

BLACK EARTH
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Poems by Sappho, translated by Anne Carson

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Soprano

4 Horns in F

2 Trumpets in Bb

2 Tenor Trombones

Bass Trombone

Tuba

> Score is *transposed*.

BLACK EARTH

Black Earth first suggested itself to me from a purely technical standpoint: there are twelve scale degrees and two basic kinds of triads, major and minor, which makes forty-six possible two-part permutations of major and minor triads, so I set myself the task of composing a piece which exhausted these possibilities as its principle organizing structural device. Because each section therefore consists entirely of an oscillation between two chords, in addition I determined that the rhythm of each chord should also follow a permutational series, each measure being of a given length, from two to eleven eighth notes. This structure being set, it seemed obvious that if I were composing a vocal piece I should set some kind of fragments, so I looked to the past. Fragments of ancient poetry have always held a certain fascination; from the *Lyra Graeca* to Guy Davenport's lapidary translations, these evocative shards not only hold the tantalizing promise of great works lost to time but stand as extraordinarily beautiful miniatures on their own. The great poet, thinker, and translator Anne Carson made a gorgeous version of Sappho's poetry, *If Not, Winter*, which was published in a beautiful edition with two colors and a page layout that dramatized the broken remains she worked from. Of these scraps I selected fifty-five to set for soprano with brass ensemble, a combination evoking everything from Balkan brass bands to American hymns to Renaissance polyphony.

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Fragments of Sappho, translated by Anne Carson

1.4
heart
absolutely
I can
would be for me
to shine in answer
face
having been stained

2.6
so
Go
so we may see
lady
of gold arms
doom

3.9
invites
all not
feast
for Hera
as long as

4.12
thought
barefoot

5.15A
blessed
to loose all the wrongs he did before
by luck of the harbor

6.19
waiting
in sacrifices
having good
but going
for we know
of works
after
and toward
says this

7.20
gladness and
with good luck

to gain the harbor
of black earth

8.21
pity
trembling
flesh by now old age
covers
flies in pursuit
noble
taking
sing to us
the one with violets in her lap
mostly
goes astray

9.24A
you will remember
for we in our youth
did these things
yes many and beautiful things

10.24C
we live
the opposite
daring

11.24D
in a thin voice

12.25
quit
luxurious woman

13.26
you, I want
to suffer
in myself I am
aware of this

14.29A
deep sound

15.32
who honored me
by giving their works

16.34

stars around the beautiful moon
hide back their luminous form
whenever all full she shines
on the earth
silvery

17.36

I long and seek after

18.37

in my dripping (pain)
the blamer may winds and terrors
carry him off

19.38

you burn me

20.41

for you beautiful ones my thought
is not changeable

21.42

their heart grew cold
they let their wings down

22.43

beautiful he
stirs up still things
exhaustion the mind
settles down
but come O beloveds
for day is near

23.44Ab

of the Muses
makes and of the Graces
with slender
for mortals: there is a share

24.45

as long as you want

25.46

and I on a soft pillow
will lay down my limbs

26.52

I would not think to touch the sky with two arms

27.53

pure Graces with arms like roses
come here daughters of Zeus

28.54

having come from heaven wrapped in a purple
cloak

29.56

not one girl I think
who looks on the light of the sun
will ever
have wisdom
like this

30.68B

playing
for me harsh

31.73A

Aphrodite
sweetworded desires
throw
holding
sits
dews

32.78

nor
desire
but all at once
blossom
desire
took delight

33.80

all
but different
hair

34.82B

and if
nothing
but now
don't
more finely shaped

35.102

sweet mother I cannot work the loom
I am broken with longing for a boy by slender
Aphrodite

36.103B

of the chamber
bride with beautiful feet

37.103Cb

they heard
maidens

38.104B

of all stars the most beautiful

39.107

do I still yearn for my virginity?

