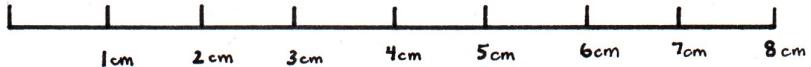


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The Things We Leave Behind

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PART 1: FIGURES

I. The Testimony of the Spade

In saecula saeculorum.
In 1908, a workman digging in soft soil
struck stone with his blade,
and from the ground he pulled
a tiny stone woman, smaller than his palm.
Twenty thousand years separate us
from the carver of that stone,
but we can feel her hands
cupped around the figure.
We can feel her concentrating
as she shaped its details.
Maybe it was a prayer,
or a mirror of her own braided hair
and soft, rounded features.
We don't know her name,
we can't see her face,
but we know who she is.
*Behind us in our path we cast
The broken potsherds of the past,
And all are ground to dust at last,
And trodden into clay.*¹

II. The Doll

She couldn't see herself in the doll,
with its perfect hair
and wasp-like waist.
So she cut off its locks
and scribbled on it with a pen,
and pulled its head clean off—
much better!
Now its corpse is in a box
tucked away in the attic,
an artifact of her childhood,
frozen in polyvinyl chloride.

PART 2: BEQUESTS

I. The Last Will and Testament

In the name of God, Amen,
I, being sick and weak in body
but of sound disposing mind and memory,
and considering the certainty of death,
do make my last will and testament
in manner following, that is to say:
First I commend my soul to God,
my body I resign to the earth
to be buried at the discretion of my executors.
I give, devise and bequeath:
ITEM my great Bible,
ITEM my gold watch,
ITEM my silver shoe buckle and my silver buttons,
ITEM five tablespoons,
ITEM my house and lot of ground,
ITEM my coat and jacket,
ITEM my brass kettles and my bell metal pots.
But if she shall happen to marry again,
then it is my mind and will
that all right in my bequest hereby made to her
shall from thenceforth cease and terminate.
In witness whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and seal.²

¹ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, *The Song of the Potter*.

² Texts excerpted from the wills of Abraham Carpenter (1708), George Passage (1752), James Arbuckle (1761), Adam Stricker (1775), Daniel Williams (1794).

II. The Things He'd Leave Behind

The doctor's face was grey
when she broke the news to him.
For a moment, his hands shook
and his head whirled.
But instead of breaking down,
he called his lawyer and made a list
of all the things he'd leave behind.
Somehow, he found comfort in knowing
these things would be in good hands
after he was gone.

PART 3: DEPOSITS

I. The Ledger

The mud in Crawford Lake
is a record of our deeds,
a ledger with bands of light and dark
that mark our years:
algae and chalk,
then pollen from crops,
then ash and fallout and plastic particles
deposited in layers and layers,
faster and faster.
A scientist can point to a laminated stripe
and name the moment,
like an accusation.
Our deposits earn interest,
and the lake bed waits
for a day of accounting,
in saecula saeculorum.

II. The Engagement

She cried with joy
when the ring slipped onto her finger,
but little by little,
it felt heavier and heavier
and tighter and tighter,
until one day, after a screaming fight
on a rain-drenched street corner,
she wrenched it off,
and threw it in a sewer grate.
And as the gold and brilliant-cut diamond
plummeted into the silt,
she vowed she would never think of it again.

PART 4: VESSELS

I. Great and Noble Jars

His name was David Drake—
Dave the Potter.
Dave made great and noble jars
in Edgefield, South Carolina,
where reading and writing
were forbidden by law.
But Dave had skills,
and on his clay, in cursive,
he inscribed his name and thoughts,
defying rules, defying obscurity.

*I made this jar for cash,
though it's called lucre trash.*

*I made this jar all of cross,
if you don't repent, you will be lost.*

*A better thing I never saw
when I shot off the lion's jaw.*

*Give me silver, or either gold,
though they are dangers to our soul.*

*Horses, mules and hogs:
all our cows is in the bogs.
There they shall ever stay
till the buzzards take them away.*

*This noble jar will hold twenty,
fill it with silver, then you'll have plenty.*

*I wonder where is all my relation?
Friendship to all—and every nation.³*

II. World's Greatest Dad

A gift arrived in the mail the day she was born.
He can't remember who sent it—
maybe it was his brother-in-law
or one of his aunts:
a cheap China mug, proclaiming:
“World’s Greatest Dad,”
and he swore it would be true.
He filled it with coffee on sleepless nights
as he rocked her in his arms.
He reached for it as he made her breakfast
and learned to braid hair
and answered her questions.
Over the years, it chipped and cracked,
and the handle fell off,
and one day, it was left in the garden
between overgrown rose bushes,
where it sank into the earth.
The mug was lost,
but the words lived forever,
in saecula saeculorum:
World’s Greatest Dad.

³ Texts from the pots of David Drake, inscribed 1836-1857



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The Things We Leave Behind

PART 1: FIGURES

I. The Testimony of the Spade

Melissa Dunphy

Rubato, misterioso $\text{♩}=\text{c.80}$

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bass 1

Bass 2

In sae - cu - la

sae - cu - la

sae - cu - lo

- rum.

In

Oo.

T1.

T2.

B1.

B2.

sae - cu - lo

- rum.

sae - cu - la

sae - cu - lo

- rum.

In

sae - cu - la

sae - cu - lo

-

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A

14 solo *mf* tutti *mf*

T1. In nine-teen oh eight, a work-man dig-ging in soft soil and

T2. solo *mf* tutti *mf*

a work-man dig-ging in soft soil and

B1. *pp* *mf*

struck stone with his blade,

B2. *pp* *mf*

- rum. struck stone with his blade,

mf

19 *sub. p* *mf*

T1. from the ground he pulled a ti - ny stone wom-an, small-er than his

T2. *sub. p* *mf*

from the ground he pulled a ti - ny stone wom-an, small-er than his

B1. *p* *mf*

he pulled, he pulled a ti - ny stone wom-an, small-er than his

B2. *p* *mf*

he pulled, he pulled a ti - ny stone wom-an, small-er than his

mf

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B

24

T1. palm. Twen-ty thou-sand years

T2. palm. Twen-ty thou-sand years

B1. palm. Twen-ty thou-sand years

B2. palm. Twen - ty thou - sand

28

T1. sep-a-rate us from the car-ver of that stone,

T2. sep-a-rate us from the car-ver of that stone,

B1. sep-a-rate us from the car-ver of that stone,

B2. years. In sae - cu - la sae - cu - lo -

36

mp

T1. as she shaped its
We can feel her con - cen-tra - ting

T2. as she shaped its
fi - gure. We can feel her con - cen-tra - ting

B1. as she shaped its
fi - gure. We can feel her con - cen-tra - ting

B2. as she shaped its
We can feel her con - cen-tra - ting

mp



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D
p

40

T1. de - tails. May-be it was a prayer, or a mir-ror of her own

T2. de - tails. May-be it was a prayer, or a mir-ror of her own

B1. de - tails.

B2. de - tails.



46

T1. braid - ed hair and soft, round - ed fea - tures.

T2. braid - ed hair and soft, round - ed fea - tures.

B1. and soft, round - ed

B2. and soft, round - ed



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58

T1. know who she is.

T2. we know who she is.

B1. is, who she is.

B2. know who she is, who she is.

