

Winter: Three Songs on the Nature of Armageddon

Mezzo / Rehearsal Piano

(Symphony No. 4)

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$\text{♩} = 120$
1 Introduction: Allegro

MEZZO

Piano

Mez

Pno

Mez

Pno

Mez

Pno

N.B.: Play cluster chords as much as possible throughout

2

A

Song I.

Lento

molto rall.

$\text{♩} = 60$

Mez

Pno

pp

pp

15

Mez

Pno

19

Mez

Pno

22

Mez

Pno

mp

mp

Plucked from _____ the heart _____

24

Mez

a - blos - - - som, en - cased

Pno

26

Mez

in dust _____ . Plucked from the heart of my moth - er's at - tic a

Pno

28

Mez

blos - - - som en - cased in dust. Plucked from the heart _____ a

Pno

30

Mez

blos - - - som, en - cased _____

Pno

32

Mez

, a blos - som en-cased in dust .

Pno

35

Mez

Mot - tled shades of once-white there, and gold leaf glaz - - - ing its

Pno

37

Mez

In - car - na - ted pet - - - als,

Pno

39

Mez

be - - - tween which are

Pno

41

Mez

the prayers

Pno

43

Mez

I can yet sum-mon forth from the crypt

Pno

45

Mez

of child - - - hood.

Pno

47

Mez

Plucked from the heart of my moth-er's at-tic (Hums or ooohs)

Pno

49

Mez

Pno

51

Mez

Pno

C

53

Mez

Pno

55

Mez

Pno

rit.

57 $\text{♩} = 40$ *a tempo* D

Mez

Pno

60

Mez

Pno

63

Mez

Pno

66 *rit.* E *mf*

Mez

The bind - ing's bro - ken, The cell - o - phane has

rit.

Pno

68 *più mosso* $\text{♩} = 80$

Mez
 peeled a - way leav-ing yel-lowed scars

Pno
pp

71

Mez
 (Plucked from the heart) There's no con - ceal - ing them no cos -

Pno

74

Mez
 met - ic cure I

Pno

F

Mez
 press I press I

Pno

78

Mez

press up - on The

Pno

80

Mez

Lord to make me

Pno

82

Mez

pure.

Pno

84

Mez

Pno

86

Mez

(Plucked from the heart.)

Pno

c - r - e - s - c - e - n - d - o

88

Mez

f

Pno

ff

90

Mez

Pno

92

Mez

Pno

G **Adagio, Dolce**
rall...

Mez

Pno

mp

Musical score for rehearsal mark G. The Mezzo-soprano part is a whole rest. The Piano accompaniment features a complex texture with many beamed sixteenth notes in the right hand and a series of tied chords in the left hand, marked *mp*.

H **Song II.**
***♩=60* Lento (sempre a tempo, non rubato)**

98

Mez

Pno

mp

Musical score for rehearsal mark H. The Mezzo-soprano part is a whole rest. The Piano accompaniment begins with a complex texture of beamed sixteenth notes and tied chords, then transitions to a more melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand, marked *mp*. The time signature changes to 5/4.

105

Mez

Pno

Musical score for rehearsal mark I. The Mezzo-soprano part is a whole rest. The Piano accompaniment continues with a melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand.

J ***♩=60***

Mez

Pno

Musical score for rehearsal mark J. The Mezzo-soprano part is a whole rest. The Piano accompaniment continues with a melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. The time signature changes to 7/4, 5/4, 6/4, 4/4, and 3/4.

118

Mez

Pno

122

Mez

Pno

127

Mez

Pno

mf

f

5:4

130

Mez

Pno

3:2

3:2

133

K

Mez

Pno

mp

3:2

5:4

5:4

137

Mez

Pno

143

Mez

Pno

149

L

Mez

Pno

154

Mez

Pno

p

M $\text{♩} = c. 80$

Mez

Pno

mp

mf

mp

166

meno mosso

N $\text{♩} = 60$

p *non legato, secco*

Mez

Pno

p

pp

3

3:2

3:2

And af - ter the slow - ly in - drawn breath

169

Mez

Pno

The break - ing of the sac - red bread

The up - ward thrust - ing of the head

178 $\text{♩} = 100$
cantabile

Mez

si - lence of the bloom Red would on - ly throb too soon, Too loud .

