

pochissimo stringendo

5 moon; *più p* An o - piate va - pour, de - wy, dim, ex - hales from out her gol - den

più p

a tempo

8 rim, and soft - ly drip - ping, drop by drop, *cresc.* up - on the qui - et moun - tain

mp

11 top, steals draw - si - ly and mu - si - cal - ly in - to the u - ni - ver - sal val - ley. The

più f *p*

più f

15 rose-mary nods up - on the grave, the li - ly lolls up - on the wave, wrap-ping the fog a - bout her breast the

p *pochissimo stringendo* *p e cresc.*

p *p e cresc.*

20 ru - in mol-ders in - to rest; *mf* Loo - king like Le - the, see! the lake a con-cious slum-ber seems to

piu legato *mf*

25 take, and would not, for the world, a - wake.

Meno mosso

29 All Beau - ty sleeps! and lo! where lies I - re - ne with her Des - ti -

rallentando cresc.

Funebre, piu largo

33 *f* nies!

f *meno f*

Andante sostenuto

molto tenuto

37 *mp* Oh, la - dy bright! can it be right, this win - dow o - pen to - the night? The

37 *mp* *p* *pp*

Molto più mosso

42 *pp* wan - ton airs, from the tree-top, lau-phing-ly through the lat - tice drop: *pp* the bo - dy less airs, a wi-zard rout,

42 *pp* *pp*

47 flit through thy cham - ber in and out, and wave the cur - tain ca - no - py so fit - ful - ly, so *pp* fear - ful-ly

47 *cresc.* *pp*

Poco meno mosso

53 *p* a - bove the closed and frin - ged lid, 'neath which thy slumb' - ring soul lies hid, *pp* that o'er the floor and

53 *p* *pp*

Andante sostenuto

58 down the wall, like ghosts the sha - dows rise and fall! Oh, la - dy dear, hast thou not fear? Why

58 *mf molto tenuto* *mf*

poco a poco acc.

63 and what art thou drea - ming here? *piú f* Sure thou art come o'er far-off seas, a won - der to these gar - den trees!

63 *piú f*

Molto più mosso

69 strange is thy pal - lor! strange thy dress! strange, a - bove all, thy *cresc.* length of tress! and this all so - lemn si - lent-ness! *8va*

subp e cresc.

69 *subp piu portamento cresc.*

sempre con pedale

Funebre, piu largo

75 *ff* The la - dy sleeps! *f* Oh,

75 *ff* *f*

Ancora piu largo

80 may her sleep, which is en-du - ring, so be deep! Hea - ven have her in its sac - red

80

Poco piú mosso

85 keep! *pp* This

90 cham ber changed for one more ho - ly, this bed for one more me - lan - cho - ly. I pray to God *piú f*

Molto piú mosso

95 that she may lie for - e - ver with un - o - pened eye, *p* while the pale shee - ted ghosts go by! *poco a poco acc.*

101

f

Tempo primo

107

p My love, she sleeps! *mp* Oh, may her

107

p *mp*

pochissimo stringendo

113

sleep, as it is las - ting, so, be deep! *p* soft may the worms a - bout her creep!

113

p *pp*

misterioso

117 *pp* Far in the fo - rest, dim and old, for her may some tall vault un - fold - - *mp* some vault

121 that oft had flung its black and win - ged pa - nels flut - tering back, *mf* tri - umph - ant, o'er the cres - ted palls of

125 her grand fa - mily fu - ne - rals, some se - pul - cher, re - mote, a - lone, *mp* a -

129 gainst whose por - tal she hath thrown in *più f* child - hood, ma - ny an id - le stone, *p* some tomb from out whose soun - ding

134 door she *pp* ne - ver shall force an e - cho more,

Funebre, piu largo

138 *p e cresc.* Thril - ling to think, poor child *f* of sin! it was the dead who groaned with - *rallentando*

Ancora piu largo

141 *ff* in!

ff

p

pp

p grave

pp

sempre con pedale

THE HAPPIEST DAY

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
4 October 1986 in Siberia

Con moto, agitato

poco a poco stringendo

1

f duro

ff

3

a tempo

crescendo

a tempo

6

f The hap - pi - est day, the hap - pi - est hour my

crescendo

6

f

crescendo

poco a poco stringendo

Pochissimo piu lento

poco glissando

poco a poco stringendo

10 sea - red and bligh - ted heart hath *ff* known, The

ff

poco a poco stringendo

rallentando **Tempo primo**
poco quasi recitativo

14 high - est hope of pride and power I feel hath flown. *mf* *p* Of power, said I? Yes! such I ween; *mp* but

legato, grave *mf* *p* *mp*

Pochissimo piu lento

21 they have va - nished long, a - las! the vi - sions of my youth have been but let them pass.

p *p*

26 *pp* And pride, what have I now with thee? An - o - ther brow may ev'n in - he - rit *p* the

pp *p*

Tempo primo

31 ve - nom thou hath poured on me; be still, my spi - rit. *mf* The hap - pi - est day, the



36 hap - pi - est hour mine eyes shall see, have e - ver *ff* seen

crescendo *poco a poco stringendo*



Pochissimo piu lento

40 the brigh - test glance of pride and power, I feel, have been: but

poco glissando *rallentando*

legato, grave *mf* *mp*



Tempo primo

poco quasi recitativo

Pochissimo piu lento

46 were that hope of pride and power now of - fered, with the pain ev'n then *p* I felt that brigh - test

50 hour I would not live a-gain: *pp* For on its wing was dark al - loy, and as it flut-tered,

57 fell *mp* an es - sence, power - ful to de - stroy a soul that knew it well.

Tempo primo

[illegible]

A DREAM

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
31 October 1986 in Siberia

Allegro tenuto

*leggiere
tenuto*

Measures 1-3 of the piano introduction. The right hand features a melody with triplets and a *pp* dynamic. The left hand has a whole rest. The tempo is *Allegro tenuto* and the mood is *leggiere tenuto*.

Con pedale

Measures 4-6 of the piano introduction. The right hand continues the melodic line with a *p* dynamic. The left hand has a whole rest in measure 4 and then enters with a bass line in measures 5 and 6.

Measures 7-9. The vocal line enters in measure 7 with the lyrics "In vi - - sions of the dark night,". The piano accompaniment features a *mp* dynamic in the right hand and a *p* dynamic in the left hand. The tempo is *Allegro tenuto*.

Measures 10-12. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "dark night piu f I have dreamed of joy de -". The piano accompaniment features a *piu f* dynamic in the right hand and a *p* dynamic in the left hand. The tempo is *Allegro tenuto*.

14 par - ted. *p* But a wa - king dream of life and light, *piu f* of

17 life and light *mf* hath left me bro - - - ken -

21 hear - - - ted.

