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I. FULL FATHOM FIVE

Melodies ebb and flow like the ocean in this piece about underwater mysteries. Text from “The Tempest.”

II. MORE THAN WORDS

A setting of Goneril’s words to King Lear in the opening scene of the Shakespeare play. The gentle harmonies and sweet declarations of love that open the piece contrast with the rhythmic intensity and overlapping textures of the middle section, revealing Goneril’s desperation to flatter her father. She regains composure in the final moments of the piece, declaring simply “Beyond all, I love you.”

III. ALL IN ALL

“He was a man, take him for all in all.” Hamlet’s quote from the eponymous play becomes a lament for his father in this setting full of lush harmonies and rich textures.

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I. FULL FATHOM FIVE

The Tempest, Act I Scene II

Slowly ♩ = 54
p

Full fa - thom five thy fa - ther — lies; of his bones are co-ral made.

Full fa - thom five thy fa - ther — lies; of his bones are co-ral made.

5

Those are pearls that were his eyes: No-thing of him that doth fade. Full fa - thom

Those are pearls that were his eyes: No - thing doth fade. Full fa - thom

10 *mf* *p* *mp* *p*

five thy fa-ther lies; of his bones are co-ral co-ral made.

8 *mf* *p* *mp* *p*

Full fa-thom five thy fa-ther lies; of his bones co-ral, co-ral made. Those are

mf *p* *mf* *mp* *p*

Full fa-thom five thy fa-ther Full fa-thom five co-ral, co-ral made. Those are

15 *mf* *mf* *mp*

No-thing of him that doth fade.

Those are pearls that were his eyes: him doth fade.

8 *mf* *mp*

pearls that were his eyes No-thing of him that doth

mf *mp*

pearls that were his eyes No - thing doth

20 *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f*

But doth suf-fer a sea-change in-to some-thing rich and

But doth suf-fer a sea-change in-to some-thing rich and

8 fade. a sea-change in-to some-thing rich and

p *f*

fade. a sea-change, doth suf-fer a change to some-thing rich and

23

ff strange *mp* Sea nymphs hour - ly ring his

ff strange *mp* Sea nymphs hour - ly ring his

ff strange, some - thing rich and *mp* strange sea nymphs ring

ff strange, some - thing rich and *mp* strange sea nymphs ring

26

f knell: *mp* Sea nymphs hour - ly ring his knell:

f knell: *mp* Sea nymphs hour - ly ring his knell:

f Ding - dong, ding - dong, *mp* Sea nymphs hour - ly ring his knell:

f Ding - dong, ding - dong, *mp* Sea nymphs hour - ly ring his knell:

rit.

30

p Hark! now I hear them *pp* Ding dong bell.

p Hark! now I hear them *pp* Ding dong bell.

p "n" *pp* "n"

p Ding - dong bell.

II. MORE THAN WORDS

King Lear, Act I Scene I

Freely ♩ = 44-50

p

I love you more than words can wield the mat-ter; I

p

I love you more than words can wield the mat-ter; I

p

I love you more than words can wield the mat-ter; I

p

I love you more than words can wield the mat-ter; I

⁴

love you. _____

p

love you. _____

Dear - er than eye - sight,

Dear - er than

p

love you.. _____

Dear - er than

p

love you. _____

Dear - er than

9

mf

be -

I love you be -

eye - sight, space, and li - ber - ty; _____

eye - sight, space, and li - ber - ty; _____

eye - sight, space, and li - ber - ty; _____

eye - sight, space, and li - ber - ty; _____

13

yond

yond what can be val - ued, rich or rare; more than

yond what can be val - ued, rich or rare; more than

yond, rich or rare; more than

be - yond what can be val - ued, I love you more than

be - yond rich or rare; more than

16

rit.

p

words, more than words. _____

words, more than words. _____

words, more than words. _____

words, more than words. _____

Lightly ♩ = 100

20

mp

Musical score for measures 20-23. The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It features four staves: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The lyrics are: "No less than life, No less than life, — No less than life, — No less than life, — With grace,". The dynamics are *mp* (measures 20-22) and *mf* (measure 23). The tempo is marked "Lightly ♩ = 100".

24

Musical score for measures 24-27. The score is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. It features four staves: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The lyrics are: "No less than life, No less than life, life, — As much as with — grace, beau - ty ho - nor; life, No less than life, life, — As much as health, beau - ty, ho - nor; — As much as". The dynamics are *mp* (measures 24-25) and *mf* (measures 26-27). The tempo is marked "Lightly ♩ = 100".

accel.

28

Musical score for measures 28-31. The score is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. It features four staves: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The lyrics are: "child e'er lov'd, As much as child e'er lov'd, As much as child e'er loved or fa - ther child e'er lov'd, or fa - ther". The dynamics are *mf* (measures 28-29) and *mf* (measures 30-31). The tempo is marked "Lightly ♩ = 100".