Pno

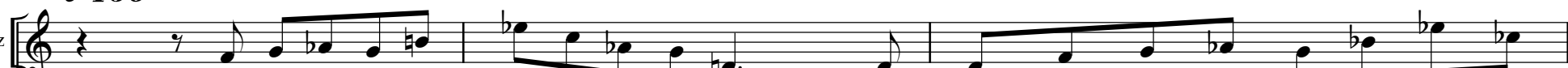
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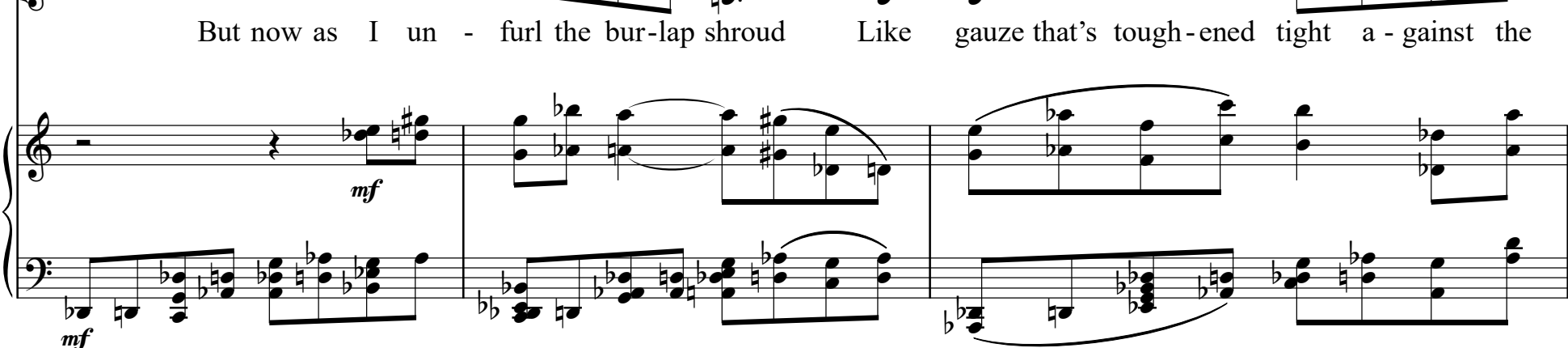
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Allegro

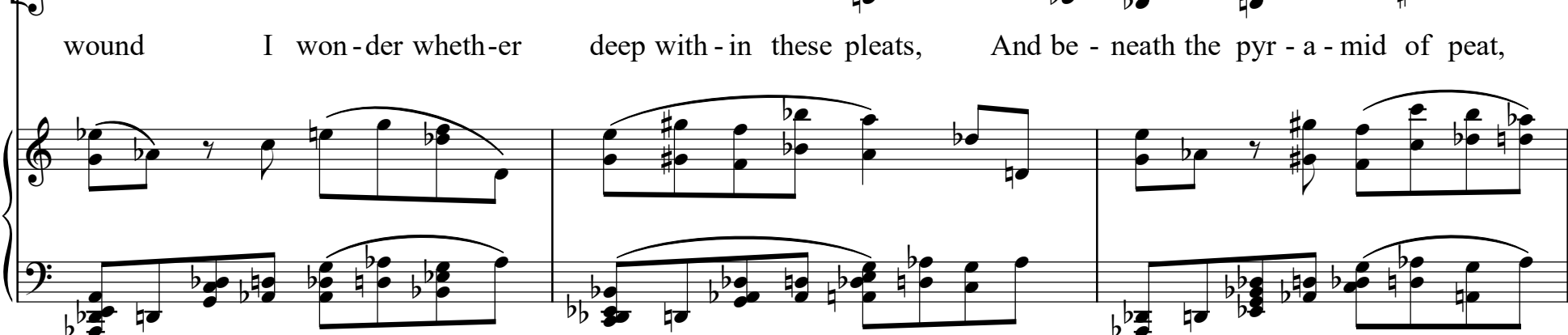
184 $\text{♩} = 160$

Mez 
But now as I un - furl the bur-lap shroud Like gauze that's tough-ened tight a - gainst the

