

Time and the Garden

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Litany
Samuel Orchard Beeton
Adapt. Ryan Harper

“It would be difficult to assign a greater antiquity to any industrial art than that of gardening. Consider: the gardens of the Hesperides and of Alcinous; the hanging gardens, by means of which the mighty king of Babylon sought to reconcile his Median queen to the flat and naked country of her adoption; violets in profusion could be bought in the markets of Athens while the snow was thick upon the ground; and when Tarquin the Proud was planning with the ‘false’ Sextus the betrayal of the Sabines, he took his messenger into the garden, and, without a word, cut off the heads of the tallest poppies growing there to show that their ends could be gained only by removing the chief men of the city.”

Quair
James I

“A garden fair, and in the corneris set,
An herbere green with wandes long and small,
Railit about, and so with treeis set
Was all the place, and hawthorn hedges knet,
That lyfe was non, walkying there forbye
That might within scarce any wight espye.
So thick the bewis and the leves grene.”

The River Merchant's Wife: A Letter
Ezra Pound

“While my hair was still cut straight across my forehead
I played about the front gate, pulling flowers.
You came by on bamboo stilts, playing horse;
You walked about my seat, playing with blue plums.
And we went on living in the village of Chokan:
Two small people, without dislike or suspicion.

At fourteen I married My Lord you.
I never laughed, being bashful.
Lowering my head, I looked at the wall.
Called to, a thousand times, I never looked back.

At fifteen I stopped scowling,
I desired my dust to be mingled with yours
Forever and forever and forever.
Why should I climb the lookout?

At sixteen you departed,
You went into far Ku-to-en, by the river of swirling eddies,
And you have been gone five months.
The monkeys make sorrowful noise overhead.
You dragged your feet when you went out.
By the gate now, the moss is grown, the different mosses,
Too deep to clear them away!
The leaves fall early this autumn, in wind.
The paired butterflies are already yellow with August
Over the grass in the West garden --
They hurt me.
I grow older.
If you are coming down through the narrows of the river,
Please let me know beforehand,
And I will come out to meet you
As far as Cho-fo-Sa."

Spring
William Carlos Williams

"O my grey hairs!
You are truly white as plum blossoms."

Burnt Norton
T.S. Eliot

"Time present and time past
Are both perhaps present in time future,
And time future contained in time past.
If all time is eternally present
All time is unredeemable.
What might have been is an abstraction
Remaining a perpetual possibility
Only in a world of speculation.
What might have been and what has been
Point to one end, which is always present.
Footfalls echo in the memory
Down the passage which we did not take
Towards the door we never opened
Into the rose-garden."

Litany

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$\text{♩} = 50$

pp

It would be dif-fi-cult

$\text{♩} = 50$
8^{va}

pp

8^{vb}

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$\text{♩} = 116$

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$\text{♩} = 116$

f

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f *mf* *f*

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rit. *mp* *rit.* *mp*

di-an queen to the flat — and na-ked coun try_ of her a-dop-tion;

31 $\text{♩} = 116$ *f*

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40 *mp* *pp*

thick u-pon_ the ground; and when

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Tar-quin the Proud was plan-ning with the "false" Sex-tus the be

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tray-al of the Sa-bines_ he took his mess - en - ger

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rit. . . .

♩ = 50

in - to the gar-den, and, with out_____ a

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8va

8vb

53

word, cut off the heads of the tal-lest pop-pies grow-ing there

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Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 53 and 54. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of four sharps (F#, C#, G#, D#) and a 4/4 time signature. Measure 53 starts with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G5, an eighth note F#5, and a quarter note E5. Measure 54 begins with a half note D5, followed by a quarter note C#5, an eighth note B4, and a quarter note A4. The piano accompaniment consists of two staves. The right hand starts in measure 53 with a quarter note G4, an eighth note F#4, and a quarter note E4. In measure 54, it plays a half note D4, a quarter note C#4, and an eighth note B3. The left hand plays a whole note G3 in measure 53 and a whole note F#3 in measure 54. There are rehearsal marks (8) at the beginning of the piano part in both measures.

55

to show that their ends could be gained on-ly by re-

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Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 55 and 56. The vocal line continues from measure 54. In measure 55, it has a whole rest followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note F#4, and a quarter note E4. In measure 56, it has a half note D4, a quarter note C#4, an eighth note B3, and a quarter note A3. The piano accompaniment continues from measure 54. The right hand plays a half note D4, a quarter note C#4, and an eighth note B3 in measure 55, and a half note A3, a quarter note G3, and an eighth note F#3 in measure 56. The left hand plays a whole note G3 in measure 55 and a whole note F#3 in measure 56. There are rehearsal marks (8) at the beginning of the piano part in both measures.