40.108

O beautiful O graceful one

41.113

for no
other girl
O bridegroom
such as this one now

42.118

yes! radiant lyre speak to me
become a voice

43.120

but I am not someone who likes to wound
rather I have a quiet mind

44.122

gathering flowers so very delicate a girl

45.123

just now goldsandaed Dawn

46.125

I used to weave crowns

47.126

may you sleep on the breast of your delicate
friend

48.129B

or you love some man more than me

49.136

messenger of spring
nightingale with a voice of longing

50.153

girl sweetvoiced

51.161

guard her
bridegrooms
kings of cities

52.163

my darling one

53.165

that man seems to himself

54.185

honeyvoiced

55.188

Mythweaver

BLACK EARTH

Sappho
trans. Anne Carson

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♩ = 138

① *f*

Soprano

heart ab - so - lute - ly I

Horn 1 in F

Horn 2 in F

Horn 3 in F

Horn 4 in F

Trumpet 1, 2 in Bb

wide mariachi vibrato

Tenor Trombone 1, 2

Bass Trombone

Tuba

Sop.

can would be for me to shine in an - swer

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Sop. face ha - - ving been stained

Hn. 1, 2 *p* *f*

Hn. 3, 4 *f* *p* *f* *f* *p* *f*

Tpt. 1 *p* *f* *p* *f*

Tpt. 2 *p* *f* *p*

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

② *f*

Sop. so Go so we may see la - dy of gold arms

Hn. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Hn. 3, 4 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *f* *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f*

B. Tbn. *f*

Tba. *f*

③

Sop. doom in vites

Hn. 1, 2 *f* *fp*

Hn. 3, 4 *f* *p* *f*

Tpt. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f* *p*

B. Tbn. *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tba. *f* *p* *f* *p*

Sop. all not feast for He - - ra

Hn. 1, 2 *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Hn. 3, 4 *f* *p* *f*

Tpt. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f* *p*

B. Tbn. *f* *p*

Tba. *f* *p*

Sop. *f* as long as *p*

Hn. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Hn. 3, 4 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

B. Tbn. *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tba. *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Sop. ^④ *f* thought bare foot *f*

Hn. 1, 2 *f*

Hn. 3, 4 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

B. Tbn. *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tba. *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

⑤

Sop.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Sop.

blessed to loose all the wrongs he did be -

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Sop. *f*
fore by luck of the har - bor

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4 1. *f* *p* *f*

Tpt. 1, 2 *f*

Tbn. 1 *f*

Tbn. 2 *f*

B. Tbn.

Tba.

⑥ *f*
wait - - ing in sac - ri - fi - ces_ ha - ving good

Hn. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Hn. 3, 4 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f* *p*

B. Tbn. *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tba. *f* *p* *f* *p*

Sop. *f* but go - ing *p* for we know of *f* works *p* af - ter and

Hn. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Hn. 3, 4 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f* *p*

B. Tbn. *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tba. *f* *p* *f* *p*

Sop. *f* toward *p* says this *mf*

Hn. 1, 2 *f* *p* *mf*

Hn. 3, 4 *f* *p* *mf*

Tpt. 1, 2 *f* *p* *mf*

Tbn. 1 *f* *p* *mf*

Tbn. 2 *f* *p* *mf*

B. Tbn. *f* *p* *mf*

Tba. *f* *p*

Sop. *mf*
glad - ness and with good luck to gain the har - bor

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3 (senza sord.)
f

Hn. 4 con sord.
fp

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Sop.
of black earth

Hn. 1 *mf*

Hn. 2 *mf*

Hn. 3

Hn. 4 *fp*

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

⑧

Sop. *mf* pi - ty *mf* trem - bling

Hn. 1 *p* *fp*

Hn. 2 *p* *p*

Hn. 3 *fp*

Hn. 4 senza sord. *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *fp* senza sord.

Tbn. 1 *mf* *mf*

Tbn. 2 *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

B. Tbn. *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Tba. *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Sop. *mf* flesh by now old age co - vers

Hn. 1 *fp*

Hn. 2 *p*

Hn. 3 *fp*

Hn. 4 *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *fp*

Tbn. 1 *mf*

Tbn. 2 *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

B. Tbn. *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Tba. *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Sop. flies in pur - - - - - suit no - ble ta - king sing to us —

Hn. 1 *fp*

Hn. 2 *p*

Hn. 3 *fp*

Hn. 4 *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *fp*

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2 *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

B. Tbn. *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Tba. *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*



Sop. the one with vio - lets in her

Hn. 1 *fp* *fp*

Hn. 2 *p*

Hn. 3 *fp* *fp*

Hn. 4 *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *fp* *fp*

Tbn. 1 *mf*

Tbn. 2 *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

B. Tbn. *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Tba. *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Sop. *lap* *mf* most - ly goes a - stray

Hn. 1 *fp*

Hn. 2 *p* *p*

Hn. 3 *fp*

Hn. 4 *p*

Tpt. 1 *p*

Tpt. 2 *fp*

Tbn. 2 *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

B. Tbn. *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Tba. *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

⑨

Sop.