Pno 

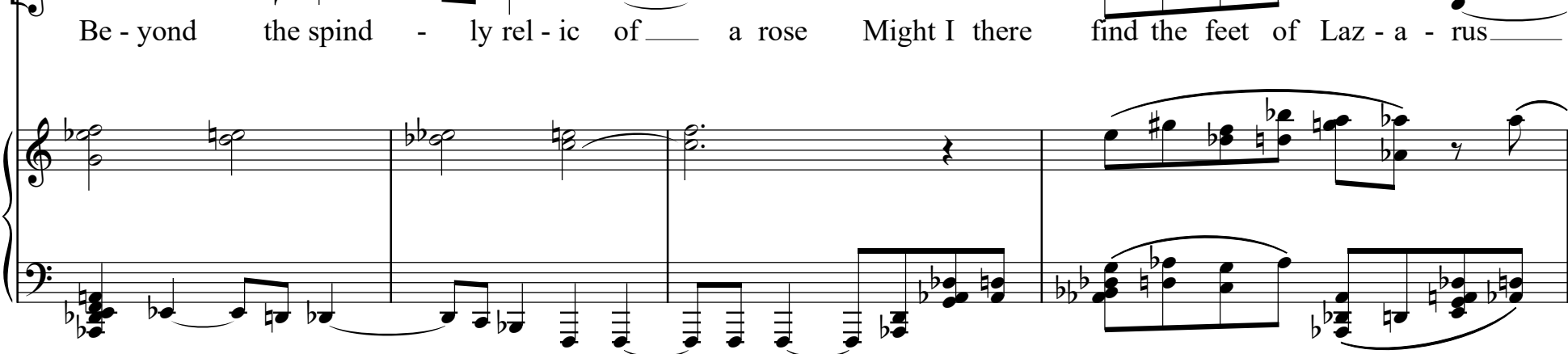
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Mez 
wound I won-der wheth-er deep with - in these pleats, And be - neath the pyr - a - mid of peat,

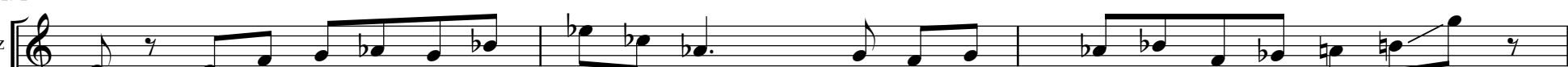
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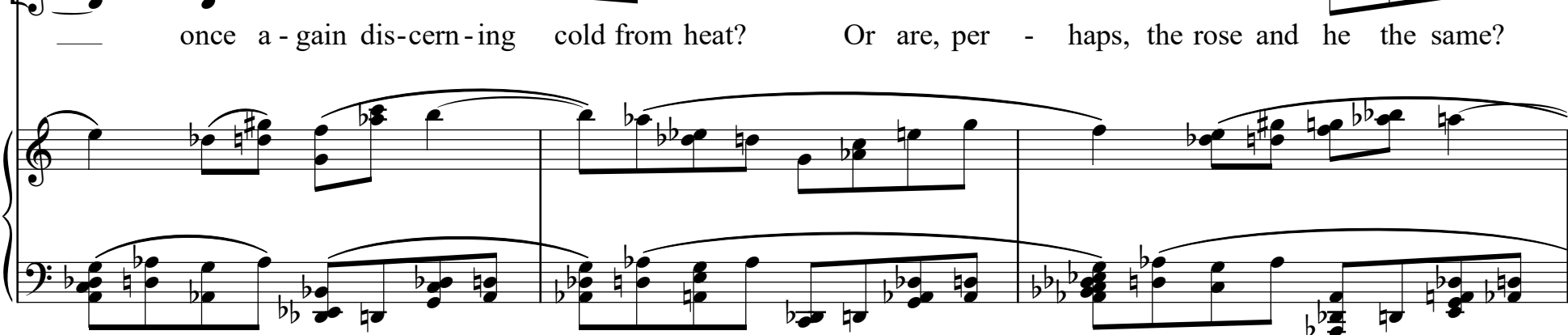
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Mez 
Be - yond the spind - ly rel - ic of a rose Might I there find the feet of Laz - a - rus