3

61

f **F**

T1. — Be - hind us in our path we cast the

T2. — *f* Be - hind us in our path we cast the

B1. — Be - hind us in our path we cast the

B2. — Be - hind us in our path we cast the

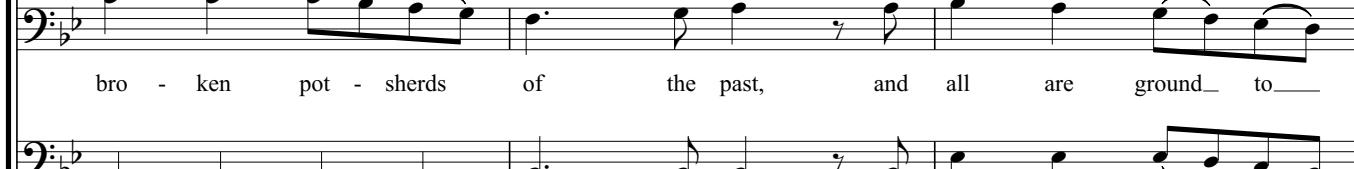
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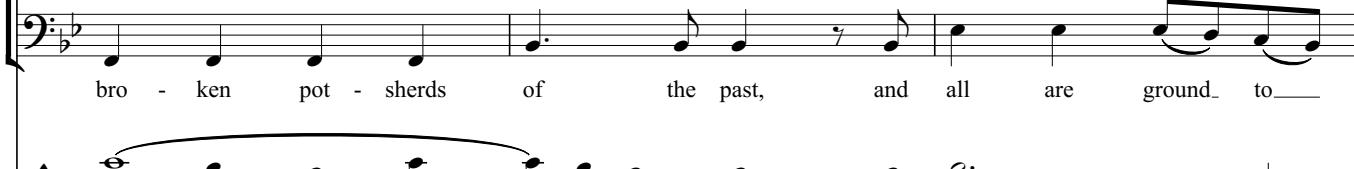
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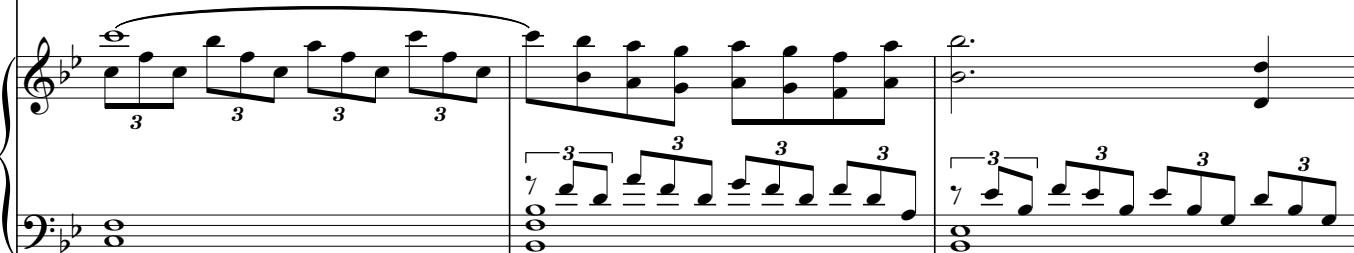
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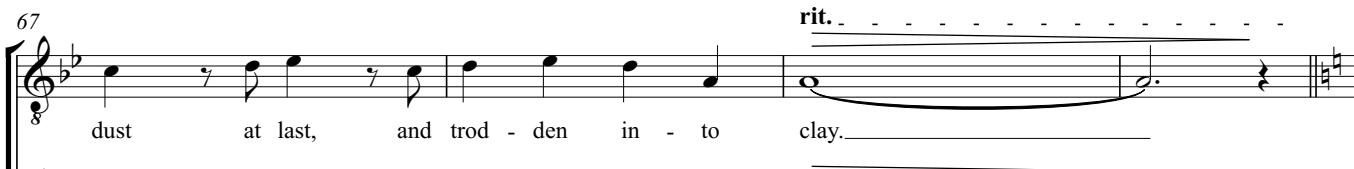
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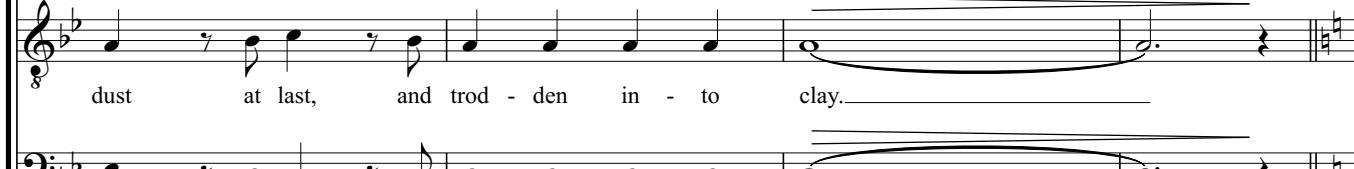
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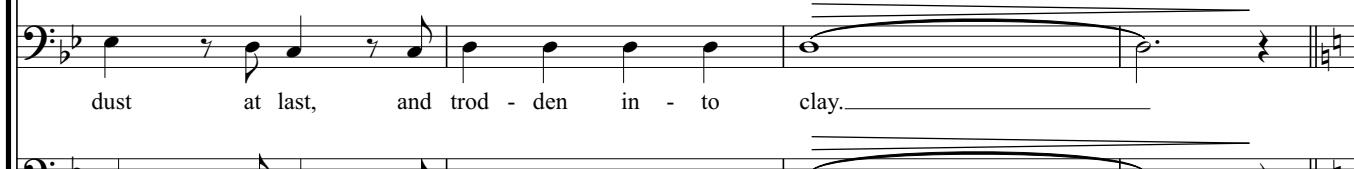
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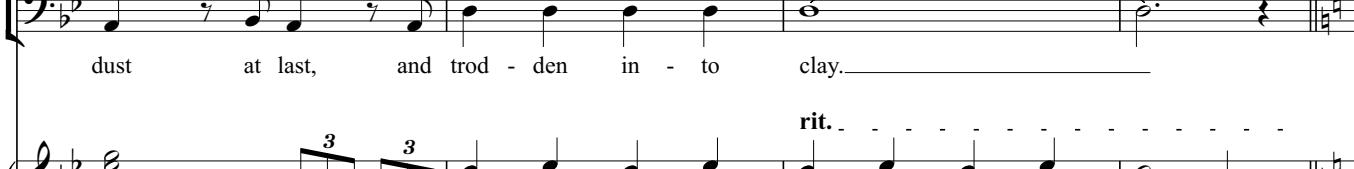


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T1. 

T2. 

B1. 

B2. 



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G

71 Calm $\text{♩}=\text{c.69}$

T1. *pp* Oo.

T2. *pp* Oo. In sae-cu - la sae-cu - lo -

B1. *pp* Oo. In sae-cu - la sae-cu - lo - rum.

B2. *p* In sae-cu - la sae-cu - lo - rum.

Calm $\text{♩}=\text{c.69}$

p

rit.

77 *p* In sae - cu - la sae - cu - lo - rum.

T2. *pp* - rum.

B1.

B2.

rit.

pp

[approx. 4']

PART 1: FIGURES

II. The Doll

Melissa Dunphy

Allegretto moderato $\text{♩}=\text{c.}44$

The musical score consists of two systems of music. The first system starts with a piano-vocal line in 6/8 time, followed by four voices (Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass 1, Bass 2) and a piano line. The second system continues with the same voices and piano line. The lyrics describe a doll being cut and pulled apart.

System 1:

- Piano-vocal:** Treble clef, key signature of one sharp, dynamic *p dolce*.
- Tenor 1:** Treble clef, dynamic *p dolce*. Lyric: She could - n't see her - self in the doll, with its per - fect hair.
- Tenor 2:** Treble clef, dynamic *mp dolce*. Lyric: with its per - fect hair.
- Bass 1:** Bass clef, dynamic *mp dolce*.
- Bass 2:** Bass clef, dynamic *mp dolce*. Lyric: and
- Piano:** Treble clef, dynamic *mf*.

System 2:

- T1:** Treble clef, dynamic *mp*. Lyric: and scrib-bled on it with a pen,
- T2:** Treble clef, dynamic *mp*. Lyric: so she cut off its locks and scrib-bled on it with a pen, and pulled its head clean.
- B1:** Bass clef, dynamic *mf*. Lyric: wasp-like waist.
- B2:** Bass clef, dynamic *mf*. Lyric: wasp-like waist. and pulled its head clean.
- Piano:** Treble clef, dynamic *mp*, followed by *mf*.

12

T1. *mf* much bet- ter! **H** tucked a - way_ in the at - tic, an

T2. *p* off. Now its corpse is in a box tucked a - way_ in the at - tic, an

B1. off.

B2. off.

p

15

T1. art - i - fact of her child - hood,

T2. art - i - fact of her child - hood,

B1. *p* Now its corpse is in a box

B2. *p* Now its corpse is in a box

18

T1. 8

T2. 8

B1. *tucked a - way_ in the at - tic, an art - i - fact____ of her child - hood,*

B2. *tucked a - way_ in the at - tic, an art - i - fact____ of her child - hood,*

rit.

21

T1. 8 *fro - zen in pol-y-vi - nyl chlo - ride.*

T2. 8 *fro - zen in pol-y-vi - nyl chlo - ride.*

B1. *pol - y - vi - nyl chlo - ride.*

B2. *pol - y - vi - nyl chlo - ride.*

[approx. 1'20"]

PART 2: BEQUESTS

I. The Last Will and Testament

Melissa Dunphy

Moderato $\text{J}=\text{c.60}$

Tenor 1

Tenor 2 *mf authoritative*
In the name of God, a - men,

Bass 1 *mf authoritative*
In the name of God, a - men,

Bass 2

Moderato $\text{J}=\text{c.60}$
f pesante

4

T1. *mf*
in the name of God, a - men,

T2. *f*
in the name of God, a- men, in the name of God, a - men,

B1. *mf*
in the name of God, a- men, in the name of God, a - men, in the

B2. *mf authoritative*
in the name of God, a- men, in the name of God, a - men,

f

8

I

T1. *I be-ing sick and weak in bod - y*

T2. *name of God, a - men, I be-ing sick and weak in_ bod - y*

B1. *name of God, a - men, I be-ing sick and weak in_ bod - y, in bod - y*

B2. *in the name of God, a - men(n),*

fp

Piano part: *mp*, *mp*, *mp*

12

but of sound dis - po - sing mind and mem-o - ry,

but of sound dis - po - sing mind and mem-o - ry,

but of sound dis - po - sing mind and mem-o - ry,

but of sound dis - po - sing mind and mem-o - ry,

Piano part: *mf*, *mp*, *mf*, *mf*

J

16

T1. *p* and con - sider-ing the cer - tain-ty of death,

T2. *p* and con - sider-ing the cer - tain-ty of death, *mf*

B1. *p* and con - sider-ing the cer - tain-ty of death, *mf*

B2. *p* and con - sider-ing the cer - tain-ty of death, *mf*

Piano: *p*

v v

v v

21

T1. *mf* the cer - tain-ty of death,

T2. -sid-er-ing the cer - tain-ty of death, of death,

B1. -sid-er-ing the cer - tain-ty of death,

B2. -sid-er-ing the cer - tain-ty of death,

Piano: *f* *fp*

v v v

25 **K**

T1. *mp* do make my last will and tes - ta-ment,

T2. *mp* the cer - tain-ty of death,

B1. *p* do make my last

B2. *mp* do make my last will and tes - ta-ment, do make my last

mp

do make my last

31

T1. *p* and tes - ta-ment in man-ner fol-low-ing, that is to say:

T2. *p* and tes - ta-ment in man-ner fol-low-ing, that is to say:

B1. *mf* will and tes - ta-ment in man-ner fol-low-ing, that is to say:

B2. *mf* will and tes - ta-ment in man-ner fol-low-ing, that is to say:

mf

that is to say:

37

T1. First I com-mend my soul to

T2. First I com-mend my soul to

B1. First I com-mend my soul to

B2. First I com-mend my soul to

42

T1. God, my bod - y I re - sign to the earth

T2. God, my bod - y I re - sign to the earth

B1. God, my bod - y I re - sign to the earth

B2. God, my bod - y I re - sign to the earth

47

T1. *mf* *p*
to be bur - ied at the dis - cre - tion of my ex - ec - u - tors. I

T2. *mf* *p*
to be bur - ied at the dis - cre - tion of my ex - ec - u - tors. I

B1. *mf* *p*
to be bur - ied at the dis - cre - tion of my ex - ec - u - tors. I

B2. *mf* *p*
to be bur - ied at the dis - cre - tion of my ex - ec - u - tors. I

52 rit.

T1. give, de - vise and be - queath:

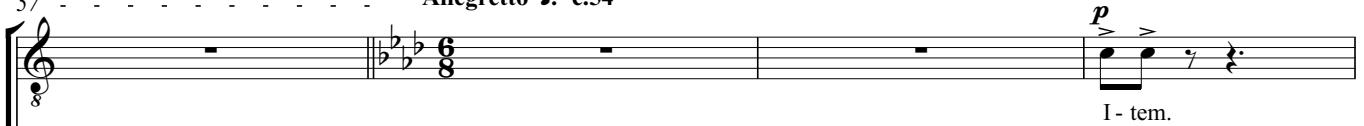
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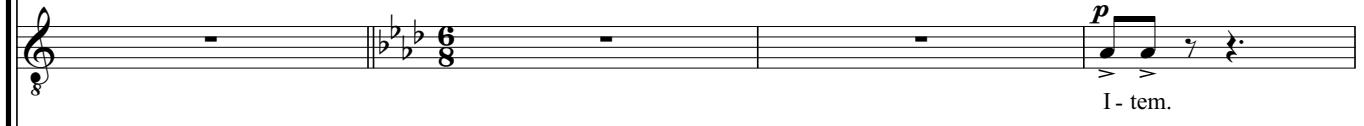
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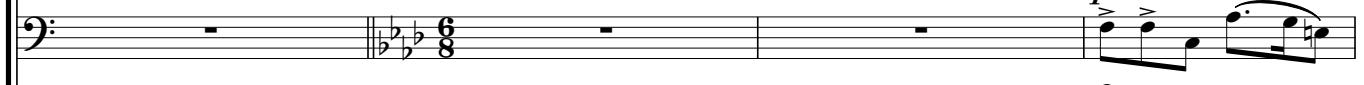
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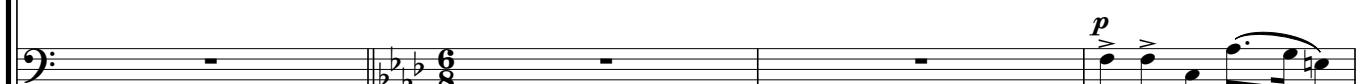
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Allegretto J.=c.54

T1. 

T2. 

B1. 

B2. 

Allegretto J.=c.54



T1. 

T2. 

B1. 

B2. 



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65

T1. 

T2. 

B1. 

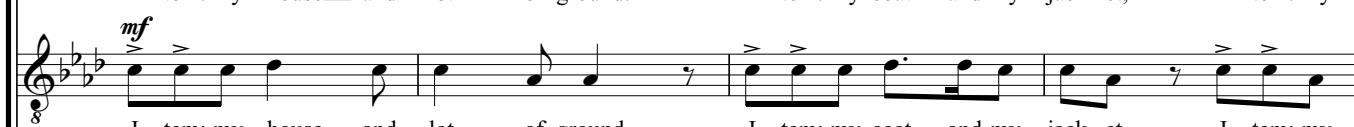
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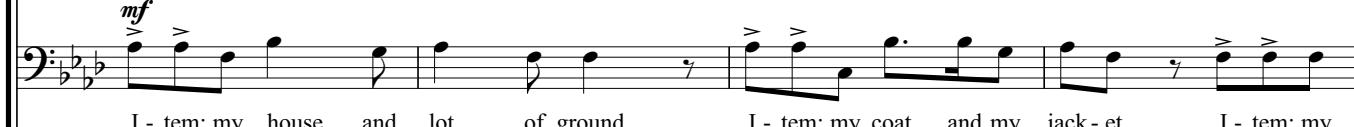


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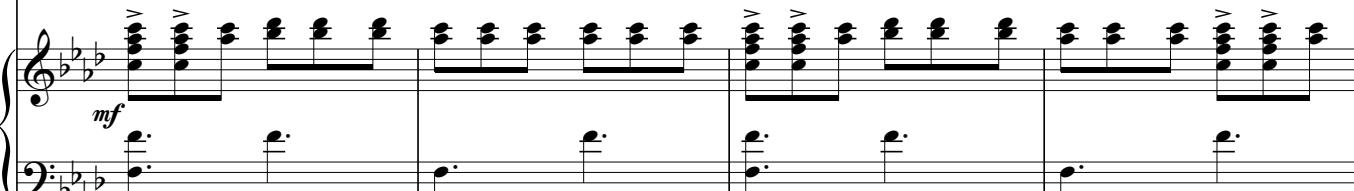
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T1. 

T2. 

B1. 

B2. 



73

T1. 
brass ket-tle and my bell met - al pots, and five ta - ble-spoons. But

T2. brass ket-tle and my bell met - al pots, and five ta - ble-spoons. But

B1. brass ket-tle and my bell met - al pots, and five ta - ble-spoons. But

B2. brass ket-tle and my bell met - al pots, and five ta - ble-spoons. But

p

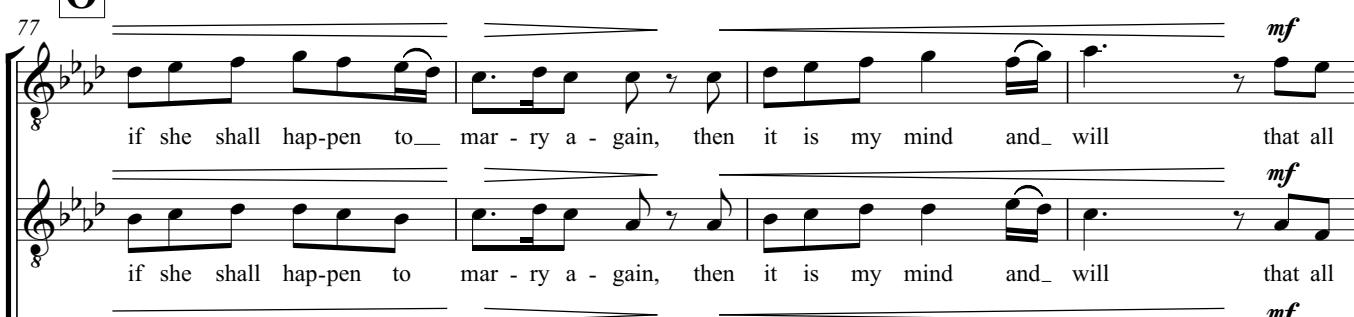
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p

p

O

77

T1. 
if she shall hap-pen to mar - ry a - gain, then it is my mind and will that all

T2. if she shall hap-pen to mar - ry a - gain, then it is my mind and will that all

B1. if she shall hap-pen to mar - ry a - gain, then it is my mind and will that all

B2. if she shall hap-pen to mar - ry a - gain, then it is my mind and will that all

mf

mf

mf

mf

p

p

p

p

V.S.

81

T1. right in my be-quest here-by made to her shall from thence-forth cease and ter-min-ate.

T2. right in my be-quest here-by made to her shall from thence-forth cease and ter-min-ate.

B1. right in my be-quest here-by made to her shall from thence-forth cease and ter-min-ate.

B2. right in my be-quest here-by made to her shall from thence-forth cease and ter-min-ate..

mf *p* *f*

86

poco rit. - - - - - P a tempo

T1. I- tem: my great Bi - ble.

T2. I- tem: my great Bi - ble.

B1. I- tem: my great Bi - ble,

B2. cease and ter - min-ate. I- tem: my great Bi - ble,

poco rit. - - - - - a tempo

tr *mf* *p* *mf*

91

T1. I - tem: my gold watch. I - tem: my sil - ver shoe buck - le and my

T2. I - tem: my gold watch. I - tem: my sil - ver shoe buck - le and my

B1. I - tem: my gold watch. I - tem: my sil - ver shoe buck - le and my

B2. I - tem: my gold watch. I - tem: my sil - ver shoe buck - le and my

Piano/Vocal: *p*

94

T1. sil - ver but-tons. and five____ ta - ble - spoons.