25

Presto saltando

29

f *accentato*

f Ah!

33

What is not a dream by day to him whose eyes are cast *p* on

37 things a - round him with a ray turned back up - on the past, *mp* on

41 things a - - - round him with a ray turned

45 back up - - - on the past?

49 *f*

53 *f* That

Allegro tenuto

57 ho - - - ly dream, that *piu f* ho - - - ly dream, *piu p* that

60 ho - - - ly dream, *mp* while all the world were

62 chi - ding *f* hath cheered me as a *p* love - - - ly beam, *piu p* a

65 love - - - - - ly beam a lone - - - ly

Poco piu mosso

69 spi - - - rit gui - - - ding...

69

piu f

The musical score for 'Poco piu mosso' begins at measure 69. The vocal line is in a bass clef with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are 'spi - - - rit gui - - - ding...'. The piano accompaniment consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The tempo is 'Poco piu mosso'. The score includes a 'rit' (ritardando) marking and a 'piu f' (piano fortissimo) marking.

Presto saltando

77 *f* What though that light, thro' storm and night, so trem bled from a -

77

f accentato

The musical score for 'Presto saltando' begins at measure 77. The vocal line is in a bass clef with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are 'What though that light, thro' storm and night, so trem bled from a -'. The piano accompaniment consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The tempo is 'Presto saltando'. The score includes a 'f' (piano fortissimo) marking and a 'f accentato' (piano fortissimo accentato) marking.

81 far, *mf* what could there be more pure - ly bright in Thuth's day -

85 star? *f* What could there be more pure - - - ly

89 bright in Truth's *ff* day - - - - *ff* star?

Piu presto

93

Allegro tenuto

99

fff $\searrow$ *mp*

105

p $\searrow$ *pp* $\searrow$ *ppp*

TO SCIENCE

(intermezzo)

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
31 October 1986 in Siberia

Moderato alla marcia. Molto sostenuto.

Tranquillo, trasparente. Pochissimo rubato.

1 *mp* Sci - ence! true daugh - ter of old *mf* Time thou art! who al - terest all things *p* with thy pee - ring

Con pedale

pochissimo ritenuto

3

5 *mf* eyes, why preyst thou thus up - on the *mf* po - et's heart, *f* Vul - ture, whose wings *mf* are dull re - a - li -

poco piu agitato

stringendo

Meno mosso

8 *a tempo* ties? *pp legato* How should he love thee? or how deem thee *p e cresc.* wise, who wouldst not leave him in his wan - de - ring to seek the *mf*

poco a poco crescendo

pp tranquillo

p e cresc.

mf

70

Tempo primo.

12 trea - sure in the je - welled skies, al - beit he soared with an un - daun - ted wing? Hast

pochissimo ritenuto
f *mf*

15 thou not dragged Di - a - na from her car, and driven the Ha - ma - dryad from the wood *piu f* to seek a

piu tenuto
mf *mp* *piu f*

18 shel - ter *pp* in some hap - pier star? *p* Hast thou not torn the Nai - ad from her

(falsetto) *Meno mosso*
pp *p tranquillo*

21 flood, the El - fin from the green grass, and from me the sum - mer dream be -

pp *p* *mp* *p*

piu tenuto

23 neath the ta - ma - rind tree?..

pochissimo ritenuto *ritenuto*

pp *p*

THE LAKE

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
4 December 1986 in Siberia

Con moto ma molto tenuto

Disolato, ma intenso

The first system of the musical score consists of a piano accompaniment and a vocal line. The piano part is in 3/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It features a series of chords in the right hand and a more active line in the left hand. The vocal line is in the same key and time, with a series of notes and rests. The tempo is marked 'Con moto ma molto tenuto' and the mood is 'Disolato, ma intenso'. The dynamic is marked 'mf' (mezzo-forte) and 'grave' (slowly).

Poco meno mosso

pochissimo portamento

Tempo primo

The second system of the musical score continues the piano accompaniment and vocal line. The piano part features a series of chords in the right hand and a more active line in the left hand. The vocal line is in the same key and time, with a series of notes and rests. The tempo is marked 'Poco meno mosso' and the mood is 'pochissimo portamento'. The dynamic is marked 'mp' (mezzo-piano) and 'f' (forte).

The third system of the musical score continues the piano accompaniment and vocal line. The piano part features a series of chords in the right hand and a more active line in the left hand. The vocal line is in the same key and time, with a series of notes and rests. The tempo is marked 'Tempo primo' and the mood is 'pochissimo portamento'. The dynamic is marked 'sf' (sforzando).

Poco piú mosso

13 ly was the lone - li - ness *piu f* of a wild lake, with black rock bound, and the tall pines

13 *m.d. mp*
m.s. piu f *(come un corno)* *piu f*

17 that towered a - round.

accelerando *a tempo*

17 *piu f* *f*

20 *p* But when the night had thrown her

20 *pp* *p*

23 pall up - on that spot, as up - on all, *pp* and the mys - tic wind went by *accelerando*

23 *pp* molto legato

27 *p* mur - mu - ring in me - lo - dy, *mf* then, ah, then I

27 *p* *mf* grave *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf*

Tempo primo

31 would a - - - wake *mp* to the ter - ror of the lone lake

31 *mf* *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf* *mp* *mp*

Poco meno mosso

A tempo

35 *mp* Yet that ter - ror was not fright, but a

35 *p*

39 tre - - - mu - lous de - light *mf* a fee - ling not a je - welled mine could teach

39 *mf* *sf* *sf*

Poco più mosso

43 or bribe me to de - fine, - - - - - *mf* nor love, al -

43 *m.d. mp* *m.s. più f* *mf*

(come un corno)

47 *cresc.* though the love were thine.

accelerando *piu f* *a tempo* *f*

50 *p* Death was in that poi - - - sonous

pp *p*

53 wave, and in its gulf the fit - ting grave for him who thence could

accelerando *pp* *molto legato*

Tempo primo

56 so - lace bring *p* to his lone *cresc.* i - ma - gi - ning, *mf* whose so - - - - li -

56 *p* *mf* grave *sf* *sf* *sf*

60 ta - - - ry *mp* soul could make *mf* an E - den of that

60 *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf* *mf*

Poco meno mosso

64 dim lake.