Pno 

194

Mez 
once a - gain dis-cern-ing cold from heat? Or are, per - haps, the rose and he the same?

Pno 

Q $\text{♩} = 180$

Mez

Pno

200

Mez

Pno

R $\text{♩} = 100$ *p*

Mez

I hear the wind so soft - ly breathe her name As

Pno

p

207 *pp* $\text{♩} = 120$

Mez

I lift the seal of win - ter And ex - pose the rose to light.

Pno

pp

mp 5:4 3:2

[S]

mf

Mez It is then that I am swept up in the pull of pal - lid

p

Pno

p

5:4

217

Mez cells Reach - ing out for life, ex - tract - ing it from air.

Pno

5:4

219

Mez And I will take a knife to what I think is dead there, To that

Pno

221

Mez which, I'm sup - pos - ing can - not be re - paired. Do not

Pno

cantabile

5:4

223

Mez

des - pair, my love, for there is

Pno

225

Mez

some-thing of a faint sheen Glow - ing on this stalk, some - thing that is

Pno

227

Mez

not quite green. But grow-ing, swell-ing, some-thing ca - pa-ble of tel-ling The

Pno

a tempo

mf

230

Mez

wak-ing hours from the night, The rose of pas-sion from the rose of light.

Pno

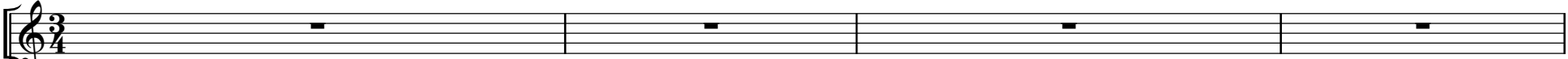
rall...

