

GOBLIN MARKET

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A quirky and theatrical piece that depicts the temptation of a young woman by strange “fruit-merchant men.”

I. THE GOBLINS CRY

"Come buy our orchard fruits, Come buy, come buy!" In a clamor of beseeching voices, the goblins offer a variety of sweet and exotic delights to sisters Lizzie and Laura.

II. THE BROOKSIDE RUSHES

The sisters huddle together at the riverbank. Despite her sister's admonishment, Laura grows curious about the goblins and their wares.

III. DOWN THE GLEN

As the goblins draw near, Lizzie remains firm in her refusal while Laura fantasizes about fair orchards and faraway lands.

IV. THEIR SHRILL REPEATED CRY

Sensing Laura's diminishing resolve, the goblins close in. They present their offerings and exchange looks of malicious anticipation.

V. SWEET-TOOTH LAURA

Laura approaches the fruit-merchant men. She politely admits to having no money to pay for their goods.

VI. A PRECIOUS GOLDEN LOCK

The goblins barter with Laura: a "precious golden lock" of her hair in exchange for their fruit. Laura is consumed by her own feverish hunger as she quickly devours the cloying feast. The ecstasy is fleeting; she departs with nothing but a single, bitter kernel stone.

VII. ROUND THEIR REST

Peace returns. The sisters rest side by side, lulled to sleep by a soft, gentle wind.

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I. THE GOBLINS CRY

Moderato ♩ = 112

First system of the musical score. It features three vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts enter with a melody in the third measure, marked *mf*. The lyrics are: "Mor - ning and eve - ning Maids heard the gob - lins cry:". The piano accompaniment begins in the first measure with a melody in the right hand and chords in the left hand, also marked *mf*.

Second system of the musical score, starting at measure 5. It continues with the three vocal staves and piano accompaniment. The vocal parts have lyrics: "Come buy our or - chard fruits, Ap - ples and quin - ces, Le - mons and or - an - ges, Come buy, come buy:". The piano accompaniment continues with a melody in the right hand and chords in the left hand, marked *mp* in the final measure.

9

p

Plump un-peck'd cher-ries Me - lons and rasp-ber-ries Bloom-down cheek'd pea-ches, Swart-head - ed mul-ber-ries,

Le - mons and or - anges, *p* Bloom-down cheek'd pea - ches,

Maids heard the gob-lins cry, *p* Come buy, come

p

13

f

Pine - ap - ples, black - berries*, Ap - ri - cots, straw - berries*, All ripe to-ge - ther in sum - mer wea - ther

f

Wild free - born cran - ber - ries, Crab - ap - ples, dew - berries*, All ripe to-ge - ther in sum - mer wea - ther

f

buy, come buy, All ripe to-ge - ther in sum - mer wea - ther

f

*("b'ries")

17 *p* *ff*

Morns that pass by fair eves that fly — Come buy, come buy

p *ff*

Morns that pass by fair eves that fly Come buy, come buy

p *ff* *p*

Morns that pass by fair eves that fly Come buy, come buy Come

p *ff*

21 *p* *mp*

Come buy, come buy Our grapes fresh from the vine, Po - me - gran - ates full and fine

p *mp*

Come buy, come buy Come buy Our grapes fresh from the vine,

mp

buy, come buy Come buy, come buy

p

25

Dates and sharp bul-las, Rare pears and green-gages, Dam-soms and bil-ber-ries, Taste them and try

Po-me-gran-ates full and fine, Figs to fill your

All ripe to-ge-ther, Come buy, come

29

Currants and goose-berries, Bright-fire-like bar-ber-ries, mouth, Citrons from the South, buy, come buy,

33 *p* *f* *ff*

Sweet to tongue and sound to eye: Come buy, come buy."

p *f* *ff*

Sweet to tongue and sound to eye: Come buy, come buy."

p *f* *ff*

Sweet to tongue and sound to eye: Come buy, come buy."

p *ff*

Gua

II. THE BROOKSIDE RUSHES

37 *Andante* $\text{♩} = 60$ *p*

Eve - ning by eve - ning _____ A -

p

Ped. ad lib.

43 *div.*

mong the brook - side ru - shes _____ Lau - ra bowed her

48

head to hear _____

unis. Liz - zie veiled her blu - shes _____

div.

mp *p*

53

Crou - ching close to - ge - ther in the coo - ling wea - ther, With

unis. *mp*

59

clas - ping arms and caut - ioning lips, _____

div. With ting - ling cheeks and

mp

64

fin - ger tips, _____

unis. *p* "Lie close," Lau - ra said, Pri - king

p 8va - - - - -

70 *mf* *div.*

up her gol - den head: "We must not look at gob - lin men, We

(*Gva*)

mf *mp* *f*

76

must not buy their fruits, Who knows up - on what

81 *unis. p*

soil they fed Their hun - gry, thir - sty roots?" "Come buy," call the gob - lins

mf *p*

87

Hob - bling down the glen.

p

III. DOWN THE GLEN

Lightly $\text{♩} = 62$

92 *mf* *unis.* "Oh," cried Liz-zie, — "Lau-ra, Lau-ra, — You should not peep at gob - lin men."