Hn. 1 *fp* *mf*

Hn. 2 *mf*

Hn. 3 *mf*

Hn. 4 *p* *mf*

Tpt. 1 *mf*

Tpt. 2 *fp*

Tbn. 1 *fp* *mf*

Tbn. 2 *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

B. Tbn. *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Tba. *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Sop. *mf* you will re - mem - ber for we in our

Hn. 1 *mf*

Hn. 2 *mf*

Hn. 3 *mf*

Hn. 4 *mf*

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1 *p* *mf*

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Sop. youth did these things_

Hn. 1 *mf*

Hn. 2 *mf*

Hn. 3 *mf*

Hn. 4 *mf*

Tpt. 1, 2 1. *mf* *p*

Tbn. 1 *p* *p* *mf*

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Sop. *mf*
yes. ma - ny and beau - ti - ful

Hn. 1, 2 *mf*

Hn. 3, 4 *mf*

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1 *p*

Tbn. 2 *mf* *p*

B. Tbn. *mf* *p*

Tba. *mf* *p*

Sop. things

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1 *mf* *p*

Tpt. 2 *mf* *p*

Tbn. 1, 2 *mf* *p*

B. Tbn. *mf* *p*

Tba. *mf* *p*

Score for Soprano (Sop.), Horns 1 & 2 (Hn. 1, 2), Horns 3 & 4 (Hn. 3, 4), Trumpets 1 & 2 (Tpt. 1, 2), Tenor Trombones 1 & 2 (Tbn. 1, 2), Baritone Trombone (B. Tbn.), and Tuba (Tba.).

The score is written in 8/8 time. The Soprano part is mostly silent, with a final note in the last measure. The Horns and Trumpets play a melodic line, starting with a forte (*f*) dynamic and transitioning to piano (*p*). The Tenor Trombones and Baritone Trombone play a rhythmic pattern, alternating between forte (*f*) and piano (*p*). The Tuba is silent throughout.

Score for Soprano (Sop.), Horns 1 & 2 (Hn. 1, 2), Horns 3 & 4 (Hn. 3, 4), Trumpets 1 & 2 (Tpt. 1, 2), Tenor Trombone 1 (Tbn. 1), Tenor Trombone 2 (Tbn. 2), Baritone Trombone (B. Tbn.), and Tuba (Tba.).

The score is written in 8/8 time. The Soprano part begins at measure 10, marked with a circled "10". The Soprano part has the lyrics "we live" under the final note. The Horns and Trumpets play a melodic line, starting with a forte (*f*) dynamic and transitioning to mezzo-forte (*mf*). The Tenor Trombone 1 and Tenor Trombone 2 play a rhythmic pattern, alternating between mezzo-forte (*mf*) and piano (*p*). The Baritone Trombone and Tuba play a rhythmic pattern, alternating between mezzo-forte (*mf*) and piano (*p*).

Sop. — the op - po - site da - ring

Hn. 1

Hn. 2 *p* *mf* *p*

Hn. 3, 4 3. *p* *mf* *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *mf*

Tbn. 1 *mf*

Tbn. 2 *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

B. Tbn. *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Tba. *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

11

Sop. in a thin voice

Hn. 1, 2 2. *p* *mf* *p* *p* *f*

Hn. 3, 4 3. *p* *mf* *p* *p* *f*

Tpt. 1, 2 *mf* *p* *f*

Tbn. 1 *f* *p* *f*

Tbn. 2 *mf* *p* *f* *p* *f*

B. Tbn. *mf* *p* *f* *p* *f*

Tba. *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *f* *p*

Sop.