64 *mp* *pp* *ppp* *rit.*

ANNABEL LEE

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
7 December 1986 in Siberia

Con moto ma poco sostenuto

1 *mp* *animando* 2 *ritenuto* *p*

Con pedale, trasparente

5 *p* It was ma - ny and ma - - - - ny a years a -

5 *piu secco p*

8 go, in a king - dom by the sea, that a

8

11 mai - den there lived *mp* whom you may know by the

piu p *lunga* *mp*

14 name of An - na - bel Lee; *p* and this *cresc.* mai - den she lived with

pochissimo ritenuto *Piu mosso* *p* *cresc.*

17 no o - ther thought than to love and be loved by *f* me.

ritenuto *f*

a tempo, animando

20 *p* She was a child and I was a child, in this king - dom by the

23 sea, *piu f* but we loved with a love that was more than love,

Piu mosso

cresc.

26 I and my An - na - bel Lee. *mp* With a love that the win - ged

cresc.

29 se - raphs of hea - ven co - ve - ted her and *f* me, *p* and this was the rea - son

pochissimo ritenuto

33 that, long a - go, in this king - dom by the sea, *p* a wind blew out of a

piu portamento

37 cloud by night, chil - ling my An - na - bel Lee; *pp* so that her high - born

41 kins - men came and bore her a - way from me, *pp* to shut her up

41

pp

45 in a se - pul - cher, *ppp* in this king - dom by the sea. *pp* The

45

ppp *pp*

Piu mosso

49 an - gels, not half so hap - py in heaven went en - vy - ing her and

49

52 *f* me: yes! *mf* that was the rea - son (as all men know in this

55 king - dom by the sea) *poco piu f* that the wind came out of the

58 cloud, chil - ling and kil - ling my An - na - bel Lee. But our

pochissimo ritenuto **Piu mosso**

piu f

piu f

61 love it was stron - ger by far than the love of those who were ol - der than
cresc.

61 *cresc.*

64 *f* we, *mf* of ma - ny far wi - ser than we, *f* and

64 *f* *mf*

67 nei - ther the an - gels in hea - ven a - bove, nor the de - mons down un - der the

67 *f leggiero*

Poco marziale. A tempo e sempre poco a poco animando

70 *p* sea, can *mf* e - ver dis - se - ver my soul from the soul of the

piu portamento

73 beau - ti - ful An - na - bel Lee, *f* for the moon ne - ver beams with - out

76 brin - ging me dreams of the beau - ti - ful An - na - bel Lee, *ff* and the

cantando

79 stars ne - ver rise but I see the bright eyes of the beau - ti - ful An - na - bel

Poco meno mosso *accelerando*

82 Lee, *mf* and so, all the night - tide I lie down by the

85 side of my dar - ling, my dar - ling, my life and my bride,

88 *mf* In her se - pul - cher there by the sea, *p* in her tomb by the side of the sea

Poco sostenuto

Meno mosso

92

96

ritenuto

piu allargando

ppp

THE CONQUEROR WORM

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
24 March 1987 in Siberia

sempre marcato

sempre marcato

Con pedale

12 *mp* Lo! - - - - - 'Tis a ga - - - - - la night

15 with - in the lone - some lat - ter years an

18 an - gel throng, be - win - ged, be - dight in veils, and

22 drowned in *p* tears, *mp* sit in a thea - ter to see a play of hopes and fears,

30 *f* while the or - chest - ra brea - thes fit - ful - ly *piu f* the mu - sic of

34 the spheres!

Tempo giusto

37 *f* Mimes, in the form

40 of God on high, *p* mut - ter and mum - ble low and hi - ther and

Molto meno mosso.

46 thi - ther fly, mere *sub ff* pup - pets they, who come and go, - at *ff* bid - ding the vast form - less

voce aperto

sub ff *ff* *gravissimo*

53 things, that shift the sce - ne - ry to and fro, flap - ping from out their con - dor

56 wings in - vi - - - si - ble woe! *mp* The

59 mot - ley dra - ma, oh be sure! it

62 shall not be for - got! with its fan - tom chased for -

65 e - ver more by a crowd that seize it not through a cir - le that e - ver re - tur - neth in

mp

73 to the self - - - same spot, *ff* and much of mad - ness and more of

78 sin and hor - ror, the soul of the

83 plot!

85 *f* But

88 see - a - mid the mi - mic rout, *mf* a craw - ling shape in - trude, *f* a

94 blood red thing, that wri - thes from out the sce - nic so - li - tude! It wri - thes, it wri - thes!

ff *rit - - -* *voce aperto*

gravissimo

102 with mor - tal pangs, the mimes, the mimes be - come its food: and se - raphs sob at ver - min

105 fangs, in hu - man gore im - bued!

A tempo.

108

110

113

102

116

mp Out,

116

sfz *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *ff*

119

out are the lights, out all! and, o ver

119

p *mp*

122

each qui - ve - ring form *mf* the cur - tain, a

122

mf

125 fu - ne - ral pall, comes down with the rush of a storm, while the an - gels, all pal - lid and van, up -

133 ri - sing, un - vei - ling, af - firm *f* that the play is the tra - ge - dy

138 "Man", and its he - ro the *ff* Con - - - que - - - ror

142 Worm.

The musical score consists of three systems of staves. The first system (measures 142-144) shows a piano accompaniment with complex triplets in both hands and a vocal line in the upper staff. The second system (measures 145-147) continues the piano accompaniment with triplets and includes a *fff* dynamic marking. The third system (measures 148-153) features a piano accompaniment with triplets and *sfz* (sforzando) markings, and a vocal line. The score concludes with a double bar line.

A DREAM WITHIN A DREAM

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
13 May 1987 in Siberia

Non troppo allegro, duro
Tenuto, con forza e pochissimo passionato

1 *mp*

A tempo

4 *mf* Take this kiss up -

ritenuto

7 on the brow, *più f* and in par - ting from you now thus much

più f

ritenuto **Piú mosso**

10 let me a - vow. *f* You art not wrong who deem that my

Con pedale

13 days have been a dream, *piú f* yet if hope has flown a -

piú f

16 way, in a night or in a day, in a

19 *ff* vi - sion or in none, is it there - fore the less gone,

22 the less gone?

poco rit.

sfz *fff* *sfz*

Sostenuto

25

sfz *fff* *sfz*

28 *tenuto* *ff* All that we see or

31 seem is but a dream with - in a dream.

34 *mf*

Tempo primo
quasi alla marcia

37 *mf*

Piú mosso

40 *ff* 1

43 stand a - mid the roar of a surf - - - tor - men - - - ted

46 shore, and I hold with - in my hand

49 grains of the gol - den sand *mf* How few! Yet how they

52 creep through my fin - gers to the deep, - - - while I weep!

(falsetto, ad libitum) *poco rit.* **Sostenuto**

55 *p* While I weep! *ff* O God! Can I not grasp them with a tigh - ter clasp?

58 *ff* O God! Can I not save one from the pi - ti-less wave?

61

114

64

f Is all that we see or

67

seem but a dream with - in a dream?

