

Silent Noon

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Largo sostenuto

1 *mf* Your hands lie

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4 *mp sonore* o - pen in the long fresh grass, The fin - ger -

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7 *pp* points look through like ros - y blooms: Your eyes smile

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11 *mf* peace. The pas - ture gleams and glooms 'Neath bil - low - ing

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13 *cresc.*

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skies that scat - ter and a - mass.

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19 *Poco più mosso* 20 21 22

pp

23 *p* 24 25 26

All round our nest, far as the eye can pass, Are

24 25 26

27 28 29 30

gold en king - cup fields with sil - ver edge, Where the

21 cow - pars - ley skirts 32. the haw 34. thorn hedge. *pp*

35 *pp poco rall.* 'Tis vis 36. i - ble si 37. lence, still 38. as the

39 hour 40. glass. 41. 42. 43.

44 *Quasi Recitativo* Deep in the 45. sun-searched growths the 46. drag on - fly 47. Hangs

48, 49, 50

like a blue thread loosened from the sky:

51, 52, 53

So this winged

ped. *

Tempo I

54, 55, 56

f hour is dropt to us *p* from a

57, 58, 59

bove.

poco rall.

60 *mf*
Oh, clasp we to our hearts, for death less

a tempo
mf sonore

63 64 65 66 *pp*
dower, This close-com - pan - ioned in - ar - tic - u - late hour, When

pp

67 68 69 70
two - fold si - lence was the song, the

71 72 73 74 75 76
song of love.