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

fp *f* *p* *f* *fp*

p *f* *p* *f* *fp*

p *f* *p* *f* *fp*

p *f* *p* *f* *fp*

f *p* *f* *p* *f*

12 *f*

Sop.

quit lux - u - ri - ous wo - - man

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

f *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

f *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

f *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

f *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

f *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

13 *f*

Sop. *f* you, *p* I want to suf - fer *f* in my - *p*

Hn. 1 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Hn. 2 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Hn. 3, 4 4. *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f* *f* *p* *f* *p*

B. Tbn. *f* *p* *f* *f* *p*

Tba. *p* *f*

Sop. *f* self *p* I am a - ware of this *f*

Hn. 1 *f* *p* *f*

Hn. 2 *f* *p* *f*

Hn. 3, 4 *f* *p* *f*

Tpt. 1, 2 *p* *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f*

B. Tbn. *p* *f* *f*

Tba. *p* *f*

14

Sop. *p* deep sound

Hn. 1, 2 *p*

Hn. 3, 4 *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *p*

Tbn. 1, 2 *p*

B. Tbn. *p*

Tba.

15

Sop. *mf* who ho - nored me by

Hn. 1, 2 *mf*

Hn. 3, 4 *mf*

Tpt. 1, 2 *mf*

Tbn. 1, 2 *mf*

B. Tbn. *mf*

Tba.

16

This musical score is for the song "The Rose Tree" and is arranged for a vocal soloist and a brass ensemble. The score is written for six staves:

- Sop.** (Soprano): The vocal line, featuring a melody with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and catchy, with a repeat sign at the end.
- Hn. 1, 2** (Horn 1, 2): The first two horns, playing a harmonic accompaniment to the vocal melody.
- Hn. 3, 4** (Horn 3, 4): The next two horns, also playing a harmonic accompaniment.
- Tpt. 1, 2** (Trumpet 1, 2): The first two trumpets, playing a harmonic accompaniment.
- Tbn. 1, 2** (Trombone 1, 2): The first two trombones, playing a harmonic accompaniment.
- B. Tbn.** (Baritone Trombone): A baritone trombone, playing a harmonic accompaniment.
- Tba.** (Tuba): The tuba, playing a harmonic accompaniment.

The score is written in a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The vocal melody is simple and catchy, with a repeat sign at the end. The brass ensemble provides a harmonic accompaniment to the vocal melody. The score is written for a vocal soloist and a brass ensemble.

Sop. *f* stars _____ a - round _____ the

Hn. 1 (gliss.) *f*

Hn. 2 *f*

Hn. 3 *f*

Hn. 4 *f*

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Sop. *f* beau - ti - ful moon hide _____

Hn. 1, 2 2. *f* 1.

Hn. 3 *f*

Hn. 4 *f*

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Sop. back their lu - mi - nous form when - *f*

Hn. 1

Hn. 2 *f*

Hn. 3 *f*

Hn. 4 *f*

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Sop. ev - ver all full she shines on the earth.

Hn. 1, 2 *f*

Hn. 3 *p cresc.*

Hn. 4 *f*

Tpt. 1 *p* *f* *p*

Tpt. 2 *p* *f* *p*

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2 *p cresc.*

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Sop. sil - ver - y

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3 *f*

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1 *f* *p*

Tpt. 2 *f* *p*

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2 *f*

B. Tbn.

Tba.

17

Sop. *mf* I long and seek

Hn. 1, 2 *mf*

Hn. 3 *mf*

Hn. 4 *mf*

Tpt. 1 *mf*

Tpt. 2 *mf*

Tbn. 1 *mf*

Tbn. 2 *mf*

B. Tbn. *mf*

Tba. *mf*

18

mp

Sop. af - ter in my drip - ping (pain)

Hn. 1, 2 *mp*

Hn. 3 *mp*

Hn. 4 *mp*

Tpt. 1 *mf* *mp*

Tpt. 2 *mf* *mp*

Tbn. 1, 2 *mp*

B. Tbn. *mp*

Tba. *mp*

Sop. the bla - mer may winds and ter - rors car - ry him off

Hn. 1, 2 *mp* *mf*

Hn. 3 *mp* *mf*

Hn. 4 *mp* *mf*

Tpt. 1, 2 *mp*

Tbn. 1, 2 *mp* *mf*

B. Tbn. *mp* *mf*

Tba. *mf*

19

Sop. *mf*
you burn me

Hn. 1, 2 *mf* *f*

Hn. 3, 4 *mf* *f*

Tpt. 1, 2 *mf* *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f*

B. Tbn. *f*

Tba. *f*

20

Sop. *mf*
for you beau - ti - ful ones

Hn. 1 *mf* *p* (open) *mf*

Hn. 2 *mf* *p* (open) *mf*

Hn. 3 *mf*

Hn. 4 *mf*

Tpt. 1 *con sord.* *mf* *p*

Tpt. 2 *con sord.* *mf* *p*

Tbn. 1 *con sord. (plunger)* *mf* *p*

Tbn. 2 *mf*

B. Tbn. *mf*

Tba. *mf*

Sop. my thought is not chan - gea - ble

Hn. 1 *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Hn. 2 *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1 *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Tpt. 2 *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Tbn. 1 (con sord.) *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

