

The Art of Venus

a chamber opera
by Edward Lambert





In 1914 Mary Richardson, a prominent suffragette, entered London's National Gallery with a meat cleaver, and repeatedly slashed the painting by Velazquez known as the Rokeby Venus. So shocking was this incident, that contemporary reports describe "cruel" wounds as though inflicted on an actual female body rather than on a artwork. "The incident has come to symbolize a particular perception of feminist attitudes towards the female nude; in a sense, it has come to represent a specific stereotypical image of feminism more generally." (Lynda Nead, 'The Female Nude: Art, Obscenity, and Sexuality', New York, 1992)

In 2013, the selection process began to find crews for the first one-way missions to Mars. In 2027, as the spacecraft hurtles through space, humanity holds its breath... can the planet be colonised?

But has anyone reckoned on Venus? An opera about the power of the gods - and a myth waiting to happen.

Synopsis

We are introduced to Three Earthlings as they blast off from Earth on their one-way mission to settle on Mars. Mars himself recalls his union with Venus and his glorious past as a god; if only humans would return to him and he could see Venus once more in the flesh.

In the confines of their spacecraft, the Earthlings are excited and apprehensive about their future: they are moved to ecstasy by their view of Earth to which they will never return and the prospect of their new life on the Red Planet.

As they report to Mission Control, Mars thinks he hears voices, then is surprised and aroused by the appearance of Venus herself.

Older now and scarred, she scornfully refuses his advances; degraded in Art as an object of human lust, she has come in revenge to thwart the Earthlings' plan. Learning that humans are coming not as worshippers but as conquerors, Mars falls grief-stricken and, with nowhere to go, the spacecraft plummets to oblivion. But Venus isn't finished yet...

The Art of Venus

libretto by Max Waller and Edward Lambert

Characters:

The planetary deities:

Mars - *baritone*

Venus - *mezzo-soprano*

The Earthlings:

Earthling 1 - *soprano*

Earthling 2 - *tenor*

Earthling 3 - *bass*

Scene: The planet Mars, and a space capsule heading towards it

Instruments:

Marimba (5 octave)

Violin

Cello

Accordion

Duration: about 33 minutes

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Chamber Opera

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Prologue, on Earth as the Earthlings prepare to embark

$\text{♩} = 80$

Earthlings

Earthling 1
Earthling 2
Earthling 3

We ven - ture forth to es - tab - lish _
We ven - ture forth to es - tab - lish _
We ven - ture forth to es - tab - lish _

E.1
E.2
E.3

— a set - tle - ment on Mars. More than two hun - dred thou - sand
— a set - tle - ment on Mars. More than two hun - dred thou - sand
— a set - tle - ment on Mars. More than two hun - dred thou - sand

E.1 men and wo-men from a-round the world re - spon-ded to the call for as - tro-nauts: _____

E.2 men and wo-men from a-round the world re - spon-ded to the call for as - tro-nauts: _____

E.3 men and wo-men from a-round the world re - spon-ded to the call for as - tro-nauts: _____

11

E.1 we will be re - mem - bered for _____

E.2 we will be re - mem - bered for _____

E.3 we will be re - mem - bered for _____

E.1 all e - ter - ni - ty!

E.2 all e - ter - ni - ty!

E.3 all e - ter - ni - ty!

17

E.3

I dream of in - ter - pla - ne - tary tra - vel as a means to lift hu - ma - ni - ty out of

p

E.3

po - ver - ty and war, to fos - ter a new ci - vi - li - sa -

24

E.2

I am a Mar - tian! I want to ask you hu - mans:

E.3

- tion, to cre - ate hope for our youth.

E.2

are you peace - ful to - wards one a - no - ther and o - ther spe - cies? do you care for the

29

E.1 I pride — my-

E.2 pla-net or will you de-stroy it?

E.3 It's time for an e-xo-dus, a voyage to a new

E.1 self — on — my work e - thic, but I like — to have fun — and —

E.3 world, of - fer-ing new i-deas — — — — — for

E.1 make peo-ple smile. There's more to life — — — — — than

E.2 what are your com-mon aims? Se - rious - ly,

E.3 new — — — — — a - chiev - - - - - ments.