96 Liz-zie co-ver'd up her eyes Co-ver'd close lest they should

99 look; Lau-ra rear'd her glos-sy head, And

102 *S1 only* *dolce* whis-per'd like the rest-less brook: "Look, Liz-zie, look, Liz-zie, *dolce*

105

Down the glen tramp lit - tle men.

108

S1 & S2

One hauls a bas - ket, one bears a plate, One lugs a gol den dish of ma ny pounds

A

One hauls a bas - ket, one bears a plate, One lugs a gol den dish of ma ny pounds

112

S1

*mf**espressivo*

weight. How fair the vine must grow Whose

S2

weight. How fair the vine must grow

A

weight. How fair the vine must grow

115

grapes are so — lus - cious; How warm the wind must blow Through

Whose grapes are so lus - cious; How warm — the wind must blow

Whose grapes are so lus - cious; How warm — the wind must blow

The musical score for measures 115-118 features three vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts have lyrics: 'grapes are so — lus - cious; How warm the wind must blow Through' (first staff), 'Whose grapes are so lus - cious; How warm — the wind must blow' (second staff), and 'Whose grapes are so lus - cious; How warm — the wind must blow' (third staff). The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a moving bass line in the left hand.

119

those — fruit — bu - shes."

Through those fruit bu - shes." "No," said Liz-zie, — "No, no, no; Their

Through those fruit bu - shes." "No," said Liz-zie, — "No, no, no; Their

The musical score for measures 119-122 continues with three vocal staves and piano accompaniment. The first staff has the lyric 'those — fruit — bu - shes."' and ends with a double bar line. The second and third staves have the lyrics 'Through those fruit bu - shes.' and '"No," said Liz-zie, — "No, no, no; Their'. The piano accompaniment includes dynamic markings *f* (forte) and *mp* (mezzo-piano) in measures 120 and 121. The key signature changes to three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) in measure 120, and the time signature changes to 6/8 in measure 121.

123 S2 & A div.

of - fers should not charm us, Their e - vil gifts would harm us." She thrust a dim - pled fin - ger in each

mp

129 *f* *poco rit.* **Slightly slower** ♩ = 56 *p* all

ear shut eyes and ran Cu - rious Lau - ra chose to lin - ger

f *p* *p*

135 S1 *mf* *accel.*

Won - dering at each mer - chant man.

S2 *mf*

Won - dering at each mer - chant man.

A *mf*

Won - dering at each mer - chant man.

mf *accel.*

Scherzando ♩. = 62

138 *mf*

One had a cat's face, One whisk'd a tail, One tramp'd at a rat's pace,

mf

One had a cat's face, One whisk'd a tail, Come buy, come

mf

One had a cat's face, One whisk'd a tail, One tramp'd at a rat's pace,

f

141 *f*

One crawl'd like a snail, Lau - ra stretch'd her gleam - ing

f

buy One crawl'd like a snail, Lau - ra stretch'd her gleam - ing

f

One crawl'd like a snail, One crawled like a snail, Maids heard the

mf

f

144

neck Like a rush im - bed - ded swan, Like a

neck Like a rush im - bed - ded swan, Like a

gob - lins cry: Come buy come buy:

147

li - ly from the beck, Like a moon - lit pop - lar

li - ly from the beck, Like a moon - lit pop - lar

Come buy our or - chard fruits Taste them and

150 *mp* *rit.* *p*

branch, — Like a ves - sel at the launch When its last re - straint is gone.

branch, — Like a ves - sel at the launch When its last re - straint is gone.

try

mp

IV. THEIR SHRILL REPEATED CRY

Allegro ♩ = 126

155 *mp* *f*

Back - wards up the mos - sy glen Turn'd and troop'd the gob - lin men, With their shrill re - peat - ed cry,

Back - wards up the mos - sy glen Turn'd and troop'd the gob - lin men, With their shrill re - peat - ed cry,

"Come

mp

158 *mp*

When they reach'd where Lau - ra was they stood stock still up - on the moss

mp

Leer - ing at each o - ther,

mf

buy, come buy." Come buy, come buy

f *mp*

161 *subito p*

Bro - ther with queer bro - ther; Bro - ther with sly bro - ther, One set his bas - ket down, One rear'd his plate

p

Sig - nal - ling each o - ther, One set his bas - ket down,

p

Maids heard the gob - lins cry, Come buy, come

p

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165 *cresc.* *f*

One be-gan to weave a crown Of ten-drills, leaves, and rough nuts brown

cresc. *f*

One rear'd his plate Of ten-drills, leaves, and rough nuts brown

cresc. *f* *ff*

buy, come buy, (Men sell not such in a-ny town); Come

cresc. *f* *ff*

S1 & S2

V. SWEET-TOOTH LAURA

169 *ff* *allargando* *Andante* ♩ = 78

Come buy, come buy was still their cry.