Tempo primo

70

Meno mosso
desolato

ritenuto

pp

pp

73

Poco piú mosso

ritenuto

ff

con gran pedale

sfz

fff

77

Meno mosso

f

sfz

sfz

fff

sfz

pp

sfz

sfz

sfz

80

TO ONE IN PARADISE

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
16 July 1987 in Siberia

Adagio. Molto tenuto.

1 *mp* Thou wast that all to me, love, *mf* for which my soul did

mp *p* *crescendo* *mf*

mp *Con mezzopedale*

Poco piu mosso

4 pine, *piu f* a green isle in the sea, love, *mf* a

crescendo *piu f*

7 foun - tain and a shrine, *diminuendo* *mp* all writh - ed with fai - ry fruits and

mf *tr* *dim.* *mp*

10 flowers, *p* and all the flowers are

sub p (falsetto) mine. *f* Ah, dream *crescendo* too high to

Piu mosso
Cantando, intenso

14 last! Ah, star - - - ry hope! that didst a -

poco stringendo

16 rise *crescendo* but to be o - - - ver

17 cast! *adagio* *ff* A *ff*

18 voice from out the fu - - - ture

19 cries, *ff* "On! on!" but o'er the

21 past *menof* (dim gulf!) my

23 spi - - - rit ho - - - - vering lies, mute,

25 *mf* mo - - - - - tion - less, *mp* a -

27 ghaſt!

28 *f* For, a - las! a - - - - las! with

29 me the light of life is o'er! no more,

poco stringendo

crescendo

31 no more! *ff* (Such

crescendo *ff* *f*

adagio

33 lan - - - guage holds the so - - - lemn sea to the

crescendo *poco allargando*

35 sands up - on the shore) shall

a tempo
37 bloom *f* the thun - - - der - - - blas - - - - ted

39 tree, or the stri - - - - cken

poco allargando
glissando *molto rit.* *a tempo*

41 eag - - - - - le soar! *p* And

Tempo primo

43 all my days are tran - ces, *mp* and all my night - ly

mp *p* *crescendo* *mp*
Con mezzopedale

Poco piu mosso

46 dreams *mf* are where thy gray eye glan - - - ces, and

crescendo *piu f*

49 where thy foot - step gleams, *mp* In what e - the - ri - al

52 dan - ces, by what *diminuendo* e - the - ri - al streams... *(falsetto)*

stretto *pp* *8va* *a tempo* *ppp* *p*

THE HAUNTED PALACE

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
19 July 1987 in Siberia

Allegro giocoso

1 *mf* In the green - est of our val - - - leys, by good an - gels te - nan - ted,

leggiero, legato

mf
molto leggiero

Con mezzopedale

5 once a fair and state - - - - ly pa - - - lace, ra - di - ant pa - - - lace rear -

9 ed its head. *f* In the Mo - narch Thought's do - mi - - - ni - on,

15 it stood there. Ne - ver se - raph spread a pi - ni - on o - ver fab - ric half

meno f

22 so fair. *mp* *f* Ban - ners yel - low, glo - ri - ous, gol - - - - den on its

28 roof did float and flow *p* (This, all this was in the ol - den

Sub. poco meno mosso

tenuto *pp* *p tenuto*

A tempo

32 time long a - go), *p* and eye - ry gen - tle air that dol - lied in that sweet

crescendo

p *molto leggiero* *crescendo*

36 day a - long the ram - parts plumed and pal - lid, a win - ged o - dor went a -

mp *ritenuto*

mp

40 way... *mf* Wande - rers in that hap - py val - ley, through two lu - mi-nous win - dows, saw

rallentando *a tempo*

mf

44 spi - rits mo - ving mu - - si - cal - - - ly to - a lute's well - tu - ned law,

48 *f* Round a - bout a throne where sit - - - ting, Por - phy - ro - gene, in

56 state his glo - ry well be - fit - ting, the ru - ler of the realm was seen.

Meno mosso

crescendo

64 *mf* And all with *f* pearl and ru - by glow - - - - ing was the

rallentando

mf *f* *rallentando*

3 3 3 3

Piu mosso

67 fair pa - lace door, *piu p* through which came flow - ing, flo - ing, flow - ing, and

piu p

3 3 3

Tempo primo*

71 spark - ling e - ver more, *p* a troop of E - choes, whose sweet du - ty was but to sing, *mp* in

p *mp*

Adagio

ritenuto -----

76 voi - ces of sur - pas - sing beau - ty, the wit and wis - dom of their king... *mp* But

crescendo

crescendo

mp

80 e - vil things, in robes of sor - row, as - sailed the mo - narch's high es - tate. *f* (Ah, let us mourn! for ne - ver

f

(Sempre adagio)

85 mor - row shall dawn up - on him, de - so - late!) *p* And round a - bout his home the glo - ry that blushed

mf

mf

p

ten.

93 and bloomed, *pp* is but a dim - re - mem - bered sto - ry of the old time en - tombed. *rallentando*

101 *Tempo primo** *ppp* And tra - ve - lers, now, with - in that val - ley, through the red -

105 *accelerando* lit - ten win - dows see *f* vast forms that move fan - tas - ti - cal - ly to a dis -

109 cor - dant me - lo - - - dy, while, like a ghost - ly ra - - pid

112 ri - ver, through the pale door a hi - deous

115 *fff* throng rush out for - - - e - ver, and laugh, *mf* but smile no more.

ROMANCE

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
21 July 1987 in Siberia

Moderato leggiero.

1 *mp* Ro - mance, who loves to nod and sing, with draw - sy head and fol - ded wing, a - mong the
legato, pochissimo rubato

6 green leaves as they shake far down with - in some sha - dowy lake, *mf* to me a pain - ted pa - ro -

11 quet hath been a most fa - mi - liar bird taught me my al - pha - bet to say, to

138

16 lisp my ve - ry ear - liest word, *p* while in the wild wood I did lie, *piu f* a

poco stringendo *poco stringendo*

p *piu f*

Red.

20 child with a most *f* know - - - ing eye! *mf* *f* Of

poco ritenuto *crescendo* *f* *mf* *f*

25 late, e - ter - nal con - dor years so shake the ve - ry heaven on *ff* high with tu - mult as they

crescendo *ff*

Sub. poco meno mosso

30 thun - der by, I have no time for id - le cares through ga - zing on the un -

sub. più p *senza dim.* *senza rit.*

sub. più p *senza dim.*

Red.

Tempo primo

36 quiet sky *mp* And when an hour with cal - mer wings its down up -

mp

m. s. p

43 on my spi - rit flings - that lit - tle time with lyre and rhyme to while a - way: for

sub pp

sub pp

poco stringendo

48 bid - den things! *mp* My heart would feel to be a crime un - less it trem - bled *crescendo*

poco ritenuto

52 *f* with the strings!