21

Sop. *mf* their heart grew cold

Hn. 1, 2 *mp* *p* *mf* *p* *p*

Hn. 3, 4 *mp* *p* *mf* *p* *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 senza sord. *mp* *p*

Tbn. 1, 2 senza sord. *mp* *p*

B. Tbn. *mp* *p*

Tba. *mp* *p*

22

Sop. *p* they let their wings down____ *mf* *f* beau - ti - ful he

Hn. 1 *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *f*

Hn. 2 *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *f*

Hn. 3, 4 *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *f*

Tpt. 1 *mf* *p* *mf*

Tpt. 2 *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Tbn. 1, 2 *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

B. Tbn. *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Tba. *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Sop. *p* stirs up *f* still things *p* ex - haus - tion *f* the mind set - tles down____ *p* but

Hn. 1 *p* *f* *p*

Hn. 2 *p* *f* *p*

Hn. 3, 4 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *p* *p* *fp* *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *p* *p* *fp* *f*

B. Tbn. *f* *f* *p*

Tba. *f* *p*

(23)

Sop. *f* come O be - lo - veds *p* for day is near *f*

Hn. 1, 2 *fp* *f*

Hn. 3, 4 *fp* *f* (open) *mf*

Tpt. 1, 2 *p* *p* *mf*

Tbn. 1 *p* *p* *mf* *mf*

Tbn. 2 *p* *p* *mf* *mf*

B. Tbn. *mf*

Tba. *p* *mf*

Sop. *mf* of the Mu - ses *mf* makes and of the Gra - ces

Hn. 1, 2 (open) *mf* *mf*

Hn. 3, 4 *mf*

Tpt. 1, 2 *mf* *mf*

Tbn. 1 *mf* *mf*

Tbn. 2 *mf*

B. Tbn. *mf*

Tba. *mf*

24

Sop. *mf* with slen - der for mor - tals; there is a share *f* as

Hn. 1, 2 *mf*

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1, 2 *mf* *f*

Tbn. 1 *mf* *f*

Tbn. 2 *mf* *f*

B. Tbn. *f*

Tba. *mf* *f*

25

Sop. long as you want and *p*

Hn. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Hn. 3 *f* *p* *f* *p* *p*

Hn. 4 *f* *p* *f* *p* *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tbn. 1, 2 *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

B. Tbn. *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tba. *p* *f* *p*

Sop. *p* I _____ on a soft pil - low _____ will lay down _____ my limbs _____

Hn. 1 *p*

Hn. 2 *p*

Hn. 3 *p*

Hn. 4 *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *p*

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

(26)

Sop. *f* I would not

Hn. 1 *p*

Hn. 2 *p*

Hn. 3, 4 *p* *f*

Tpt. 1, 2 *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *p* *f*

B. Tbn. *p* *f*

Tba. *p* *f*

Sop. think _____ to touch the sky with two arms _____

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.



(27)

Sop.

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Sop. *f* pure Gra - ces with arms like

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4 *fp* *f* *p*

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Sop. ro - ses come here daugh - ters of Zeus

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4 *fp* *f*

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

(28)