T2. sil - ver but-tons. and five____ ta - ble - spoons.

B1. sil - ver but-tons. and five____ ta - ble - spoons.

B2. sil - ver but-tons. and five____ ta - ble - spoons.

Piano/Vocal: *p*

V.S.

99 **Q** L'istesso tempo $\text{J}=\underline{\underline{d}}$

T1. 

T2.

B1. p
In

B2.

L'istesso tempo $\text{J}=\underline{\underline{d}}$

p

T1.

T2.

B1.

B2.

103

T1. p
In wit - ness there - of, I have here - un to _____

T2. p
In wit - ness there - of, I have here - un - to _____

B1. p
wit - ness there - of, I have here - un - to _____

B2. p
In wit - ness there - of, I have here - un -



106

T1. set my hand

T2. set my hand

B1. set my hand

B2. - to set my hand, set my hand

mp

110

T1. and seal.

T2. and seal.

B1. and seal.

B2. and seal.

f

quasi rubato

[approx. 4'20"]

PART 2: BEQUESTS

II. The Things He'd Leave Behind

Melissa Dunphy

Adagio ♩=c.72

pp —————— **p** ——————

Tenor 1 The doc-tor's face was grey_____ when she broke the news_____

Tenor 2 The doc-tor's face was grey_____ when she broke the news, broke the

Bass 1 The doc-tor's face was grey_____ when she broke the news, broke the

Bass 2 The doc-tor's face was grey_____ when she broke the news_____

Adagio ♩=c.72 The doc-tor's face was grey_____ when she broke the news_____

p semplice

9

T1. — to him. For a mo-ment, his hands shook, and his head whirled.

T2. news to him. For a mo-ment, his hands shook, and his head whirled.

B1. news to him. For a mo-ment, his hands shook, and his head whirled.

B2. — to him. For a mo-ment, his hands shook, and his head whirled.

14

T1.

T2.

B1.

B2.

accel.

f

mp

accel.

17

T1.

T2.

B1.

B2.

R Andante $\text{♩}=\text{c.88}$

But in - stead of break-ing down, he called his

But in - stead of break-ing down, he called his

But in - stead of break-ing down, he called his

But in - stead of break-ing down, he called his

mp

mp

mp

mp

Andante $\text{♩}=\text{c.88}$

mp

mp

V.S.

22

T1. law-yer

T2. law-yer and made a list of all the things

B1. law-yer and made a list of all the things he'd

B2. law-yer and made a list of all the

Piano accompaniment: Measures 22-26 feature a dynamic of *mp*. The piano part consists of eighth-note chords and sixteenth-note patterns.

27 **S**

T1. all the things he'd leave be - hind, all the things he'd leave be -

T2. he'd leave be - hind, all the things he'd leave be - hind,

B1. leave be - hind, all the

B2. things he'd leave be - hind, he'd leave be - hind, he'd

Piano accompaniment: Measures 27-31 feature a dynamic of *mf*. The piano part includes eighth-note chords and sixteenth-note patterns, with measure 31 featuring a 3/8 time signature.

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T1. *- hind.* Some - how, he found

T2. all the things he'd leave be - hind. He found

B1. things he'd leave be - hind. Some - how, he found

B2. leave be - hind. Some - how, he found

p **T**

p

38

T1. com-fort in know-ing these things would be in good hands, some -

T2. com - fort, these things would be in good hands, some -

B1. com-fort in know-ing these things would be in good hands, some -

B2. com-fort in know-ing these things would be in good hands,

mf

mf

mf

mf

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44

T1. - how, he found com-fort in know-ing these things

T2. - how, he found com-fort in know-ing these things

B1. - how he found com - - fort, these things

B2. *mf* Some - how he found com - - fort, these things

mf molto express.

49

T1. *f*
would be in good hands

T2. *f*
would be in good hands

B1. *f*
would be in good hands

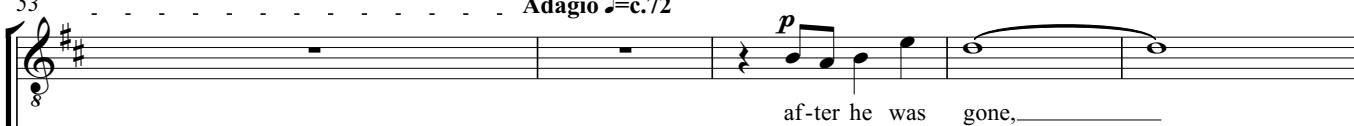
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would be in good hands

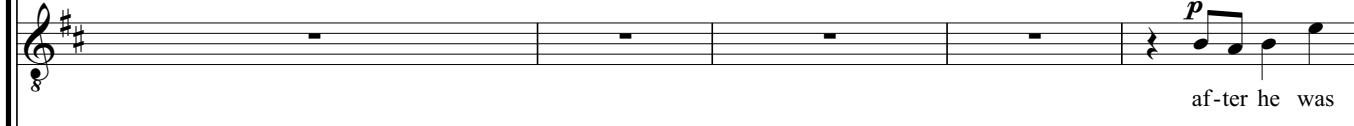
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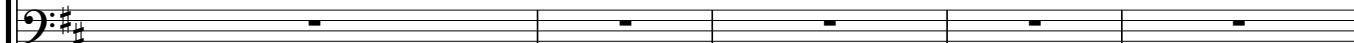
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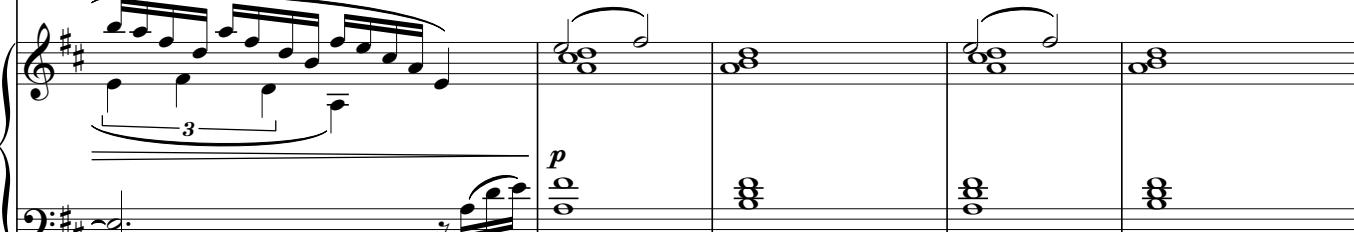
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Adagio $\text{♩}=\text{c.72}$

T1. 

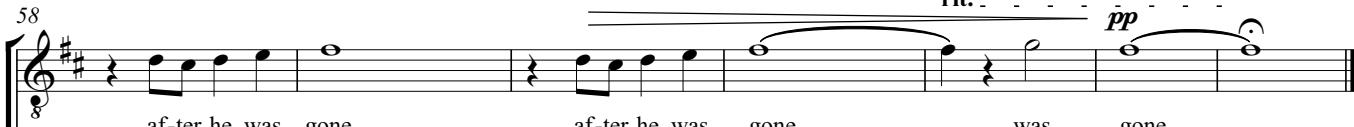
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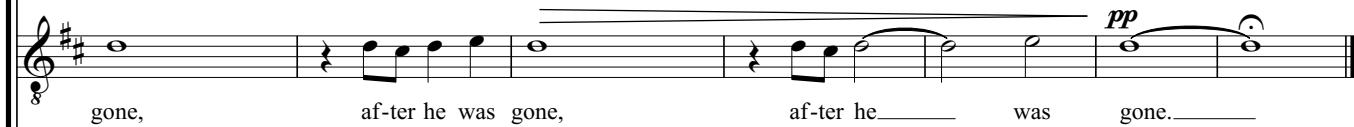
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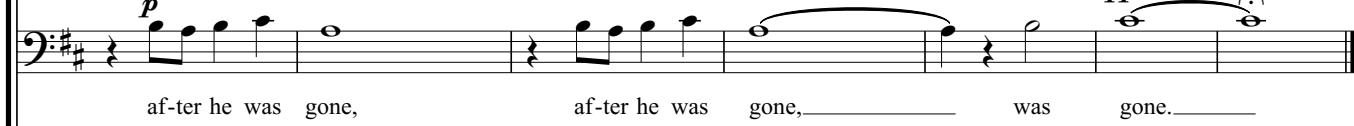
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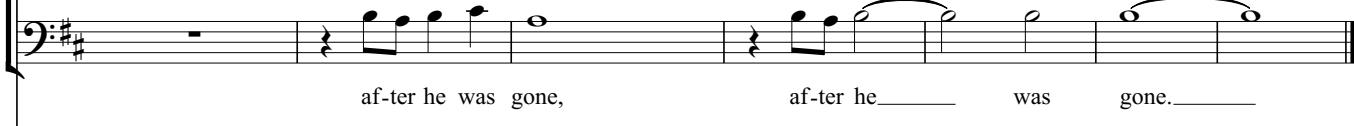


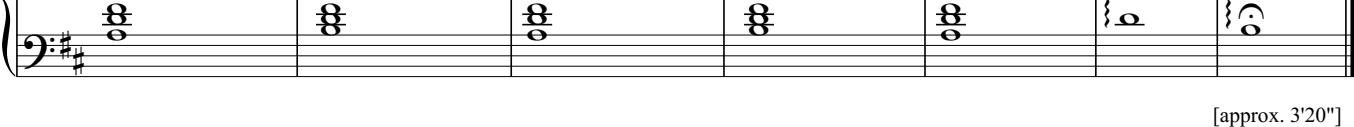
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rit. 