TO HELEN

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
21 July 1987 in Siberia

Dolce maestoso. Con moto.

1 *mf* He - len, thy beau - ty

4 is to me, like those Ni -

7 ce - - - an barks of yore, That

10 gen - - tly *più f* o'er a per - - - - fumed

13 sea, the *meno f* wea - - ry, way - worn

16 wand - rer bore to his own

19 na - - - tive *f* shore. *f* On *accelerando*

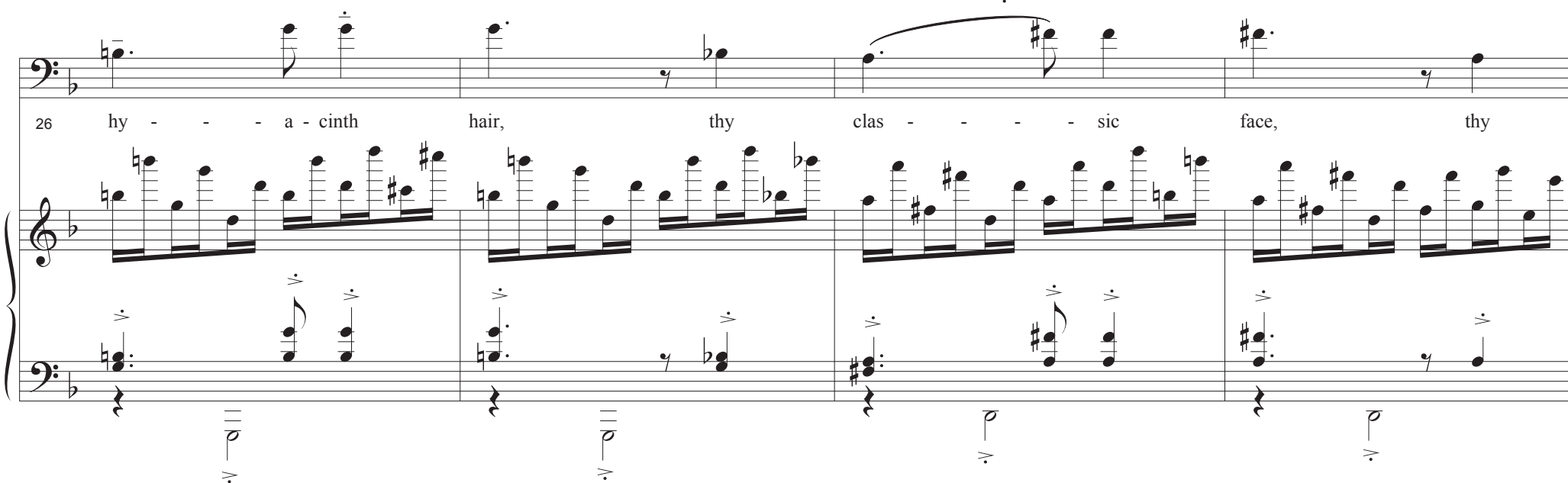


Presto con esultazione

22 de - - - spe - rate seas long wont to roam, thy



26 hy - - - a - cinth hair, thy clas - - - sic face, thy



30 nai - - - ad airs have brought me home to the *più f*

34 glo - - - ry that was Greece and the gran - deur

39 that was Rome. *poco a poco rallentando* **Tempo primo** *mf* Lo! - - - - - in

43 yon bril - - liant win - - - - - dow niche how

46 sta - - - - - tue - like I see thee stand,

49 the a - - - gate lamp with - - -

Presto con esultazione

61

The musical score is written for piano and consists of three systems, each containing four measures. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major), and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo and mood are indicated as 'Presto con esultazione'. The score begins at measure 61. The first system shows a melodic line in the treble staff with slurs and accents, and a rhythmic accompaniment in the bass staff featuring triplets and chords. The second system continues the melodic development with slurs and accents. The third system concludes the passage with slurs and accents. Dynamics include *mf* (mezzo-forte), *f* (forte), and *sfz* (sforzando). The score is written in a standard musical notation style with a treble and bass staff for each system.

ritenuto **Poco meno mosso**

The musical score consists of two systems of piano notation. The first system contains measures 1 through 5, and the second system contains measures 6 through 10. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked 'Poco meno mosso' with a 'ritenuto' instruction above the first measure. The first system begins with a treble clef staff showing a melodic line with a trill and a half note, followed by a bass clef staff with a half note and a half rest. The second system continues with similar textures, featuring chords and moving lines in both staves. Dynamics include *f* (forte) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). The score concludes with a double bar line at the end of measure 10.

I HEED NOT...

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
21 July 1987 in Siberia

Grave. Poco surdo, intenso

1 *mp* I heed not that my earth - ly lot hath *mf* lit - - - tle Earth

5 *gl.* in it, *f* that years of love have been for-got in the

Con gran pedale

Poco meno mosso

8 hat - red of a mi - nute: *mf* I mourn not that the

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11 de - so - late are hap - pier, sweet, than I, but

mp

mp

14 that you sor - - - row *mf* for my fate

mf

16 who am a pas - - - ser by. *senza dim.*

f *p* *senza dim.*

f *p* *senza dim.*

Red.

BRIDAL BALLAD

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
23 July 1987 in Siberia

Allegretto moderato

Leggiero, con tristezza chiara

8
1 *mp* The ring is on my hand, and the wreath is on my brow, sa - tins and je - wels grand
legato, pochissimo glissando

mp
legatissimo, poco rubato

Con mezzopedale

Poco meno mosso

8
5 are all at my com - mand, and I am hap - py now. *piu f* And my lord he loves me well, but when

piu f

poco a poco animando

8
9 first he breathed his vow, *mp* *crescendo* felt my bo - som swell - for the words rang as a knell, and the *piu f*

mp *mf* *piu f*

Piu adagio e marziale

molto rit.

Animato

8
12 voice seemed his who fell in the bat - tle down the dell, and who is hap - py now. *p* But he

16 spoke to re - as - sure me, and he kissed my pal - lid brow, while a re - ve - rie came o'er me,

mf

p

mf

mf

Meno mosso

tenuto

19 and to the church - yard bore me, and I sighed to him be - fore me *pp* (Thin-king the dead D'E - lor - mie):

p

pp

A tempo

Piu grave

22 *p* "Oh, I am hap - py now!" *f* And thus the words were spo - ken, and *mf* this the pligh - ted vow: and *mp*

p *f* *piu marcato* *mf* *mp*

26 *crescendo* though my faith be bro - ken, and *mf* though my heart be bro - ken, *f* here is a ring as to - ken

crescendo *mf* *f*

29 that I am hap - py now! Be hold the gol - den to - ken, that proves me hap - - - py

Meno mosso

A tempo

32 now! *f* Would God I could a - wa - ken! for *sub mp* I dream I know not how, and my

f *sub mp* *Red.*

37 soul is sore - ly sha - ken lest an e - vil step be ta - ken, lest the

crescendo *ritenuto* *a tempo* *ritenuto* *a tempo* *mf* *mf*

Piu adagio e marziale

rallentando

39 dead who is for - sa - ken may not be hap - - - py now.