Sop. *mf* hav - ing come from hea - ven

Hn. 1, 2 *mf*

Hn. 3, 4 *p* *mf*

Tpt. 1, 2 *mf* a2

Tbn. 1, 2 *mf*

B. Tbn. *mf*

Tba. *mf*

Sop. *mf* wrapped in a pur - ple cloak

Hn. 1, 2 *mf*

Hn. 3, 4 *mf*

Tpt. 1, 2 *mf*

Tbn. 1, 2 *mf*

B. Tbn. *mf*

Tba. *mf*

29

Sop. *f*
not one girl I think who looks on the light of the

Hn. 1, 2 *mf* *fp* *fp* *f*

Hn. 3, 4 *mf* *fp* *fp* *f*

Tpt. 1, 2 *p* *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f* *f*

B. Tbn. *f* *f*

Tba. *f* *f*

Sop. *p* *f*
sun will e - ver have wis - dom like this

Hn. 1, 2 *fp* *fp* *f*

Hn. 3, 4 *fp* *fp* *f*

Tpt. 1, 2 *p*

Tbn. 1 *p* *f*

Tbn. 2 *f* *p* *f*

B. Tbn. *f* *p* *f*

Tba. *f* *p* *f*

30

Score for measures 30-33. The score is written for Soprano (Sop.), Horns 1 & 2 (Hn. 1, 2), Horns 3 & 4 (Hn. 3, 4), Trumpets 1 & 2 (Tpt. 1, 2), Trombone 1 (Tbn. 1), Trombone 2 (Tbn. 2), Baritone Trombone (B. Tbn.), and Tuba (Tba.). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes dynamic markings such as *fp*, *f*, *p*, and *mf*.



Score for measures 34-37. The score is written for Soprano (Sop.), Horns 1 & 2 (Hn. 1, 2), Horns 3 & 4 (Hn. 3, 4), Trumpets 1 & 2 (Tpt. 1, 2), Trombone 1 & 2 (Tbn. 1, 2), Baritone Trombone (B. Tbn.), and Tuba (Tba.). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes dynamic markings such as *p*, *mf*, and *mp*. The vocal part (Sop.) includes lyrics: "play - ing for me harsh".



31

Sop. *p* Aph - ro - di - te sweet - word - ed de - si - res throw hold - ing sits dew's

Hn. 1, 2 *p*

Hn. 3, 4 *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *p* con sord. (cup mute)

Tbn. 1 *p*

Tbn. 2 *p*

B. Tbn.

Tba. *p*

32

Sop. *mf* nor de - si - re but all at once

Hn. 1 *mf*

Hn. 2 *mf*

Hn. 3 *mf*

Hn. 4 *mf*

Tpt. 1, 2 *mf*

Tbn. 1, 2 *mf*

B. Tbn.

Tba. *mf*

33 *f*

Sop. *blos - som* *de - si - re* *took* *de - light* *all* *but*

Hn. 1 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Hn. 2 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Hn. 3 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Hn. 4 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f* *p* *senza sord.*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f*

B. Tbn. *f*

Tba. *f* *p* *f* *p*

34 *p* *mf*

Sop. *diff - erent* *hair* *and* *with* *de - li - cate*

Hn. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *mf*

Hn. 3, 4 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *mf*

Tpt. 1, 2 *p* *con sord. (straight mute)* *p*

Tbn. 1, 2 *fp* *f* *mf* *p*

B. Tbn. *fp* *f* *mf* *p*

Tba. *f* *p* *f* *p* *fp* *f* *mf*

(35)

Sop. wo - - ven cloths co - vered her up well

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

mf *p* *mf* *p* *f* *mf* *p* *mf* *f*

Sop. sweet mo - ther I can not

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

2. *f* *f* *p* *f* *f* *f*

Sop. work the loom I am broken with

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.



The image shows a page from a musical score for 'The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas'. The score is written for Soprano (Sop.), Horns (Hn. 1, 2, 3, 4), Trombones (Tpt. 1, 2; Tbn. 1, 2; B. Tbn.), and Tuba (Tba.). The time signature is 7/8. The Soprano part includes the lyrics: 'long - ing — for a boy by slen - der Aph - ro - di - te'. The instrumental parts include various musical notations such as dynamics (f, p, fp, f), articulation (accents), and phrasing slurs. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines, with some measures containing multiple rests or specific rhythmic patterns.

Score for measures 35-38, featuring Soprano (Sop.), Horns 1 & 2 (Hn. 1, 2), Horns 3 & 4 (Hn. 3, 4), Trumpets 1 & 2 (Tpt. 1, 2), Trombones 1 & 2 (Tbn. 1, 2), Baritone Trombone (B. Tbn.), and Tuba (Tba.).

Measure 35: Sop. is silent. Hn. 1, 2 and Hn. 3, 4 play a triplet of eighth notes. Tpt. 1, 2 is silent. Tbn. 1, 2 and B. Tbn. play a triplet of eighth notes. Tba. plays a half note.

Measure 36: Sop. is silent. Hn. 1, 2 and Hn. 3, 4 play a triplet of eighth notes. Tpt. 1, 2 is silent. Tbn. 1, 2 and B. Tbn. play a triplet of eighth notes. Tba. plays a half note.