41

E.1 mar - riage and ba - bies so I es - cape

E.2 se - rious - ly, pro - gress ex - pands our em - pa - thy,

E.3 I a - wait my fu - ture, hands on

E.1 this en - vi - ron - ment to tra - vel the u - ni - verse

E.2 pro - gress ex - pands our em - pa - thy be - yond fron - tiers, be - yond fron - tiers of

E.3 heart, rea - dy to face what - e - ver the

E.1 for some a - ma - zing ex - pe - rien - ces,

E.2 fa - mily, na - tion or ter - rain. On - ly tech - no - lo - gi - cal ad - van - ces

E.3 U - ni - verse has to throw at me. This is my

E.1 for some a - ma - - zing ex - pe - rien - ces! I love a - dre -

E.2 will se - cure the fu - ture of the hu - man race.

E.3 cal - ling, and the time is now.

53

E.1 - na - line! We ven - ture forth to es - tab - lish a set - tle - ment on

E.2 We ven - ture forth to es - tab - lish a set - tle - ment on

E.3 We ven - ture forth to es - tab - lish a set - tle - ment on

(The spacecraft blasts off from Earth)

E.1 Mars, on Mars...

E.2 Mars, on Mars...

E.3 Mars, on Mars...

(The scene reveals the figure of Mars on his eponymous planet, dressed in battle armour and carrying a large spear. It is a beautiful, red dawn. Briefly we notice on an easel Velazquez' painting of Venus, a vision which fades as Mars wakes from sleep)

61 $\text{♩} = 66$

pp *p*

Mars

M. Ve - nus,

M. Ve - nus!

M. What was it that a - woke me from my dream?

73

M.

Some strange _____ fore-bo - ding? Have I _____ been a-sleep all this

M.

— time, e - ver since Rome turned its back on me?

84

M.

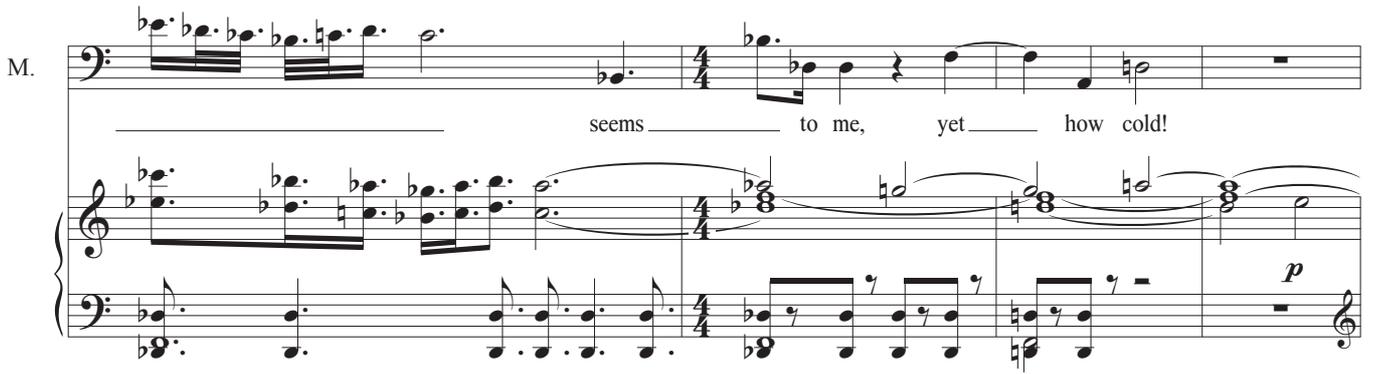
Ve-nus, I see _____ you now!

M.