LENORE

Words by E.A. Poe
Music by Alexander Feht
25 July 1987 in Siberia

Lenore contains a short quotation from Jack Nietsche's music to the John Carpenter's film *Starman* (that has become, over the years, something of a "cult classic").

Living in Siberia at the time, behind the Iron Curtain, I had no opportunity to ask Mr. Nietsche's permission (and didn't even realize at first that I borrowed these two or four measures). Should there be no objections, I would like to leave this music as is, with a fitting reference to the spirit of its time.

My song *Dream* (with E. A. Poe's verses) contains an intentional quotation of a theme from J. S. Bach's *Die Kunst der Fuge*. I'll apologize to Bach as soon as I meet him again.

One other song, *The Conqueror Worm*, contains a macabre modified quotation from the Soviet anthem. I don't think that I need a permission from whoever owns the copyright to the Soviet anthem (which, I believe, has been refurbished as an anthem of the post-Soviet Russian Federation); in any case, I wouldn't ask these worms for anything under any circumstances.

- *Alexander Feht.*

Quasi allegro
Marciale e cantando

Coro

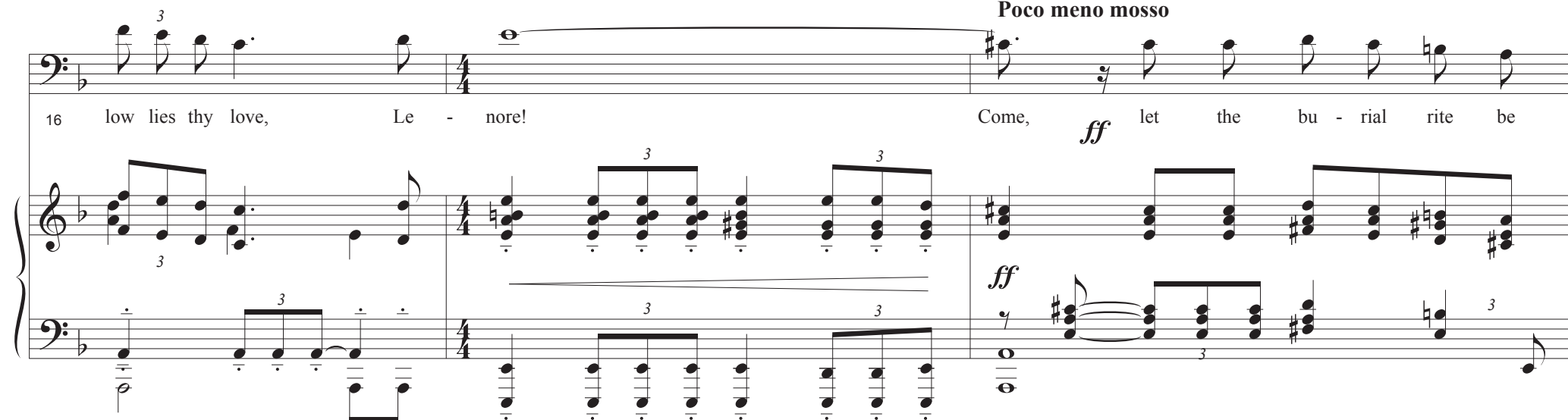
1 **f** Ah, bro - ken is the gol - den bowl! The spi - rit flown for - e - ver!
accentato, ma tenuto

6 **ff** Let the bell toll! a saint - ly soul floats on the Sty - gian ri - ver; **meno f** And, Guy De Vere,
meno f

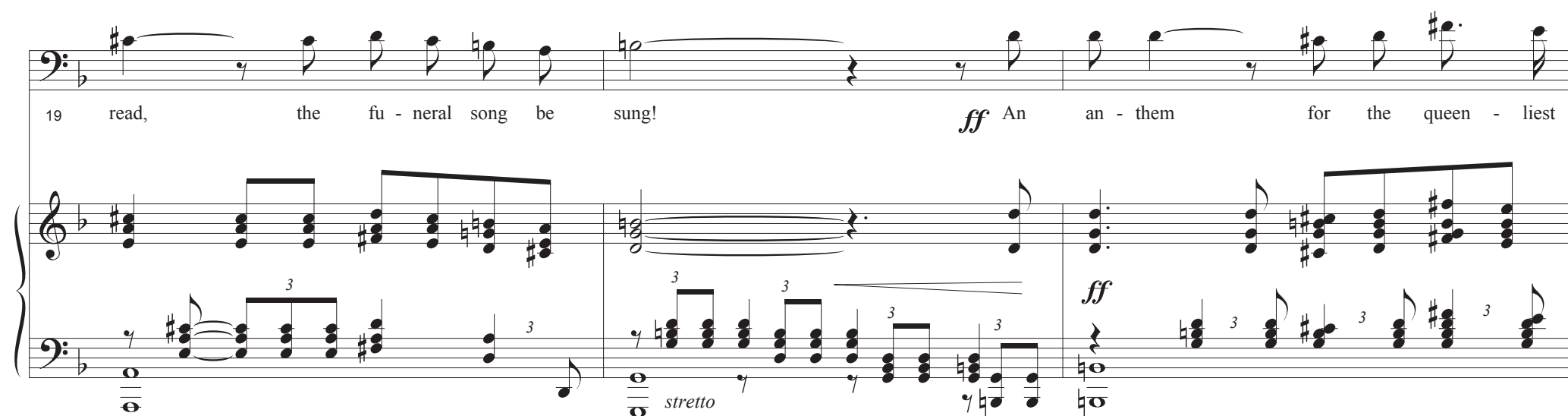
11 hast thou not tear? Weep now - or ne - ver more! **piu f** See! on your drear and ri - gid bier
piu f

Poco meno mosso

16 low lies thy love, Le - nore! Come, *ff* let the bu - rial rite be



19 read, the fu - neral song be sung! *ff* An an - them for the queen - liest



Ancora piu lento

22 dead that e - ver died so young - - - - *mp* A dirge for her the doub - ly



25 dead in that she died so young.