Frantic ♩ = 108

31 *f* *ff*

As much as child e'er lov'd, or fa-ther found; A love that makes breath poor, and speech un - a -

found; *f* *ff* A love that makes breath poor, and speech un - a -

found; *f* *ff* fa - ther un - a -

found; *f* *ff* fa - ther un - a -

35 *rit.* *mp* Tempo I ♩ = 44-50

ble. Be - yond all mat - ter of so much

ble. Be - yond all mat - ter of so much

ble. I love you Be - yond all mat - ter of so much

ble. Be - yond all mat - ter of so much

39 *p* *pp*

I love you. Be - yond all I love you.

I love you. Be - yond all I love you.

I love you. Be - yond all I love you.

III. ALL IN ALL

Hamlet, Act I Scene II

Lento ♩ = 44

S

A

T *p*
8 I see my fa - ther in my mind's eye, He was a

T *p*
8 I see my fa - ther in my mind's eye, He was a

B *p*
I see my fa - ther in my mind's eye, He was a

B *p*
I see my fa - ther in my mind's eye, He was a

4

T
8 man, all in all, I shall not look up - on his

T
8 man, take him for all in all, I shall not look up - on his

B
man, take him for all in all, I shall not look

B
man, I shall not look

7

p *mf*

S I see my fa - ther I see my fa - ther in my mind, I see

p *mf*

S I see my fa - ther in my mind's eye, my fa - ther, fa - ther,

p *mf*

A I see my fa - ther in my mind's eye, I see my fa - ther, fa - ther,

p *mf*

A I see my fa - ther in my mind's eye, I see my fa - ther, ____

T like a - gain.

T like a - gain.

B

B

11

S fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther,

S fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther,

A fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther,

A fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther, fa - ther,

T *mp* I see my fa - ther in my _____ mind's _____ eye, my mind's eye,

T *mp* I see my fa - ther in my _____ mind's _____ eye, my mind's eye,

B *mp* I see my fa - ther in my _____ mind's _____ eye,

B *mp* I see my fa - ther in my _____ mind's _____ eye,

f *mp* *f* *mp* *f* *mp* *f* *mp* *f* *mp*

molto rit.

a tempo

16

S *f*
fa - ther, fa - ther

S *f*
fa - ther, fa - ther

A *f*
fa - ther, fa - ther

A *f*
fa - ther, fa - ther

T *f* *p* *mf* *p*
fa - ther, fa - ther I shall not look up-on his like a - gain.

T *f* *p* *mf* *p*
fa - ther, fa - ther I shall not look up-on his like a - gain.

B *mp* *f* *p* *mf* *p*
fa - ther, fa - ther I shall not look up-on his like a - gain.

B *mp* *f* *p* *mf* *p*
fa - ther, fa - ther I shall not look up-on his like a - gain.

20

S *pp* *mf* *mp*
oo ah ah

S *pp* *mf* *mp*
oo ah ah

A *pp* *mf* *p* *mp*
oo ah ah ah ah

A *pp* *mf* *p* *mp*
oo ah ah ah ah

T *p* *mp*
ah ah ah ah

T *p* *mp*
ah ah ah ah

B *p* *mp*
ah ah ah ah

B *p* *mp*
ah ah ah ah

This musical score is for a vocal ensemble consisting of Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B) parts. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 7/8 time. It begins at measure 20. The Soprano and Alto parts start with a piano (*pp*) dynamic, followed by a crescendo to mezzo-forte (*mf*), and then a decrescendo to mezzo-piano (*mp*). The Tenor and Bass parts enter later with a piano (*p*) dynamic, followed by a crescendo to mezzo-piano (*mp*). The lyrics are "oo ah ah" for the Soprano and Alto parts, and "ah ah ah ah" for the Tenor and Bass parts. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, notes, and dynamic markings.

molto rit.

a tempo

rit.

25

S *f* *ff*
ah ah ah He was a man, take him for all in

S *f* *ff*
ah ah ah He was a man, take him for all in

A *f* *ff*
ah He was a man, take him for all in

A *f* *ff*
ah He was a man, take him for all in

T *f* *ff*
ah He was a man, take him for all in

T *f* *ff*
ah He was a man, take him for all in

B *f* *ff*
ah He was a man, take him for all in

B *f* *ff*
ah He was a man, take him for all in

a tempo

rit.

29

S all, *p* I shall not look up - on his like *pp* a - gain.

S all, *p* I shall not look up - on his like *pp* a - gain.

A all, *p* I shall not look up - on his like *pp* a - gain.

A all, *p* I shall not look up - on his like *pp* a - gain.

T *p* all I shall not look *pp* a - gain.

T *p* all, I shall not look *pp* a - gain.

B all, *pp* a - gain.

B all, *pp* a - gain.