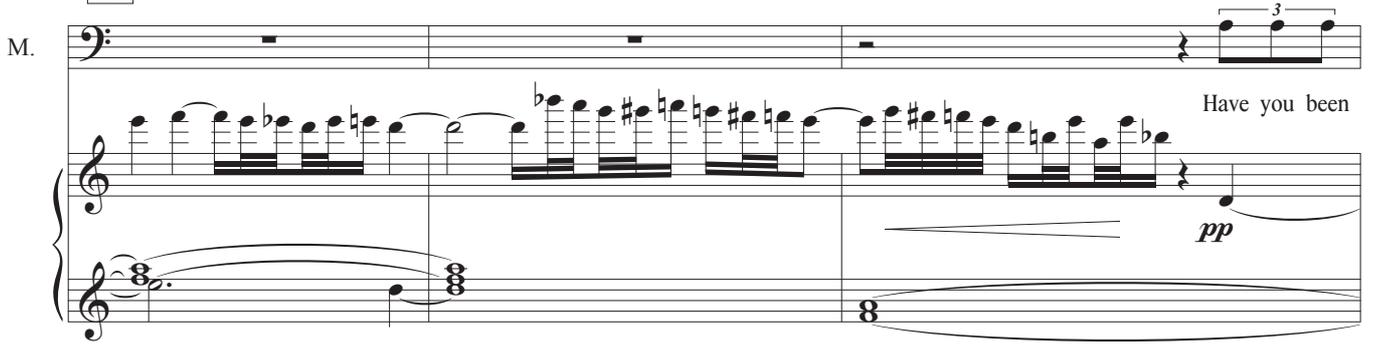
How dazz - - - ling your light, _____

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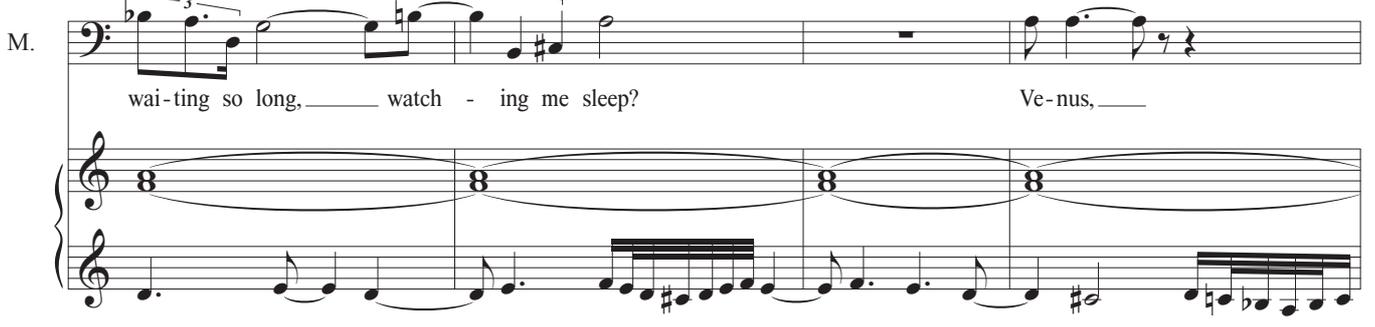
M. 
how daz - - - - - ling your light

M. 
seems to me, yet how cold!

96

M. 
Have you been

101

M. 
wai-ting so long, watch - ing me sleep? Ve-nus,

M. 
Ve - nus, Ve - nus, Ve - nus, Ve - nus!

M.

Say some - thing, give me a sign! ___

112

$\text{♩} = 126$

Earthlings (in the capsule, to one another in conversation)

E.1

E.2

E.3

The odds were, the odds were six - ty

The odds were, the odds were six - ty

The odds were, the odds were six - ty

p

E.1

E.2

E.3

thou - sand to one, the odds were, the odds were six - ty, six - ty thou -

thou - sand to one, the odds were, the odds were six - ty, six - ty thou -

thou - sand to one, the odds were, the odds were six - ty, six - ty thou -

128

132

E.1
- sand to one: they chose us!

E.2
- sand to one: they chose us!

E.3
- sand to one: they chose us!

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 128 through 132. It features three vocal staves (E.1, E.2, E.3) and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are in 4/4 time and sing the lyrics: "sand to one: they chose us!". The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line with chords. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

E.1
They chose us de-mo - cra - ti - cally, plucked from ob -

E.2
They chose us de-mo - cra - ti - cally, plucked from ob -

E.3
They chose us de-mo - cra - ti - cally, plucked from ob -

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 133 through 138. The vocal parts (E.1, E.2, E.3) sing the lyrics: "They chose us de-mo - cra - ti - cally, plucked from ob -". The piano accompaniment includes triplets in the right hand and chords in the left hand. The time signature changes from 4/4 to 3/4 and then to 6/8. The key signature remains one sharp (F#).