57

mov-ing the chief men of the ci - ty. —

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Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 57 and 58. The vocal line continues from measure 56. In measure 57, it has a whole rest followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note F#4, and a quarter note E4. In measure 58, it has a half note D4, a quarter note C#4, an eighth note B3, and a quarter note A3. The piano accompaniment continues from measure 56. The right hand plays a half note D4, a quarter note C#4, and an eighth note B3 in measure 57, and a half note A3, a quarter note G3, and an eighth note F#3 in measure 58. The left hand plays a whole note G3 in measure 57 and a whole note F#3 in measure 58. There are rehearsal marks (8) at the beginning of the piano part in both measures.

Quair

Text by James I
Music by Ryan Harper

$\text{♩} = 168$

$\text{♩} = 168$

5

f

A gar - den fair, and in the cor-ner-is

f *p* *f*

9

set, An her-ber-e green

13

with wand-es long and small Rail-it a-bout,

p

p

This system contains measures 13 through 16. The vocal line begins in 2/4 time, then changes to 4/4 for measures 14 and 15, and returns to 2/4 for measure 16. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords or single notes in the right hand. Dynamics include piano (*p*) in measures 15 and 16.

17

and so with tree - is set Was

mf

This system contains measures 17 through 20. The vocal line starts in 2/4, changes to 3/4 for measure 18, and returns to 2/4 for measures 19 and 20. The piano accompaniment continues with a consistent eighth-note bass line. A mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic is marked in measure 17.

21

all the place, and haw - thorn

This system contains measures 21 through 24. The vocal line begins in 2/4, changes to 3/4 for measure 22, and returns to 2/4 for measures 23 and 24. The piano accompaniment maintains the eighth-note bass line pattern. The system concludes with a 3/4 time signature.

25

hed - ges knet, That lyfe — was non,

This system contains measures 25 through 28. The vocal line begins with a half note 'hed' in 3/4 time, followed by a quarter note 'ges' and a half note 'knet,' in 4/4 time. The phrase 'That lyfe' is in 3/4 time, with a long horizontal line indicating a sustained note, followed by 'was non,' in 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and a more melodic line in the right hand, including some chords and a trill.

29

That lyfe — was non,

This system contains measures 29 through 31. The vocal line continues with 'That lyfe' in 4/4 time, followed by a long horizontal line, then 'was non,' in 3/4 time. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note bass line and a melodic line in the right hand, including a trill.

32

walk-yng there for-bye That might with-in scarce a - ny - wight es -

rit.

rit.

This system contains measures 32 through 35. The vocal line begins with 'walk-yng there for-bye' in 3/4 time, followed by 'That might with-in scarce a - ny - wight es -' in 3/4 time. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note bass line and a melodic line in the right hand, including a trill. The system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

36 ♩ = 50 *pp*

pye. So thick the be - wis and the le-ves green

41

41

So thick the be - wis and the le - ves green

45

45 *f* ♩ = 168 *fff*

So thick the be - wis and the le - ves green.

46

The River Merchant's Wife: A Letter

Text by Ezra Pound, adapted from the first of
Li Po's "Two Letters from Chang-Kan"
Music by Ryan Harper

♩ = 92

p

While my

5 *mf* *p* *mf*

hair was still cut straight_ a -

10

cross_ my fore-head I played a-bout the

p *f*

14 $\text{♩} = 144$
mp
p
front gate, pul-ling flowers. You came by on____

8^{va}
pp 3 *mp*

20
____ bam - boo stilts _____ play-ing horse;

(8)

25
You walked a-bout my _____ seat

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play-ing with blue plums blue plums.

(8)

35

♩ = 60

And we went on li- ving in the vil-lage of Cho - kan:— Two small

(8)

♩ = 60

mf

38

♩ = 92

peo- ple— with-out dis- like or sus-pi- cion.—

p

3

mp

♩ = 92

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41

mf ♩ = 60

At four-teen I mar-ried my

mf ♩ = 60

44

Lord You. I ne-ver laughed feel-ing bash-ful.

This musical score is for a song titled "The Lord You Never Laughed Feeling Bashful". It is written for voice and piano. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The tempo is marked "Moderato". The score begins with a 3/4 time signature and changes to 4/4 time at the end of the first line. The vocal line starts with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are: "Lord You. I ne-ver laughed feel-ing bash-ful." The piano accompaniment consists of two staves, treble and bass, with a grand staff brace. The piano part features chords and single notes, with a key signature change to one flat (B-flat major) at the end of the first line. The score is numbered 44 in the top left corner.