T1. 

T2. 

B1. 

B2. 
p 

[approx. 3'20"]

PART 3: DEPOSITS
I. The Ledger

Melissa Dunphy

Solemn $\text{♩}=\text{c.}80$

rubato 3

f like a herald **fp**

V

Tenor 1

Bass 1

Bass 2

p

Oh _____

p

Oh _____

oh _____

oh _____

p

Oh _____

oh _____

oh _____

p

fp

14

T1. *oh.*

T2. *oh.*

B1. *oh,*

B2. *oh,*

mp

mp

mp

mp

17

T1. *oh.*

T2. *oh.*

B1. *oh,*

B2. *oh,*

mp

21

T1. *mf* W The mud in Craw-ford

T2. *mf* The mud in Craw-ford

B1. *mf* The mud in Craw-ford

B2. *mf* The mud in Craw-ford

Piano: Measures 21-25. Treble clef, B-flat key signature. Bass clef, B-flat key signature. Measure 21: Bass line starts with eighth notes. Measure 22: Bass line continues with eighth notes. Measure 23: Bass line continues with eighth notes. Measure 24: Bass line continues with eighth notes. Measure 25: Bass line continues with eighth notes.

26

T1. Lake is a rec-ord of our deeds, a led-ger with bands of light and dark

T2. Lake is a rec-ord of our deeds, a led-ger with bands of light and dark

B1. Lake is a rec-ord of our deeds, a led-ger with bands of light and

B2. Lake is a rec-ord of our deeds, a led-ger with bands of light and

X

31

T1. *p* al - gae and chalk,
that mark our years:

T2. *p* al - gae and
that mark our years:

B1. dark, in sae - cu - la sae - cu - lo rum.

B2. *p* al - gae and chalk,
dark that mark our years:

f *p* *mp*

35

T1. — then pol - len from crops, then ash and

T2. chalk, then pol - len from crops, then ash and

B1. Then pol - len from crops, then ash and

B2. then pol - len from crops, then ash and

mf *mf* *mf* *mf*

mf

V.S.

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39

T1. fall - out and plas - tic par - ti-cles de-pos - it - ed in

T2. fall - out and plas - tic par - ti-cles

B1. fall - out and plas - tic par - ti-cles, de - pos - it - ed in

B2. fall - - - out and plas - tic par - ti-cles, de - pos - it - ed in

p

42

43 **Y**

T1. lay - ers and lay - ers, lay - ers and lay - ers, fas - ter and

T2. lay - ers and lay - ers, fas - ter and fas - ter,

B1. lay ers and lay - ers, fas - ter and fas - ter,

B2. lay ers and lay - ers, fas - ter and

mf

mp

p

p

3

46

46 *f*

T1. fas-ter and fas-ter and fas - ter.

T2. fas-ter and fas-ter and fas - ter.

B1. fas-ter and fas-ter and fas - ter.

B2. fas - ter, fas-ter and fas-ter and fas - ter.

rit.

49 **Z** *Piu mosso* $\text{♩}=104$

T1. A sci-en-tist can point to a lam-in-a-ted stripe

T2. A sci-en-tist can point to a lam-in-a-ted stripe

B1. A sci-en-tist can point to a lam-in-a-ted stripe

B2. A sci-en-tist can point to a lam-in-a-ted stripe

Piu mosso $\text{♩}=104$

fp like a ticking clock

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54

T1. and name the mo - ment, like an ac - cu - sa - tion, a

T2. and name the mo - ment, like an ac - cu - sa - tion, a

B1. and name the mo - ment, like an ac - cu - sa - tion, a

B2. and name the mo - ment, like an ac - cu - sa - tion,



59

T1. sci-en-tist can point to a lam-in-a-ted stripe and name the mo - ment,

T2. sci-en-tist can point to a lam-in-a-ted stripe and name the mo - ment,

B1. sci-en-tist can point to a lam-in - a-ted stripe and name the mo - ment,

B2. a sci-en-tist can point to a lam-in - a-ted stripe and name the



64

T1. like an ac - cu - sa - tion. Our de - pos - its earn,
T2. like an ac - cu - sa - tion. Our de - pos - its earn
B1. like an ac - cu - sa - tion. Our de - pos - its earn
B2. mo - ment, like an ac - cu - sa - tion. Our de - pos - its earn,

AA *mf*

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

69

T1. our de - pos - its earn in - t'rest, the lake bed waits, it
T2. in - t'rest, and the lake bed waits, the lake bed
B1. in - t'rest, and the lake bed waits, the lake bed
B2. our de - pos - its earn in - t'rest, and the lake

V.S.

BB

T1. 74 *waits, our de - pos - its earn in - t'rest, and it*

T2. *waits, our de - pos - its earn in - t'rest, and the*

B1. *waits, our de - pos - its earn in - t'rest, and the*

B2. *bed waits, it waits, our de - pos - its earn*

f f f f

T1. 79 *waits, the lake bed waits, it waits for a*

T2. *lake bed waits, the lake bed waits for a*

B1. *lake bed waits, the lake bed waits for a*

B2. *in - t'rest, and the lake bed waits for a*

b b b b

CC

84 *f*

T1. day of ac - count-ing, a day of ac - count-ing, a day of ac -

T2. day of ac - count-ing, a day of ac - count-ing, a day of ac -

B1. day of ac - count-ing, a day of ac - count-ing, a day of ac -

B2. day of ac - count-ing, a day of ac - count-ing, a day of ac -

f

"thunder gliss"
(mash notes, pedal down)

89

T1. -count-ing, the lake bed waits, the lake bed

T2. -count-ing, a day of ac - count-ing, a day of ac - count-ing.

B1. -count-ing, a day of ac - count - ing. In _____ sae-cu - la sae-cu - lo -

B2. -count-ing, a day of ac - count-ing, a day of ac - count-ing, a

thunder gliss thunder gliss

V.S.

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94

T1. waits, the lake bed waits, the lake bed

T2. In sae - cu - la sae-cu - lo - rum,

B1. -rum, In sae - cu - la sae-cu - lo -

B2. day of ac - count - ing, a day of ac - count - ing, it

ff



98

T1. waits.

T2. In sae - cu - la, the lake bed waits.

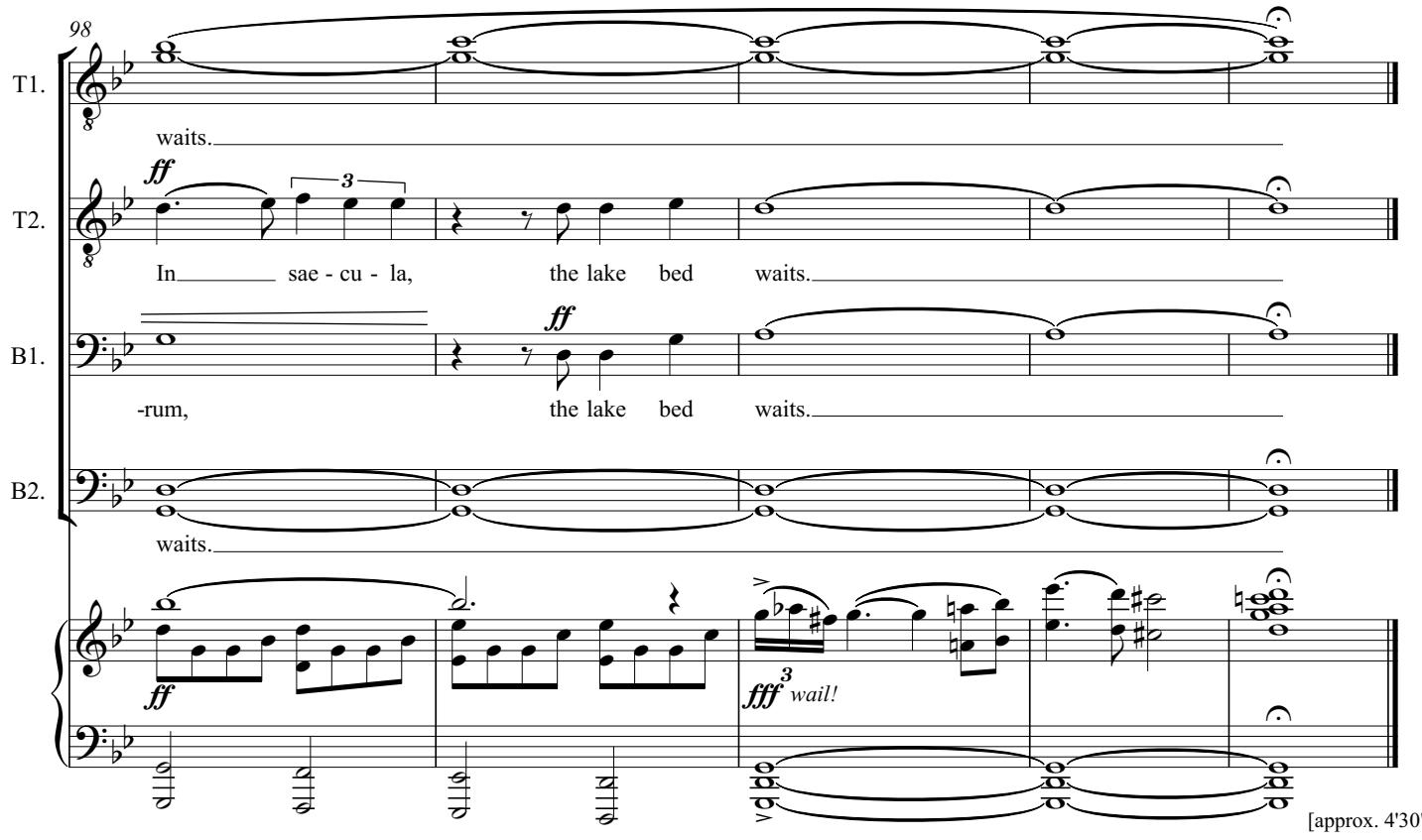
B1. -rum, the lake bed waits.