legatissimo

p

3

3

3

3

Severo, piu mosso

Solo

29 *f* "Wret-ches! ye loved her for her wealth, and ye ha-ted her *ff* for her pride! *f* And, when she

pp

f *ben marcato*

3

ff

f

Tempo primo

34 fell in fee-bled health, ye blessed her - *ff* that she dies; - How shall the ri-tual, then, be read, the

ff

39 re - quiem how be sung by you - by yours, the e - vil eye, by yours, the slan - derous *fff*

44 tongue, *f* that did to death the in - nocence that died, and died so young?" *p* Pec - ca - vi-mus! yet *Coro*

50 rave not thus! but let a Sab - bath song *f* Go up to God so so-lemn - ly the dead may feel no

56 wrong! *mf* The sweet Le-nore had gone be-fore, with Hope that flew be - side, *piu f* lea-ving thee wild

62 for the dear child that would have been thy bride - - - *ff* For her, the fair and de - bon -

Poco meno mosso

66 air, that now so low - ly lies, *ff* the life u - pon her yel - low

stretto

Ancora piu lento

69 hair, but not with - in her eyes - - - - *mp* The life still there up - on her

stretto

Severo, piu mosso

72 hair, the death up - on her eyes... *Solo* *f* "A - vaunt, a - vaunt! to friends from fiends the in - dig - nant

legatissimo *p* *pp* *f* *ben marcato*

77 *ff* ghost is ri - ven *f* From Hell un - to the high es - tate with - in the *ff* ut - most

82 Hea - ven, from moan and groan to a gol - den throne be - side the King of Heaven: - Let no bell tall, then,

ff

88 lest no soul, *fff* a - mid it's hal - lowed mirth, *f* should catch the note as it doth float up from the dam - ned

fff *f*

Tempo primo

94 Earth! *ff* And I to-night - - my heart is light: - - - no dirge will I up - raise!

ff

Allargando

170 *stretto*

Poco meno mosso

ff

Ancora piu lento

102 *mp* But

stretto

105 wait the an - gel in her flight *p* with a Pe - an of old

mp *p*

Piu adagio

108 days!

p *pp*

Tempo primo

pp

molto ritenuto

Adagio

rallentando

ppp

Red. *Red.*

DREAMLAND

(Fuga ricercata)

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Tenuto misterioso
Con moto

1 *pp* By a route ob-scure and lone - ly, haun - ted by ill an - gels on - ly, where an ei - do - lon, named

pp *legatissimo*

Sempre una corda.

7 Night on a black throne reins up - right, *p* I have reached these lands but new - - -

p

13 ly from an ul - - - ti - mate dim Thu - - - le, *p* from a

p

18 wild - weird clime - - - that lieth, - - - sub - lime out *pp* of

23 space, out of time... *mp* Bot - tom - less vales and bound - less

Poco più mosso

27 floods and chasms, and ca - verns, and ti - tan woods with forms that no man can dis -

mp

31 co - ver for the tears that drip all o - ver... *mf* Moun - tains top - pling e - ver -

35 more in - to seas with - out a shore, seas that rest - less - ly *crescendo*

39 as - pire. *f* sur - - - ging un - - - to skies of

42 fire; lakes, that end - less - ly out - spread

44 thin lone wa - ters, lone and dead, their still

46 wa - - - - ters, still and chil - - ly with the snows of the lol - ling

49 li - ly, *mf* by the lakes that thus out spread

52 *mf* their lone wa - - - ters, lone and dead; *sub pp* their sad

55 wa - ters, sad and chil - ly *ppp* with the snows of the lol - ling li - ly, *pp* by the

58 moun - - - tains, near the ri ver, mur - mu - ring low - - - ly, mur-mu-ring

61 e - ver, *p* by the gray woods, by the swamp where the toad and the newt en - camp, by the

66 dis - mal tarns and pools where dwell the ghouls, by each spot the most un -

71 ho - ly in each look most me-lan - cho - ly there the trave - ler meets, a - gha - st, shee - ted me - mo - ries of the

pp

77 past, shrow-ded forms, that start and sigh as they pass the wan-derer by, white-robed forms of friends long -

mp

84 gi - - - ven *p* in a - - - go - ny to the Earth and Hea - ven...

rit.

p

Tempo primo

90 *pp* By a route ob - scure and lone - ly haun - ted by ill an - gels on - ly, where an ei - do - lon, named

96 Night on a black throne reigns up - right, *mp* I have reached this land but

101 new - - - ly *p* from an ul - - - ti - mate dim Thu - - -

106 le, from a wild - weird clime - - that lieth, sub - lime, out of

pp

pp

112 space, out of Time...

rallentando

ALONE

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Moderato semplice. Severo.

1 *mf* From child - hood's hour I have not been as o - thers were - I have not seen as o - thers saw - I could not

crecs. poco a poco

mf *crecs. poco a poco*

Con pedale

9 bring my pas - sions from a com - mon spring - - - *f* from the same source I have not ta - ken my sor - row,

f *sfz* *f* *sfz*

sfz *8vb* *sfz*

15 *ff* I could not a - wa - ken my heart to joy at the same tone, *ff* And all I loved - - *f* I loved a - lone; Then, in my

poco allargando *meno f* *meno f*

Piu mosso

184

21 child - hood, in the down of a most stor - my life was *piu f* drawn from e - very depth of good and ill the mys - te -

cresc. *mp*

cresc. *piu f* *mp*

(con pedale)

27 ry which binds me still. *f* From the tor - rent, or the

sfz *f*

8vb sfz

A tempo

34 foun - tain, *f* from the red cliff of the moun - tain, from the sun that

sfz *f* *tenuto* *poco allargando*

40 round me rolled in its au - tumn tint of gold, *ff* from the

44 light - - - - ning in the sky as it passed me, fly - ing

47 by, *fff* from the thun - der, and the storm *ppp* *pp* and the cloud that took the

Piu mosso

tenuto

ff

A tempo

lunga

fff

ppp

pp

lunga

lunga

con pedale

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51 form (when the rest of hea - ven is blue)

una corda

55 *allargando* **Largo** (falsetto) *ppp* of a De - mon *pppp* in my view. *morendo*

tre corde *ppp* *pppp* *morendo*

Addendum

ULALUM

The Drunken Waltz
of the Freezing Universe

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Andante misterioso. Legatissimo.