48

f

Low-er- ing my head I looked at the wall.

f

50 *ff* *mf* $\text{♩} = 84$

Called to a thou-sand times I ne-ver looked back.

ff $\text{♩} = 84$

53 *p*

At fif-teen_ I stopped scow-ling_

p

59

I de-sired my_ dust to be min-gled with yours For

8va

64

mf

e - ver_ and for - e - ver_ and for - e - ver_

69

$\text{♩} = 69$

Why should I climb the look-out?

mf

72

mp

At six-teen_ you_ de-par-ted You went

p

77

in - to — far Ku-to - en, by the

mf

mf

Measures 77-78: The vocal line starts in 4/4 time with a melody of eighth and quarter notes, then rests for two measures before a half note in 3/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a continuous sixteenth-note pattern in the right hand and a steady quarter-note bass line. Measure 78 includes a *mf* dynamic marking.

79

ri - ver — of swir - ling ed - dies, And you have

Measures 79-80: The vocal line continues in 3/4 time, then changes to 4/4 for two measures, and returns to 3/4. The piano accompaniment maintains the sixteenth-note pattern in the right hand and a steady bass line. Measure 80 includes a triplet of eighth notes in the vocal line.

81

been gone — five months. The mon - keys — make

f *ff*

fff

Measures 81-84: The vocal line continues in 3/4 time, then changes to 5/8 for two measures, and returns to 3/4. The piano accompaniment features a sixteenth-note pattern in the right hand and a steady bass line. Measure 81 includes a *f* dynamic marking. Measure 82 includes a *ff* dynamic marking. Measure 83 includes a *fff* dynamic marking.

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94

mf

musical score for measures 94-95. The vocal line is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The lyrics are: moss - es, too deep to clear them a - way! The. The piano accompaniment features a continuous eighth-note pattern in the right hand and triplet eighth notes in the left hand.

moss - es, too deep to clear them a - way! The

96

musical score for measures 96-97. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: leaves fall ear - ly this au - tumn, in. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note and triplet patterns.

leaves fall ear - ly this au - tumn, in

98

musical score for measures 98-99. The vocal line has a rest in measure 98 and then the lyrics: wind. The paired. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note and triplet patterns.

wind. The paired

100

but-ter-flies are al-rea-dy yel - low with Au - gust

f

102

o-ver the grass in the West gar-den - They hurt me. I grow ol- der.

ff *p*

105

♩ = 52

If you are co - ming down through the nar-rows of the ri-ver,

ppp

♩ = 52

ppp

8^{vb}

107

Musical score for measure 107. The system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in 5/4 time, starting with a whole rest, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment is in 5/4 time, starting with a whole rest, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The lyrics are "Please let me know be - fore - hand,".

Please let me know be - fore - hand,

108

Musical score for measure 108. The system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in 4/4 time, starting with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment is in 4/4 time, starting with a whole rest, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The lyrics are "And I will come to meet you as far as Cho-fo-sa.".

And I will come to meet you as far as Cho-fo-sa.