B2. waits.

ff

fff wail!

[approx. 4'30"]



PART 3: DEPOSITS
II. The Engagement

Melissa Dunphy

Allegro $\text{♩}=\text{c.80}$

6

T1. *p* She cried with joy— when the ring slipped on - to her fin - ger,

T2. *p* She cried with joy— when the ring slipped on - to her fin - ger,

B1.

B2.

10

T1. *mp* She cried with joy when the ring slipped on - to her fin - ger,

T2. *mp* She cried with joy when the ring slipped on - to her fin - ger,

B1.

B2. *mp* She cried with joy when the ring slipped on - to her fin - ger,

She cried with joy when the ring slipped on - to her fin - ger,

V.S.

14 **DD**

T1. **p** but lit-tle by lit - tle, lit-tle by lit - tle, it felt heav-i - er and heav-i - er, and

T2. **p** but lit-tle by lit - tle, lit-tle by lit - tle, it felt heav-i - er and heav-i - er,

B1. **p** but lit-tle by lit - tle, lit-tle by lit - tle, it felt heav-i - er and heav-i - er,

B2. **p** lit-tle by lit - tle, it felt heav-i - er and heav-i - er and

19 **f** **p** **EE**

T1. tight - er and tight - er, tight - er and tight - er, un-till one day, af-ter a

T2. tight - er and tight - er, tight - er and tight - er, un-till one day, af-ter a

B1. tight - er and tight - er and tight - er, tight - er and tight - er,

B2. tight - er and tight - er and tight - er, tight - er and tight - er,

no more his juz zu on a rainy day

26 *mf* *mp*

T1. scream - ing fight on a rain-drenched street cor - ner, she wrenched it off, and

T2. scream - ing fight on a rain-drenched street cor - ner, she wrenched it off, and

B1. *mp* on a rain-drenched street cor - ner, she wrenched it off, and

B2. *mp* on a rain-drenched street cor - ner, she wrenched it off, and

3 3 3 5

31

T1. threw it in a sew-er grate. *p* And

T2. threw it in a sew-er grate. *p* And

B1. threw it in a sew-er grate. *p* And

B2. threw it in a sew-er grate. *p* And

V.S.

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FF

36

T1. as the gold and brill - liant - cut dia - mond, as the

T2. as the gold and brill - liant - cut dia - mond, as the

B1. as the gold and brill - liant - cut dia - mond,

B2. as the gold and brill - liant - cut dia - mond,

p

40 *mp*

T1. gold and brill - liant - cut dia - mond plum-met-ed in - to the

T2. gold and brill - liant - cut dia - mond plum-met-ed in - to the

B1. as the brill - liant cut dia - mond plum - met - ed

B2. as the brill - liant cut dia - mond plum - met - ed

mp

mf

44

T1. *silt,* plum-met - ed in - to the silt,

T2. *silt,* plum-met - ed in - to the silt,

B1. *in - to the silt,* *in - to the silt,*

B2. *in - to the silt,* *in - to the silt,*

GG

48 poco rit. a tempo

T1. *she____ vowed she would nev - er, nev - er think of*

T2. *she____ vowed she would nev - - er think of*

B1. *she____ vowed she would nev - - er think of*

B2. *she____ vowed she would nev - - er think of*

poco rit. a tempo

V.S.

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52

T1. *rit.* *mf*
it a - gain, nev - er a - gain,

T2. *mf*
it a - gain nev - er a - gain,

B1. *mf*
it a - gain nev - er a - gain,

B2. *mf*
it, nev - er a - gain, nev - er,

Piano accompaniment (right hand) consists of eighth-note chords in measures 52-53, transitioning to sixteenth-note chords in measure 54.

56 Andante $\text{♩} = \text{c.} 54$

T1. *p*
nev - er a - gain.

T2. *p*
nev - er a - gain.

B1. *p*
nev - er a - gain.

B2. *p*
nev - er a - gain.

Piano accompaniment (right hand) consists of eighth-note chords in measures 56-57, transitioning to sixteenth-note chords in measure 58.

[approx. 2'20"]

Part 4: VESSELS
I. Great and Noble Jars

Melissa Dunphy

Adagio ♩=c.76

Tenor 1 Mm. _____ Oh, Dave the pot - ter, great and no - ble

Tenor 2 Mm. _____ Oh, Dave the pot - ter, great and no - ble

Bass 1 Mm. _____ Oh, Dave the pot - ter, great and no - ble

Bass 2 solo *mf* His name was Da - vid Drake— *tutti* *3* Dave the Pot - ter. *mp* He made great and no - ble

Adagio ♩=c.76

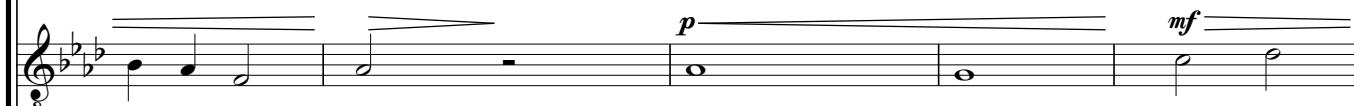
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T1. jars in South Car - o - li - na, where read - ing and wri - ting were for-
T2. jars in Edge-field, South Car - o - li - na, where read - ing and wri - ting were for-
B1. jars in Edge-field, South Car - o - li - na, where read - ing and wri - ting were for-
B2. jars in South Car - o - li - na, where read - ing and wri - ting were for-

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T1. 

T2. 

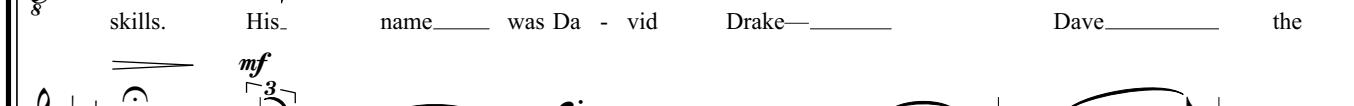
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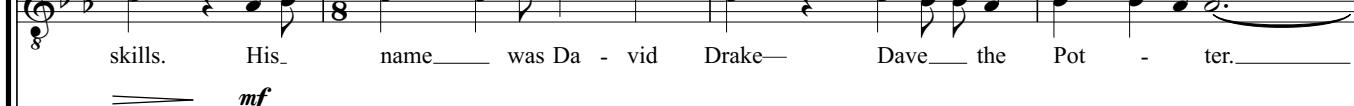
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16 **HH** Andante $\text{♩} = \text{c.}100$

T1. 

T2. 

B1. 

B2. 

Andante $\text{♩} = \text{c.}100$



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20

T1. 
Pot - ter, great and no - ble jars in South Car - o -
— He made great and no - ble jars in Edge-field South Car - o -
He_____ made great and no - ble jars in Edge - field South Car - o -
Pot - ter made great and no - ble jars in South Car - o -

B2.

24

T1. 
-li - na, on his clay, in cur - sive he in - scribed his name and
-li - na, and on his clay in cur - sive he in - scribed his name and
-li - na. On his clay in cur - sive he in - scribed his name and
-li - na, and on his clay in cur - sive he in - scribed his name and

B2.

V.S.

28

T1. *f*
thoughts, de - fy - ing rules, de - fy - ing ob - scu - - ri -

T2. *f*
thoughts, de - fy - ing rules, de - fy - ing ob - scu - ri - ty.

B1. *f*
thoughts, de - fy - ing rules, de - fy - ing ob - scu - - ri -

B2. *f*
thoughts, de - fy - ing rules, de - fy - ing ob - scu - - ri -

32

II Brisk $\text{d}=\text{c.100}$

T1. - ty.

T2. —

B1. - ty. I made this

B2. - ty. I made this

Brisk $\text{d}=\text{c.100}$
Until rehearsal OO: feel free to improv in RH! Think Dixieland...

38

T1. 

T2.

B1.

B2.

A^b

A^b

E^b7

44

T1. 

T2.

B1.

B2.

A^b

A^b7

D^b

V.S.