Measure 37: Sop. is silent. Hn. 1, 2 and Hn. 3, 4 play a triplet of eighth notes. Tpt. 1, 2 is silent. Tbn. 1, 2 and B. Tbn. play a triplet of eighth notes. Tba. plays a half note.

Measure 38: Sop. is silent. Hn. 1, 2 and Hn. 3, 4 play a triplet of eighth notes. Tpt. 1, 2 is silent. Tbn. 1, 2 and B. Tbn. play a triplet of eighth notes. Tba. plays a half note.



Score for measures 39-42, featuring Soprano (Sop.), Horns 1 & 2 (Hn. 1, 2), Horns 3 & 4 (Hn. 3, 4), Trumpets 1 & 2 (Tpt. 1, 2), Trombones 1 & 2 (Tbn. 1, 2), Baritone Trombone (B. Tbn.), and Tuba (Tba.).

Measure 39: Sop. is silent. Hn. 1, 2 and Hn. 3, 4 play a triplet of eighth notes. Tpt. 1, 2 is silent. Tbn. 1, 2 and B. Tbn. play a triplet of eighth notes. Tba. plays a half note.

Measure 40: Sop. is silent. Hn. 1, 2 and Hn. 3, 4 play a triplet of eighth notes. Tpt. 1, 2 is silent. Tbn. 1, 2 and B. Tbn. play a triplet of eighth notes. Tba. plays a half note.

Measure 41: Sop. is silent. Hn. 1, 2 and Hn. 3, 4 play a triplet of eighth notes. Tpt. 1, 2 is silent. Tbn. 1, 2 and B. Tbn. play a triplet of eighth notes. Tba. plays a half note.

Measure 42: Sop. is silent. Hn. 1, 2 and Hn. 3, 4 play a triplet of eighth notes. Tpt. 1, 2 is silent. Tbn. 1, 2 and B. Tbn. play a triplet of eighth notes. Tba. plays a half note.

Sop. *f* of the cham - ber_

Hn. 1, 2 *p*

Hn. 3, 4 *p* *f*

Tpt. 1, 2 *p* *f* *p*

Tbn. 1, 2 *p* *f*

B. Tbn. *p* *f*

Tba. breathe as necessary *f*



Sop. _____ bride_____ with beau - - ti - ful feet_____

Hn. 1, 2 *f*

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1, 2 *f* *p*

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

37 *f* they heard mai - dens_____ *mf* of all_____

38

Sop.

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

39

Sop.

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Sop. *p* do _____ I still

Hn. 1 *p*

Hn. 2 *p* 3

Hn. 3, 4 *p* 3

Tpt. 1, 2 3

Tbn. 1, 2 3

B. Tbn. *p*

Tba.



Sop. yearn _____ for my vir - gi - ni - ty?

Hn. 1, 2 3

Hn. 3, 4 3

Tpt. 1, 2 *p* 3

Tbn. 1, 2 *p* 3

B. Tbn.

Tba.

(40)

Sop. *f* O beau - ti - ful

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4 *f*

Tpt. 1, 2 *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f*

B. Tbn. *f*

Tba. *f*



(41)

Sop. *f* O grace - ful one for

Hn. 1 *p* *f*

Hn. 2 *f*

Hn. 3, 4 *p* *f*

Tpt. 1, 2 *p* *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *fp* *f* *p* *f*

B. Tbn. *fp* *f* *p* *f*

Tba. *f*

Sop. no o - ther girl O bride - groom such as this one now _____

Hn. 1 *f*

Hn. 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba. *f* 8^{vb}.

(42)

Sop. yes! *f* ra - di-ant ly - re _____

Hn. 1, 2 (1.) *fp*

Hn. 3 *fp*

Hn. 4 *fp*

Tpt. 1, 2 *fp* *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *fp*

B. Tbn. *fp*

Tba. *fp*

Sop. *f* speak to me _____ be - come a _____ voice _____

Hn. 1, 2 *f* *a2* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp*

Hn. 3 *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp*

Hn. 4 *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp*

Tpt. 1 *f* *fp* *fp* *fp*

Tpt. 2 *f* *fp* *fp* *fp*

Tbn. 1, 2 *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp*

B. Tbn. *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp*

Tba. *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp*

43 Sop. *f* but I am _____ not some - one _____ who likes to wound _____ *f* ra - ther I have _____ a qui - et mind _____

Hn. 1 *f*

Hn. 2 *f* *p* *f* *p*

Hn. 3, 4 *f* *p* *f* *p* 3.