Spring

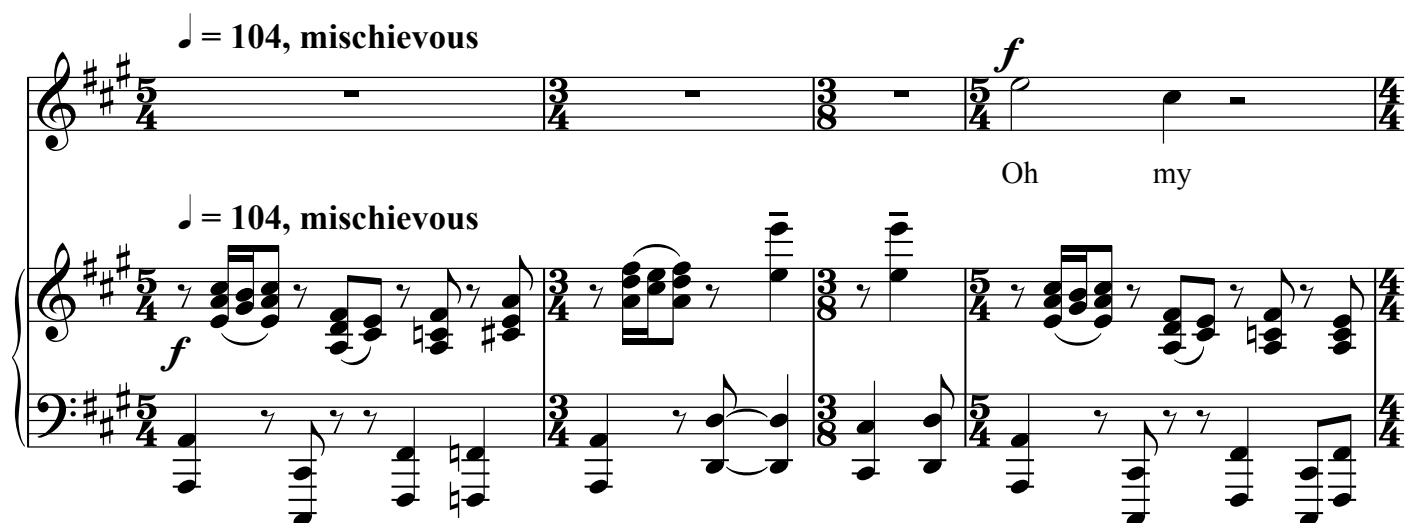
Text by William Carlos Williams

Music by Ryan Harper

$\text{♩} = 104, \text{mischievous}$

f

Oh my



5

ff

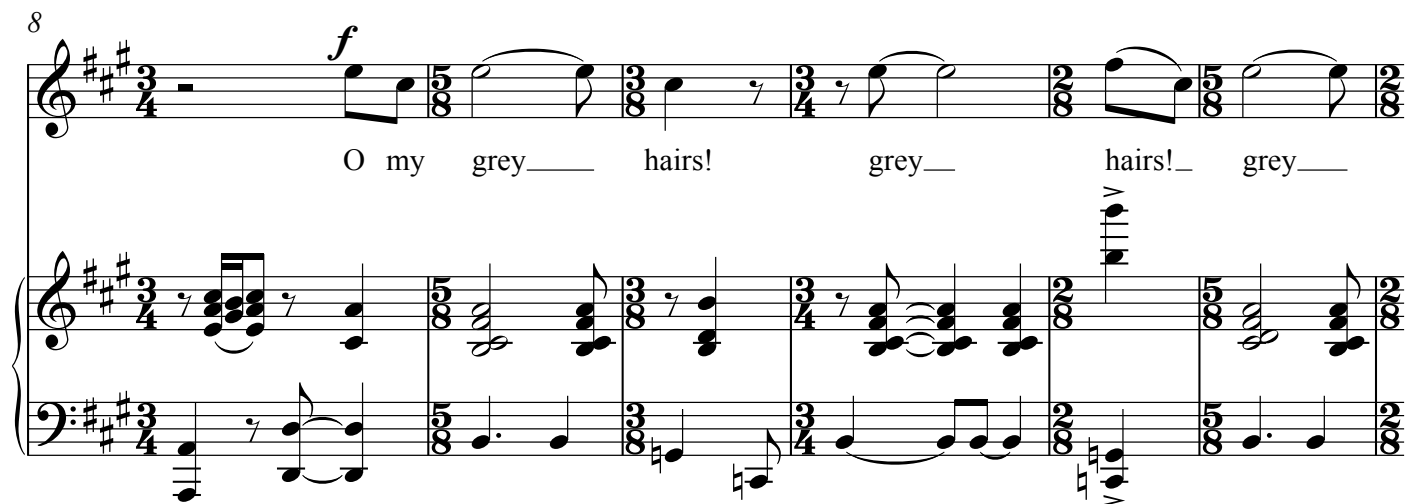
O my — grey hairs! O



8

f

O my grey — hairs! grey — hairs! — grey —



14

$\text{♩} = 58$, ruefully
subito p

hairs!_ grey hairs!_ grey hairs! You are

$\text{♩} = 58$, ruefully
subito p

20

A tempo

tru-ly white_ as plum blos - soms.

A tempo
fff

26

Burnt Norton

Text by T.S. Eliot
Music by Ryan Harper

Sung normally.

$\text{♩} = 120$
f Sung into the piano

Time Time Time_ Time_ Time_ Time_ Time_ Time_

$\text{♩} = 120$
fff

Ped. _____

6

Time Time Time_ Time_ Time_

mf

p. p.

10

Time_ Time Time_ Time pre- sent and time_ past_

f *mp* *mf*

p. p.

Are both per-haps pre-sent in time fu - ture,_____

And time fu - ture con - tained in time past.