T

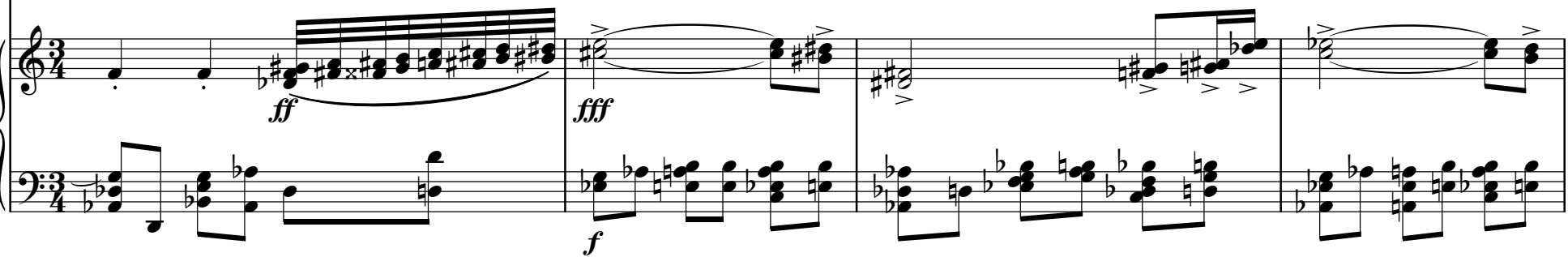
a tempo

più mosso

Mez



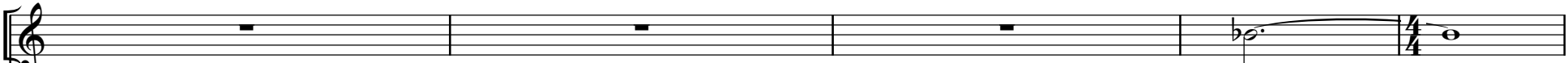
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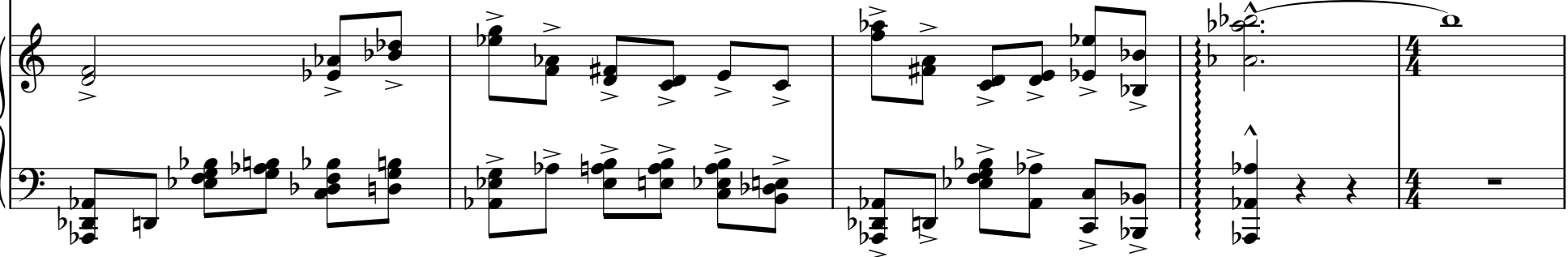
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ff

Mez



Pno



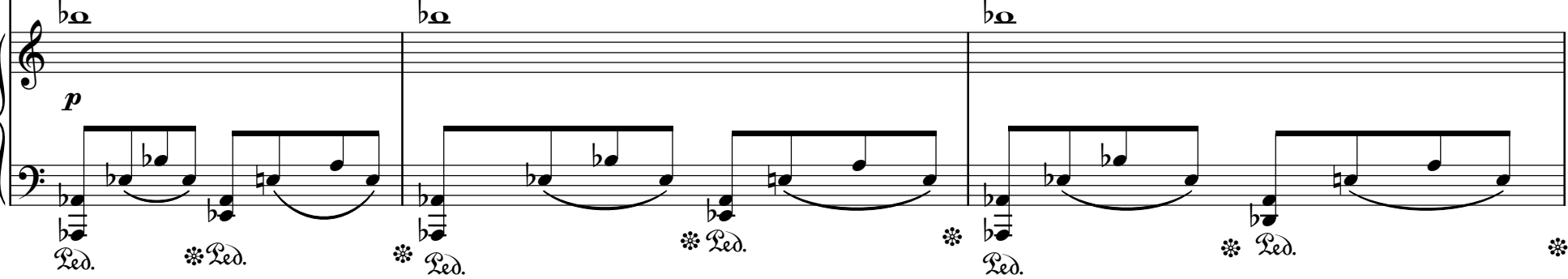
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p 62

Mez



Pno

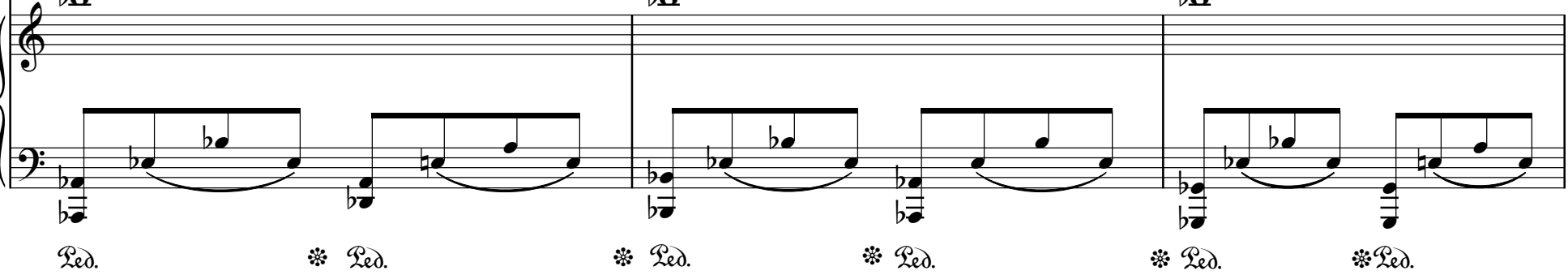


246

Mez



Pno



249

Mez

Pno

as I slash the wrist of rose-bush I know that I re-ly sheer-ly on Grace I think of all