Tpt. 1, 2 *p* *f* *p*

Tbn. 1 *f*

Tbn. 2 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

B. Tbn. *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tba. *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

44 *f*

Sop. ga - ther - ing flow - ers so ve - ry de - li - cate a

Hn. 1

Hn. 2 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Hn. 3, 4 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 con sord. (cup mute) *f* *p* *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f* *p*

B. Tbn. *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tba. *f* *p* *f* *p*

45 *f*

Sop. girl just now gold san - daled dawn

Hn. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f*

Hn. 3, 4 *f* *p* *f*

Tpt. 1, 2 *p* *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f*

B. Tbn. *f*

Tba. *f* *p* *f*

46 47

Sop. *f* I used to weave _____ crowns

Hn. 1 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f*

Hn. 2 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f*

Hn. 3 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f*

Hn. 4 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f*

Tpt. 1, 2 *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tbn. 1, 2 *p* *f* *p* *f* *f*

B. Tbn. *p* *f* *p* *f* *f*

Tba. *p* *f*

Sop. *f* may you

Hn. 1, 2 *f*

Hn. 3, 4 *f*

Tpt. 1, 2 *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f*

B. Tbn. *f*

Tba. *f*

Sop. *sleep* _____ *on* _____ *the* _____ *breast* _____ *of* _____ *your* _____ *de - li - cate* _____ *friend* _____

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

48 *f*

Sop. _____ *or* _____ *you* _____ *love* _____ *some* _____ *man* _____ *more* _____ *than* _____ *me* _____

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1, 2 *senza sord.*

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

49

Sop. *f* mes - sen - ger of spring

Hn. 1, 2 *f*

Hn. 3, 4 *p* *f*

Tpt. 1, 2 *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f*

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn. *f*

Tba. *f*

Sop. *f* nigh - tin - gale with a

Hn. 1, 2 *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f*

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1, 2 *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f*

B. Tbn.

Tba.

50

Sop. voice of long - - ing

Hn. 1, 2 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *ff*

Hn. 3, 4 *ff*

Tpt. 1, 2 *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *ff*

Tbn. 1, 2 *ff*

B. Tbn. *ff*

Tba. *ff*



51 8vb opt. to 52→

Sop. *ff* girl sweet - - voiced - - guard her

Hn. 1, 2 *ff*

Hn. 3, 4 *ff*

Tpt. 1, 2 *p* *ff*

Tbn. 1, 2 *ff*

B. Tbn. *ff*

Tba. *ff*

Sop. *ff*
bride - grooms - kings of ci - ties

Hn. 1, 2 *ff*

Hn. 3, 4 *ff*

Tpt. 1, 2 *p* *ff* *ff* *p*

Tbn. 1, 2 *p* *ff* *p*

B. Tbn. *p* *ff* *p*

Tba. *p* *ff* *p*

52 *f* (loco) 53 *p* *f*
my dar - ling one that man seems to him - self

Hn. 1, 2 *f* *fp* *f* *p*

Hn. 3, 4 *f* *fp* *f* *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *f* *p* 6

Tbn. 1, 2 *f* *p* 3 3 3 a2

B. Tbn. *f* *p* 3 3 3

Tba. *f* *fp* *f*

54

Sop.

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

f *p* *ff* *f* *ff* *p*

[illegible]

55 *meno mosso* (♩ = 116)

Sop. *voiced*

Hn. 1, 2 *p* *ff* *p*

Hn. 3, 4 *ff* *p* *ff* *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *ff* *p sub.*

Tbn. 1 *ff* *p* *ff* *p*

Tbn. 2 *ff* *p* *ff* *p*

B. Tbn. *ff* *p* *ff* *p*

Tba. *ff* *p* *ff* *p*

Sop. *p* *f* *p*
myth - wea - ver

Hn. 1, 2 *p* (open)

Hn. 3 *p*

Hn. 4 *p*

Tpt. 1, 2 *fp*

Tbn. 1 *p* *fp* *p*

Tbn. 2 *p* *fp* *p*

B. Tbn. *fp* *p*

Tba. *p*