pp The skies they were a - shen and so - ber, the leaves they were

pp

Con gran pedale, sempre legatissimo

cris - ped and sere, *p* the leaves they were wi - the - ring and

sere, *mp* it was night, in the lone - some Oc - to - ber of my

mp

mf most im - me - mo - ri - al year, *mp* it was hard by the dim lake of Au - ber, *p* in the

mf *mp* *p*

mis - ty mid - re - gion of Weir, *mp* it was dawn by the

mp

poco rallentando

dank tarn of Au - ber, *p* in the ghoul - haun - ted wood - land of

p

Con forza, poco più lento

tenuto

Weir. *più f* Here once, through an al - ley Ti -

ta - nic, of cy - press, I roamed with my soul, of

cy - press, with Psy - che, my soul. These were

15

17

20

194

days when my heart was vul - ca - nic, as the sco - ri - ac ri - vers that

22

roll, as the la - vas that rest - less - ly roll! *mf* Their

25

sul - phu - rous cur - rents down Yaa - nek, in the ul - ti - mate climes of the

28 *mf*

Pole, that groan as they roll down mount Yaa - nek in the

31 *sfz* *sfz*

realms of the Bo - re - al Pole. *p* Our

34

p

talk has been seri - ous and so - ber, but our thoughts, they were

36

p

pal - sied and sere, *pp* our me - mo - ries were trea - che - rous and

38

pp

accelerando

sere, *p* for we knew not *mp* the month was Oc - to - ber, *mf* and we

40 *p* *mp* *mf*

marked not the night of the year! *f* (Ah! Night of all nights of the year!) *p* We

42 *f* *p*

a tempo

no - ted not the dim lake of Au - ber, though *pp* once we have jour - neyed down here, we re -

45 *pp*

poco rallentando

mem-bered not the dank tarn of Au - ber, nor the ghoul - haun - ted wood - land of Weir.

48

Con forza, poco più lento

f And now, as the night was se - nes - cent, and

51

f

star di - als poin - ted to morn, and star di - als hin - ted of

54

morn, *f* at the end of our path a li -

57

ques - cent and ne - bu - lous lus - ter was born,

59

(legatissimo)

f out of which a mi - ra - cu - lous

cres - cent a - rose with a dup - li - cate horn, **ff** As -

tar - te's be - dia - mon - ded cres - cent, dis - tinct with its dup - li - cate

68 *ff*

Poco più mosso

horn. *p* And I said: She is war - mer than Di - an, she

71 *p (legatissimo)*

rolls through an e - ther of sighs, she re - vels in a re - gion of sighs;

74

Ancora piú mosso, con forza

f she has seen that the tears are not dry on these cheeks, where the worm ne - ver

77

f poco marcato

dies, *mf* and has come past the stars of the Li - on, to point us the

80

mf

path to the skies, to the Le - the - an peace of the skies; *f* come

83

f

up, in de - spite of the Li - on, to shine on us with her bright eyes, come

86

up through the lair of the Li - on, with love in her lu - mi - nous eyes! *pp* But

89

pp

Tempo primo

Psy - che, up - lif - ting her fin - ger, said: Sad - ly this

92 *leggiro*

6

star I mis - trust, her pal - lor I strange - ly mis -

94

6

trust: *p* Ah, has - ten! Ah, let us not lin - ger! *mp* Ah,

96 *p* *mp*

accelerando *a tempo*

fly, *mf* let us fly, for we must! *pp* In ter - ror she spoke, let - ting sink her

98 *mf* *pp*

poco rallentando *a tempo*

wings till they trailed in the dust, *mp* in a - go - ny sobbed, let - ting sink her

101 *mp*

rallentando

plumes, *pp* till they trailed in the dust, *ppp* till they sor - row - ful - ly trailed in the

104 *pp* *ppp*

a tempo

dust. *mf* I re - plied: This is no - thing but

107 *mf*

drea - - - ming! Let us on by the tre - mu - - - lous

109

light, *f* let us bath in its cry - stal - line

111 *f* 10 10

light! *mf* Its

113 10 6 6 *mf*

sy - byl - lic splen - dor is bea - - - ming with

114

hope and in beau - ty to - night! *f* See! It

fli - ckers up the sky through the

night! *mf* Ah, we

116

118

10

10

119

10

7

6

mf

safe - - - ly may trust to its

120

glea - - - - - ming, and be

121

10 10 7 6 *mf*

sure it will lead us a -

122

right! *f* We

123

sure - - - - ly may trust to a

124

glea - - - - - ming that

125

mf

10 10 7 6

can - - - not but guide us a -

126

right, *f* since it

127

fli - ckers up to hea - ven through the

128

accelerando

night!

129

Piú mosso

131

133

molto rallentando

135

137

6 6

Andantino cantando e semplice

pp

ppp

8 16 10 16

140

8 16 8 16 9 16 8 16

143

p And I pa - ci - fied Psy - che, and

p

8 16 5 16 4 16 8 16

kissed her, and temp - ted her out of her gloom,

147

8 16 10 16 8 16 9 16

214

and con - quered her scrup - les and her

150

gloom, *mp* and we passed to the end of the vis - - - - ta,

153

mp

but we stopped by the door of the tomb,

156

Piú mosso, con forza

by the door of the le - gen - ded tomb? *pp* And I

159

pp

said: What is writ - ten, sweet sis - ter, on the door of this

162

le - gen - ded tomb? *ppp* She re - plied: U - la - lum, U - la -

164

ppp

lum, 'tis the vault of thy lost U - - - la - lum! *f* And my

166

f

Poco meno mosso (tempo primo)

heart, it grew a - shen and so - ber as the leaves that were cris - ped and sere, *pp* as the

168

legatissimo

pp

leaves that were wi - the - ring and sere, *p* and I said: *mp* It was sure - ly Oc - to - ber on

171

p *mp*

this ve - ry night of the year, *mf* that I jour - neyed, I jour - neyed down here, *pp* that I

174

mf *pp*

brought a dread bur - den down here, *mp* on this night of all nights of the year: *mf* Ah, what

177

poco rallentando *mp* *mf*

de - mon hath temp - ted me *f* here? *mp* Well, I

180

a tempo *f* *mp*

know, now, this calm lake of Au - - - ber, this mis - ty mid - re - gion of

182

Weir, well, I know, now, this dank tarn of Au - - ber, this ghoul - haun - ted

185

wood - land of Weir. *f* Said we then, the two then: Ah, can it have been that the

188

219

wood - lan - dish ghouls, the pi - ty - ful, the mer - - - ci - ful

191

ghouls, *mp* to bar up our way, and to ban it *mf* from the sec - ret that lies in these

193

mp *mf*

Poco più mosso

wolds, from the thing that lies hid - den in these *f* wolds...

196

f

199 *mf* *mp* have drawn up the spec - ter of a

201 pla - - net from the lim - - bo of lu - - - na - ry

203 souls, the sin - - - ful *p* scin - - - til - lant pla - net *pp* from the

hell of the pla - ne - ta - ry souls...

poco a poco accelerando al fine

205

pp

208

ppp

210

pppp

pp

p

pp

ppp

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