5:4 5:4 5:4 3:2 5:4 5:4

Red. *

252

Mez

Pno

The times her face has been like a prayer cupped

5:4 *rall.* 5:4 5:4 **V** *a tempo*

Red. *

255

Mez

Pno

in these hands. And now they trem-ble as the cut is made. Let us con-tem-plate to- geth - er the

n.b.! 5:4 *accel.* 3:2

259

Mez

Pno

du - al pow - er of The blade to lop off the dead and

261 *♩=100*

Mez leave the liv - - - - - ing

Pno

264

Mez But if there be mis - giv - ings let them be

Pno

3:2

266

Mez mine a - lone. Yet some - thing has sur - vived the win - ter's womb

Pno

268

Mez as sure - ly as the dead man did his tomb.

Pno

270 *meno mosso*

Mez And it is not the dry brush cast

Pno

272 W *accel.*

Mez a - side _____ that makes _____ me

Pno

274

Mez trem - - - - - ble

Pno

277

Mez so. My hand _____ is clawed by

Pno

279

Mez

thorns that won't let go The leg - a - cy of death

Pno

f

281

Mez

or life. I do

Pno

ff $\text{♩} = 120$

5:4

283

Mez

not know. Now no - tice

Pno

ff *mp* *pp*

X

285

Mez

how the full weight of the

Pno

3

287

Mez

5:4

sky rests on the clouds, my _____ Love. And though you lift your

Pno

289

Mez

3:2 3:2 3:2

eyes you see noth - ing but my blood _____ Then search my face, And _____

Pno

291

Mez

crawl _____ in - to my pain, Your _____ tears _____ near - ly

Pno

293

Mez

rall...

con - cealed be - hind the sud - den veil of rain.

Pno

[Y] $\text{♩} = 62$ *mp*

Mez The one who fast-ens tears to love Binds the rain to earth. “This rose,” I say, “in

Pno *p*

3:2 3:2

[Z] *p*

Mez prun-ing me pre - pares me for re - birth.” And so we wait for buds to form pro -

Pno

3 5:4 5:4

304

Mez tect-ion a-gainst loss While a - bove our heads, a pale rose blos - soms Where our spir-its

Pno

5:4 5:4 3:2 5:4 5:4 5:4 5:4 5:4

308

Mez CROSS

Pno

3:2 3:2 3:2

AA

Mez

Pno

fff

311

Mez

Pno

Strike the tip of the bloom, O God, against the flint, Refining human needs, And accept Thou this kindling toward Thy whitest heat.

fff

BB

Mez

Pno

f

fff

♩=120

**(Conduct in One)* Conducted in one from BB to CC. Due to staggered time signatures, measure numbering is accurate only at BB and CC.*

317

Mez

Pno

320

Mez

Pno

323

Mez

Pno

326

Mez

Pno

329

Mez

Pno

332

Mez

Pno

This system contains measures 332, 333, and 334. The Mezzo-soprano part is silent, indicated by a whole rest. The Piano part has a right hand with a complex, chromatic melody using many accidentals. The left hand has a sustained, low-register bass line with a few accidentals.

335

Mez

Pno

This system contains measures 335, 336, and 337. The Mezzo-soprano part is silent. The Piano part continues the complex, chromatic melody in the right hand and the sustained bass line in the left hand.

338

Mez

Pno

This system contains measures 338, 339, and 340. The Mezzo-soprano part is silent. The Piano part continues the complex, chromatic melody in the right hand and the sustained bass line in the left hand.