A *mp*

buy, come buy *allargando* was still their cry. — But sweet-tooth Lau-ra spoke in haste:

mp

8va -

174 *solo* *mf* *molto rubato*

"Good folk, I have no coin; To take were to pur-loin: I have no cop-per in my

Ped. ad lib.

180

purse, I have no sil-ver ei-ther, And all my gold is on the furze That shakes in

187

win-dy wea-ther A-bove the rus-ty hea-ther."

p

192

A only *mp* all A only *poco rit.*

"You have much gold up-on your head," They an-swer'd all to-ge-ther: "Buy from us with a gol-den

VI. A PRECIOUS GOLDEN LOCK

198

Con moto $\text{♩} = 68$ all, div. *mp*

curl." She clipp'd a pre-cious gol-den lock

mp

Ped. ad lib.

203

She dropp'd a tear more rare than pearl, _____ Then suck'd their

The musical score for measures 203-207 features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note Bb4. This is followed by a half note G4, a quarter note F4, and a half note E4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the left hand and a half-note pattern in the right hand, both in a minor key.

208

mf fruit globes fair or red: _____ Swee - ter than hon - ey from the

The musical score for measures 208-212 continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note Bb4. The piano accompaniment maintains the same rhythmic pattern as in the previous measures.

213

rock, _____ Stron - ger than man re - joi - cing wine, _____

The musical score for measures 213-217 shows a key change to major. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern, but the right hand now plays a half-note pattern in the major key.

218

Clear - er than wa - ter flow'd that juice; _____

The musical score for measures 218-222 continues in the major key. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The piano accompaniment maintains the same rhythmic pattern.

223 *mp* *p*

She ne - ver tas - ted such be - fore, _____ How should it

228 *mp* *accel.* *f*

cloy with length of use? _____ She

232 **Furioso** ♩ = 78 (♩ = ♩)

S1
suck'd and suck'd and suck'd the more Fruits which that un-known or - chard bore;

S2
suck'd and suck'd and suck'd the more Fruits which that un-known or - chard bore;

A
suck'd and suck'd and suck'd the more Fruits which that un-known or - chard bore;

*poco rit.**a tempo*

235

ff *p*

She suck'd un - til her lips were sore; Then flung the emp-ty rinds a - way

ff *p*

She suck'd un - til her lips were sore; Then flung the emp-ty rinds a - way

ff *p*

She suck'd un - til her lips were sore; Then flung the emp-ty rinds a - way

ff *p*

She suck'd un - til her lips were sore; Then flung the emp-ty rinds a - way

239

p *rit.*

And knew not was it night or day (A# = Bb)

p

And knew not was it night or day (A# = Bb)

mp

But ga-ther'd up ——— one ker-nel stone As she ——— turn'd home a - lone (A# = Bb)

rit.

VII. GOLDEN HEAD BY GOLDEN HEAD

*for E & C***Andante** ♩ = 70

244 *pp*

Gol - den head by gol - den head, Like two pi - geons in one nest, Fol - ded in each

pp

Gol - den head by gol - den head, Like two pi - geons in one nest, Fol - ded in each

pp

Gol - den head by gol - den head, Like two pi - geons in one nest, Fol - ded in each

249 *p*

o - ther's wings, They lay down in their cur - tain'd bed: Like two blos - soms on one stem,

p

o - ther's wings, They lay down in their cur - tain'd bed: Like two blos - soms on one stem,

p

o - ther's wings, They lay down in their cur - tain'd bed: Like two blos - soms on one stem,

254

Like two flakes of new fall'n snow, Like two wands of i vo ry Tipp'd with gold _____ for aw-ful

Like two flakes of new fall'n snow, Like two wands of i vo ry Tipp'd with gold _____ for aw-ful

Like two flakes of new fall'n snow, Like two wands of i vo ry Tipp'd with gold _____ for aw-ful

259

mf kings Moon and stars gaz'd in at them,

mf kings Moon and stars in at them,

mf kings Moon, moon and stars gaz'd in at them,

264

p *pp*

Wind sang to them lul - la - by, Lum-bering owls for - bore to fly,

p *pp*

Wind — sang to them lul - la - by, Lum-bering owls for - bore to fly,

p *pp*

Wind sang to them lul - la - by, Lum-bering owls for - bore to fly,

270

mf *f*

Not a bat flapp'd to and fro, Round their rest:

mf *f*

Not a bat flapp'd to and fro, — Round their rest:

mf *f*

Not a bat flapp'd to and fro, Round their rest:

mf *f* *mp*

276 *p*

Cheek to cheek and breast to breast Lock'd to - ge - ther in one

p

Cheek to cheek and breast to breast Lock'd to - ge - ther in one

p

Cheek to cheek and breast to breast Lock'd to - ge - ther in one

p

280 *rit.*

nest. _____

nest. _____

nest. _____

p

rit.

pp