48

T1. *Oh, I made this jar for cash, made it for cash.*

T2. *Oh, I made this jar for cash, made it for cash.*

B1. *Oh, I made this jar for cash, made it for cash.*

B2. *Oh, I made this jar for cash,*

D^bm⁷ A^b Fm⁷ B^b E^b7 A^b

52

JJ *f* *fp* *f* *f* *fp* *f*

T1. I made this jar all of cross, I made this jar all of

T2. I made this jar all of cross, I made this jar all of

B1. I made this jar, _____ I made this jar all of cross. _____

B2. I made this jar, _____ I made this jar all of cross. _____

f *fp* *f* *fp* *f* *fp*

f *fp* *f* *fp* *f* *fp*

f *fp* *f* *fp* *f* *fp*

f *p* *f* *p*

59

T1. *sub. p*

T2. *sub. p*

B1. *f* *sub. p*

B2. *f* *sub. p*

E^b⁷ A^b A^b⁷ D^b⁹

cross. If you don't re - pent you will be lost,
cross. If you don't re - pent you will be lost,
I made this jar, and if you don't re - pent you will be lost,
I made this jar. If you don't re - pent you will be lost,

64

T1. *f*

T2. *f*

B1. *f*

B2. *f*

A

A

A

V.S.

I made this jar all of cross. A

I made this jar all of cross. A

I made this jar all of cross. A

lost. I made this jar all of A bet - ter thing I nev - er

A^b Fm⁷ B^b E^b⁷ A^b A^b⁷

I made this jar all of cross. A

I made this jar all of cross. A

I made this jar all of cross. A

lost. I made this jar all of A bet - ter thing I nev - er

KK

69

T1. bet - ter thing I nev - er saw, when I shot off the li - on's

T2. bet - ter thing I nev-er, nev-er saw, when I shot off the li - on's

B1. bet - ter thing I nev - er saw, when I shot off the li - on's

B2. *p* saw, when I shot off the li - on's

D \flat D \flat m A \flat B \flat [actual rest here]

p *mp* *f*

LL

76

T1. jaw. Give me the gold,

T2. jaw. Oh, give me sil - ver, or ei-ther gold, Oh, give me sil - ver

B1. jaw. Oh, give me sil - ver, or ei-ther gold, Oh, give me sil - ver

B2. jaw. Give me the gold.

A \flat A \flat A \flat *mf*

mp

82

T1. *mf* sil - ver or gold,___ though they are dan - gers to our

T2. or ei-ther gold,___ *f* though they are dan - gers to our

B1. or ei-ther gold,___ though they are dan - gers to our

B2. *mf* sil - ver or gold,___ though they are dan - gers to our

f Eb⁷ A♭ C^{ø7}



87

T1. soul, *f* give me sil - ver or ei - ther gold.____

T2. soul, *f* give me sil - ver or ei - ther gold.____

B1. soul, *f* oh, give me sil - ver or ei - ther gold.____

B2. soul, *f* oh, give me sil - ver or ei - ther gold.____

D♭ D♭m A♭ E♭7 A♭

V.S.



MM

93

T1. *p* Hor - ses, mules and hogs: all our cows is in the bogs. There

T2. *p* Hor - ses, mules and hogs: all our cows is in the bogs. There

B1. *p* Hor - ses, mules and hogs: all our cows is in the bogs. There

B2. *p* Hor - ses, mules and hogs: all our cows is in the bogs. There

E♭ *A♭*

p *mf*

97 *mf*

T1. *f* *ff* they shall ev - er stay till the buz-zards take them a - way.

T2. *mf* *f* *ff* they shall ev - er stay till the buz-zards take them a - way.

B1. *mf* *f* *ff* they shall ev - er stay till the buz-zards take them a - way, the buz - zards take them all a-way.

B2. *mf* *f* *ff* they shall ev - er stay till the buz-zards take them a - way.

B♭ *E♭7* *E♭7*

mf *f* *ff*

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102 **mf** **NN**

T1. This no-blo^{le} jar will hold _____ twen-ty, _____ then

T2. This no-blo^{le} jar will hold _____ fill it with sil - ver then

B1. This no-blo^{le} jar will hold _____ twen-ty, _____ fill it with sil - ver then

B2. This no-blo^{le} jar will hold twen-ty, _____ fill it with sil - ver then
 [actual rest here] ^{A_b} ^{D_b} ^{trill} ^{A_b}

108 **rit.**

T1. you'll have plen-ty. **$\frac{2}{3}$**

T2. you'll have plen-ty. **$\frac{2}{3}$**

B1. you'll have plen-ty. **$\frac{2}{3}$**

B2. you'll have plen-ty. **$\frac{2}{3}$**

E_b⁷ A_b F **rit.**

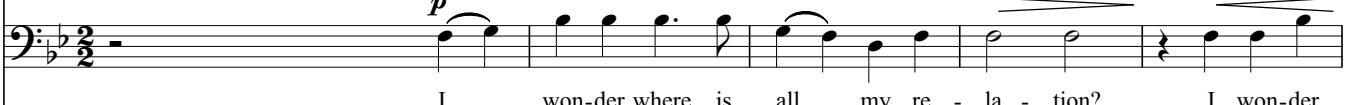
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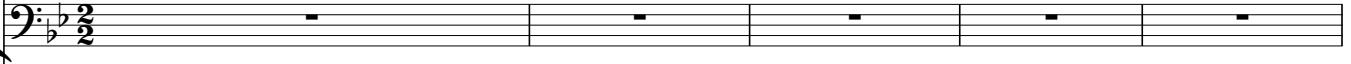
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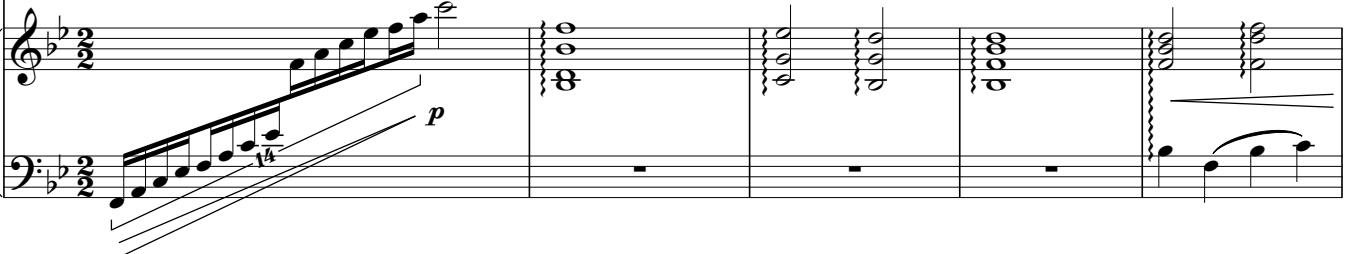
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T1. 

T2. 

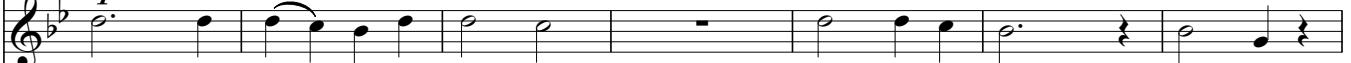
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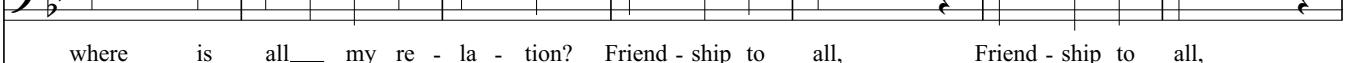


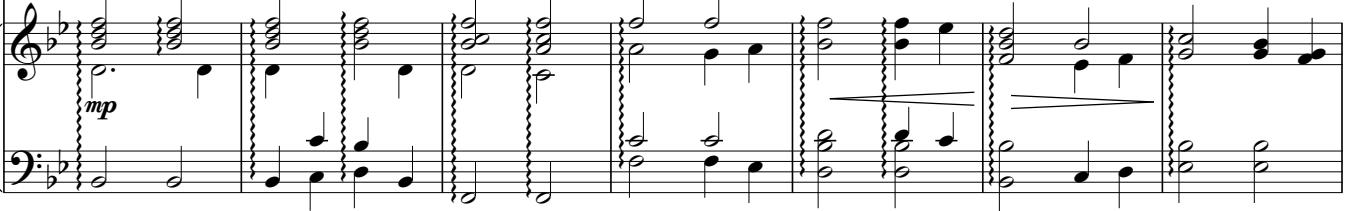
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T1. 

T2. 

B1. 

B2. 



125 rit. Adagio $\text{♩}=\text{c.76}$

T1. all, mm.

T2. friend - ship to all, and friend - ship to e - v'ry na - nation.

B1. friend - ship to all, mm. His

B2. friend - ship to all, mm. His

p **PP**

p **mp** **p** **mp**

pp

mp

131 rit. **mf**

T1. He made great and no - ble jars.

T2. Dave, his name was Dave.

B1. name was Dave, his name was Dave.

B2. name was Dave, his name was Dave.

mf

mf

mf

rit.

mf

riff on B♭

[approx. 4'20"]

PART 4: VESSELS
II. World's Greatest Dad

Melissa Dunphy

Moderate waltz. $\text{J}=\text{c.}48$

The musical score consists of two main sections. The first section starts with a piano introduction in 6/8 time, followed by four vocal entries (T1, T2, B1, B2) singing a verse. The second section begins with a piano accompaniment, followed by the same four vocal entries singing a chorus. The vocal parts are written on treble and bass staves, with lyrics appearing below the notes. The piano part includes dynamic markings like *mp* and **QQ**.