341

Mez

Pno

This system contains measures 341, 342, and 343. The Mezzo-soprano part is silent. The Piano part continues the complex, chromatic melody in the right hand and the sustained bass line in the left hand.

344

Mez

Pno

347

Mez

Pno

350

Mez

Pno

353

Mez

Pno

356 CC *rall...*

Mez

Pno

362 DD $\text{♩} = 100$

Mez

Pno

369 *rall...* $\text{♩} = 80$

Mez

Pno

375

Mez

Pno

381 *rall . . .*

Mez

Pno

3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2

ppp

pp

*

EE ♩=62 Song III. *mp*

Mez

And when the snow__ has sift-ed in-to my hair_____ what then?

Pno

394

Mez

Will I be less a wo-man, or you,__ a man, when pas-sions blanch and blank-ly stare through o-paque

Pno

5:4 6:4

398

Mez

eyes. Some one of my sleep - ing selves,_____ no doubt, will rise_____ in am-ple time to

Pno

*Sound as much of the upper ostinato as possible when playing the melodic portions; see m.388-389, for example.

404

Mez

greet me there, at ves - pers, _____ in the si-bi-lance of prayer. _____

Pno

mp *pp*

410

FF

Mez

you re-call, I gath - er, our last part-ing, _____ How you drew me in like breath

Pno

415

Mez

and how our depths sus-pired in the still-ness and the grace of an un-speak-a-ble em -

Pno

5:4

418

GG

Mez

- - - - - brace. Your touch too light to ag - i - tate a

Pno

7:6

422

Mez

4:3

sing-le strand from place, too soft to cause a stir-ring in the air. And how I'm al-most moved to

Pno

427

HH

3:2

doubt that you were tru-ly _____ there; But then, of course, _____ the snow has yet to cal - ci - fy my

Pno

3:2

432

Mez

hair. _____

Pno

ppp

436

Mez

Yet when _____

Pno

438

Mez

the sift - ing of the snow is

Pno

440

Mez

done and high - lights glist - en sil - ver in the

Pno

442

Mez

sun or lav - en - dar I'll ven - ture, in the moon,

Pno

444

Mez

Then I sup - pose I'll learn that one must

Pno

446

Mez

trust The loom - ing shad - - - ows and

Pno

448

Mez

the ghosts that

Pno

450

Mez

in - - - fil - - - trate but

Pno

452

Mez

scarce - - - ly touch

Pno

II

Mez

Pno

Im - pas - sive

10:8

Red.

456

Mez

Pno

in the face of pas - sion's thrust.

459

Mez

Pno

sl. di. s.

KK

Mez

Pno

rall...

463 **Largo**
♩ = 40

Mez

Pno

ff

mp

465

Mez

Pno

LL

Mez

Pno

p

3:2

467 *mp*

Mez

And when the frost en - graves the glass, and

Pno

pp

3:2

468

Mez

I seem numb, and

Pno

3:2

469

Mez

on - ly an ex - - - -

Pno

3:2

MM

Mez

plo - - - - sion

Pno

ff

pp

ff

ff

471

Mez

- - - - - ex - plo - - - -

Pno

ff

pp

ff

ff

472

Mez

mf

sion of the dy -

Pno

pp

473

Mez

- ing sun will be e - nough to clear the crys - tals from the pane, —

Pno

[[NN]]

Mez

pp *p*

though vis - ion, hav - ing once been lost, will nev - er be re - gained from some in-tern-al

Pno

3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2

480

Mez

vis - ta, still I'll lift my eyes and in the scud-ding clouds, per - haps, I'll

Pno

3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2

483

Mez

rec - og - nize my fleet - ing face _____ and yours,

Pno

3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2

486

Mez

when the snow _____ has sealed me _____ in and drift - ed

Pno

3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2

PP

489

Mez

up a - gainst the door.

Pno

3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2

tenuto
pp

491

Mez

Pno

3:2 3:2 3:2

493

Mez

Pno

3:2

495

Mez

Pno

3:2

497

Mez

Pno

fff

pp

3:2

pp

fff

QQ

Mez

Pno

fff

pp

fff

pp

rall...

3:2

ppp