If all__time If all

32

time If all time is e - ter-nal-ly pre-sent

This system contains measures 32 through 37. The vocal line begins with a whole rest in measure 32, followed by a half note G4 in measure 33, and continues with eighth and quarter notes in measures 34-37. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb), and the time signature changes from 3/4 to 5/8, 2/4, 3/8, 1/4, 1/8, and back to 3/4.

38

f All time All time All time is un-re-

f 8va--

This system contains measures 38 through 41. The vocal line starts with a half note G4 in measure 38, followed by a whole rest in measure 39, and continues with eighth and quarter notes in measures 40-41. The piano accompaniment includes a forte (f) dynamic marking in measure 38 and an 8va-- marking above measure 39. The time signature changes from 4/4 to 7/8, 3/4, 5/8, and back to 2/4.

42

mf deem-a - ble. What might have been is an ab-

mf *f* 3

This system contains measures 42 through 47. The vocal line begins with a half note G4 in measure 42, followed by a whole rest in measure 43, and continues with eighth and quarter notes in measures 44-47. The piano accompaniment features a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic in measure 42 and a forte (f) dynamic in measure 45, along with a triplet of eighth notes in measure 47. The key signature changes to one flat (Bb) in measure 45, and the time signature changes from 2/4 to 3/8, 1/4, 1/8, 4/4, and back to 3/8.

47 *f*

strac- tion Re-main-ing a per-pe-tu-al pos-si-bi-li-ty

51 *p*

On - ly On - ly

57 *f*

in a world of spec-u - la - tion. What

63

might have been and what has been Point to one end, which is al-ways

This system contains measures 63 through 67. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The piano accompaniment is in grand staff. Measure 63 starts with a 7/8 time signature. Measures 64-67 show various time signature changes: 3/4, 5/8, 2/4, and 3/8. The lyrics are: "might have been and what has been Point to one end, which is al-ways".

68

pre-sent Foot-falls e-cho in the

This system contains measures 68 through 73. The vocal line is in treble clef. The piano accompaniment is in grand staff. Measure 68 starts with a 4/4 time signature. Measures 69-73 show various time signature changes: 8/4, 4/4, 7/8, 3/4, 5/8, and 2/4. The lyrics are: "pre-sent Foot-falls e-cho in the". A piano (*p*) dynamic is marked in measure 69. A pedal point is indicated in measure 73 with the text "Ped." and a line extending to the right.

74

me-mory Down the pass-age we did not

This system contains measures 74 through 78. The vocal line is in treble clef. The piano accompaniment is in grand staff. Measure 74 starts with a 2/4 time signature. Measures 75-78 show various time signature changes: 3/8, 1/4, 8/8, 4/4, 7/8, and 3/4. The lyrics are: "me-mory Down the pass-age we did not". A forte (*f*) dynamic is marked in measure 78, with a line extending to the right.

80

take Towards the door we_

This system contains measures 80 through 86. The vocal line begins with a quarter note 'take' in 3/4 time, followed by rests in 5/8, 2/4, and 3/8 time, then a quarter note 'Towards' in 1/4 time, a quarter note 'the' in 1/8 time, a quarter note 'door' in 1/4 time, and a half note 'we_' in 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the bass and a more complex melody in the treble, including a triplet of eighth notes in measure 86.

87

ne - ver_ o-pened In-to the rose gar -

This system contains measures 87 through 92. The vocal line has a half note 'ne - ver_' in 7/8 time, a quarter note 'o-pened' in 3/4 time, a half rest in 5/8 time, a half rest in 2/4 time, a quarter note 'In-to' in 2/4 time, a quarter note 'the' in 3/8 time, a quarter note 'rose' in 1/4 time, and a half note 'gar -' in 1/4 time. The piano accompaniment continues with eighth-note patterns in the bass and a melodic line in the treble.

93

- den. In-to the rose gar - den. mm

This system contains measures 93 through 98. The vocal line starts with a half note '- den.' in 1/8 time, followed by a quarter note 'In-to' in 1/4 time, a quarter note 'the' in 7/8 time, a quarter note 'rose' in 3/4 time, a quarter note 'gar' in 3/8 time, a half note 'den.' in 2/4 time, and a half note 'mm' in 3/8 time. The piano accompaniment features eighth-note patterns in the bass and a melodic line in the treble, with some notes marked with accents.

99

Sung into the piano

f

Time Time Time Time

Ped.

105

Rising in pitch,
almost shouting

fff

Time Time Time Time Time

hold until the
sound dies away

111 ♩ = 50

♩ = 50
8va

pppp

8vb