T1. A gift ar-rived in the
T2. A gift ar-rived in the
B1.
B2.

T1. mail the day she was born.
T2. mail the day she was born.
B1.
B2.

14

T1. *sent it— may-be it was his broth - er - in - law:* a

T2. *sent it— may-be it was his broth - er - in - law:* a

B1. *or one of his aunts:* a

B2. *or one of his aunts:* a

RR

17

T1. *cheap Chi-na mug pro-claim - ing: "World's Great - est Dad,"*

T2. *cheap Chi-na mug pro-claim - ing: "World's Great - est Dad,"*

B1. *cheap Chi-na mug pro-claim - ing: "World's Great - est Dad,"*

B2. *cheap Chi-na mug pro-claim - ing: "World's Great - est Dad,"*

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T1. 
And he swore, he swore it would be true.

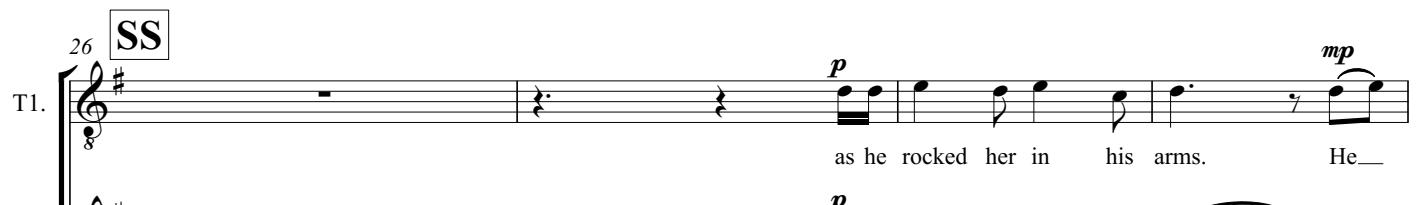
T2. 
And he swore, he swore it would be true.

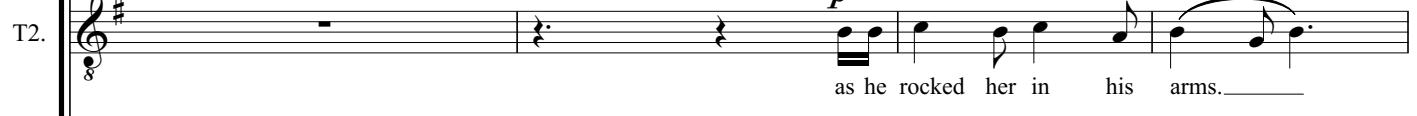
B1. 
And he swore, he swore it would be true. He

B2. 
And he swore, he swore it would be true. He



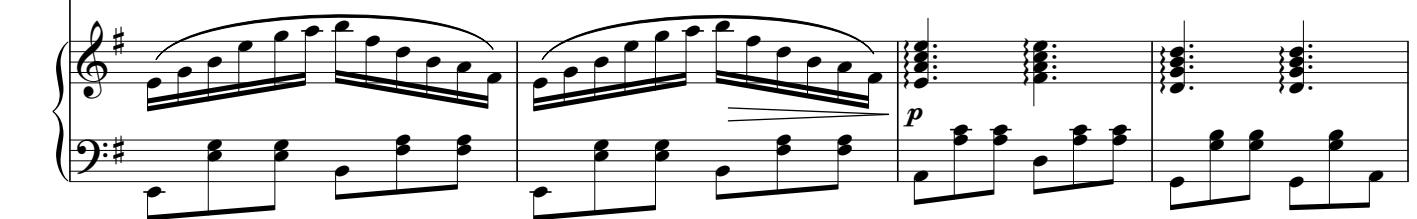
26 **SS**

T1. 
as he rocked her in his arms. He
filled it with cof - fee on sleep - less nights as he rocked her in his arms.

T2. 
as he rocked her in his arms.

B1. 
filled it with cof - fee on sleep - less nights as he rocked her in his arms.

B2. 
filled it with cof - fee on sleep - less nights as he rocked her in his arms.



30

T1. *reached for it as he made her break-fast and ans-tered her ques - tions.*

T2. *and learned to braid hair, and ans-tered her ques - tions.*

B1. *learned to braid hair,*

B2. *and ans-tered her ques - tions.*

34 **TT**

T1. *mf*
World's Great - est Dad, _____ World's great - est Dad, _____ World's Great - est

T2. *mf*
World's Great - est Dad, World's Great - est Dad, World's

B1. *mf*
World's Great - est Dad, World's Great - est Dad, World's Great - est

B2. *mf*
World's _____ Great - est Dad, World's Great - est Dad, _____

mf

34 **TT**

T1. *mf*
World's Great - est Dad, _____ World's great - est Dad, _____ World's Great - est

T2. *mf*
World's Great - est Dad, World's Great - est Dad, World's

B1. *mf*
World's Great - est Dad, World's Great - est Dad, World's Great - est

B2. *mf*
World's _____ Great - est Dad, World's Great - est Dad, _____

mf

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39

T1. **UU** **p**
Dad, _____ World's Great - est Dad. _____ O - ver the years, it chipped and cracked, and the

T2. **p**
Great-est Dad, World's Great - est Dad. _____ O - ver the years, it chipped and cracked, and the

B1.
Dad, _____ World's Great - est Dad. _____

B2.
World's _____ Great - est Dad. _____

This section of the musical score includes four vocal parts (T1, T2, B1, B2) and a piano part. The vocal parts sing a melody with lyrics like 'Dad, _____ World's Great - est Dad.' and 'O - ver the years, it chipped and cracked, and the'. The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and eighth-note patterns. Measure 39 ends with a forte dynamic (p) and measure 40 begins with a piano dynamic (p).

44

T1. han - dle fell off, _____ be-tween

T2. **mp** **mf**
han - dle fell off, _____ and one day, it was left in the gar - den be-tween

B1. **mp** **mf**
the han - dle fell off, and one day, it was left in the gar - den be-tween

B2. **mp** **mf**
the han - dle fell off, and one day, it was left in the gar - den be-tween

This section continues the piano-vocal style. The vocal parts sing about a handle falling off and being left in a garden. The piano part features eighth-note patterns and sustained notes. Measures 44-45 show a melodic line with sustained notes and eighth-note chords. Measures 46-47 show eighth-note patterns and sustained notes. Measures 48-49 show eighth-note patterns and sustained notes.

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48

T1. o - ver - grown rose bush - es, where it sank in-to the earth.

T2. o - ver - grown rose bush - es, where it sank in-to the earth. The

B1. o - ver - grown rose bush - es, where it sank in - to the earth. The

B2. o - ver - grown rose bush - es, where it sank in - to the earth. The

52 **VV** *f*

mf *rit.*

T1. The mug was lost, but the words lived for ev - er:

T2. mug was lost, but the words, the words lived for ev - er:

B1. mug was lost, but the words, the words lived for ev - er:

B2. mug was lost, but the words, the words lived for ev - er:

rit.

f

p

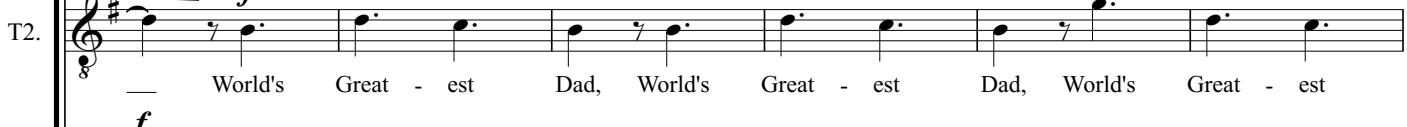
mf

V.S.

WW

58 *f a tempo* =c.44

T1. 

T2. 

B1. 

B2. 

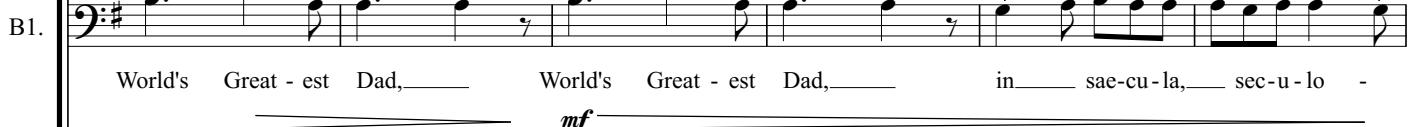
a tempo =c.44



64 *mf*

T1. 

T2. 

B1. 

B2.



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70 *mp* *p*

T1. World's Great - est Dad,____ World's Great - est Dad,____ World's Great - est,

T2. Dad, World's Great - est Dad, World's Great - est, in sae-cu-la, sec-u-lo -

B1. *mp* rum.____ in sae-cu-la, sec-u-lo - rum.

B2. *mp* *p* in sae-cu-la, sec-u-lo - rum - - (mm).

mp *p*

rit. *niente*

76 mm.

T2. rum - (mm). *niente*

B1. *p* *niente* World's Great - est Dad,____ World's Great - est Dad,____ mm.

B2. *niente*

rit. *pp* *8va*

[approx. 3'50"]