E.1
scu - ri - ty! A big re - spon - si - bi - li - ty, Earth's

E.2
scu - ri - ty! A big re - spon - si - bi - li - ty, Earth's

E.3
scu - ri - ty! A big re - spon - si - bi - li - ty, Earth's

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 139 through 144. The vocal parts (E.1, E.2, E.3) sing the lyrics: "scu - ri - ty! A big re - spon - si - bi - li - ty, Earth's". The piano accompaniment features a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line with chords. The time signature changes from 6/8 to 3/4 and then to 6/8. The key signature remains one sharp (F#).

148

E.1 re - pre - sen - ta - tives! A once in a life-time op - por - tu - ni - ty,

E.2 re - pre - sen - ta - tives! They ask us

E.3 re - pre - sen - ta - tives! A once in a life-time op - por - tu - ni - ty,

E.1 once in a life - time, op - por - tu - ni - ty: a one - way,

E.2 back on Earth how it feels up here: they should

E.3 once in a life - time, op - por - tu - ni - ty: a one - way,

159

E.1 ti - cket to e - ter - ni - ty!

E.2 see! We tell them, the

E.3 ti - cket to e - ter - ni - ty!

E.1 We tell them, the stars, the stars, they look won - der - ful, the

E.2 stars, the stars, they look won - der - ful, we tell them, the

E.3 We tell them, the stars, the stars,

E.1 stars, the stars, they look won - der - ful! Here is no gra - vi - ty,

E.2 stars, the stars, they look won - der - ful!

E.3 they look, they look won - der - ful!

171

E.1 in - stead our minds are weighed down with mea - ning, drea - ming -

E.2 while our ship moves -

E.3 Ten long years we've been li - ving to - ge -

E.1
 — of our life to come, the gla - mour —

E.2
 — through the dark - ness, the sta - sis, the si - lence is awe - some, the

E.3
 - ther, we've been wor - king to - ge -

180

E.1
 — of what lies be-yond!

E.2
 strange - ness, the ter -ror, the fear of the fu - ture and what lies in store for us

E.3
 - - - ther...

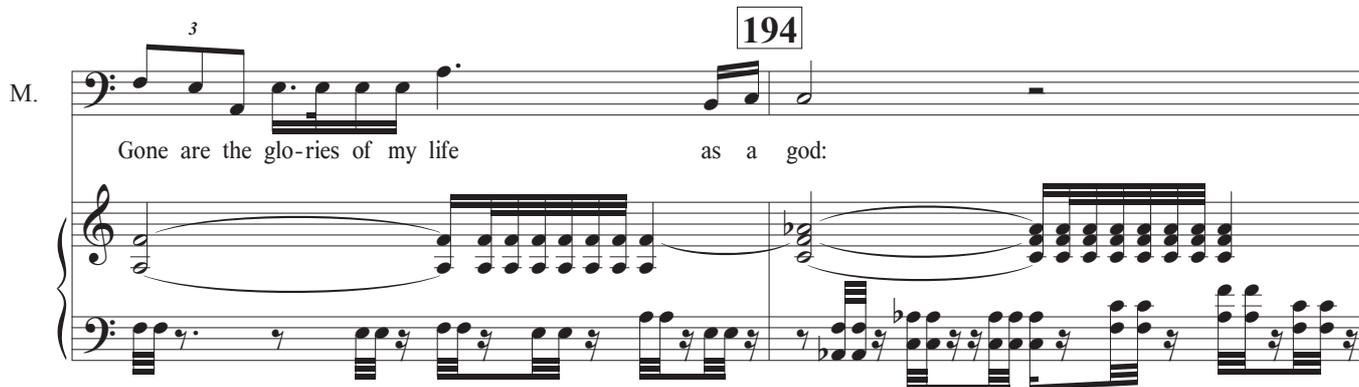
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♩ = 66

E.2
 when we — ar - rive...

Mars

M. 
No an - swer yet,

M. 
Gone are the glo-ries of my life as a god:

M. 
as the pa-tron of war - tions I knew no fear. I

M. 
crushed re-bel - ions on blood - stained roads, laid

M. 
siege to great ci-ties, and

202

M. *de - fen - ded Rome, Ro - ma*

M. *Ae - ter - na, Ro -*

M. *ma Ae - ter - na!*

207

M. *But when the Em - pire fell to its knees*

M. *I re - mained stan - ding, I sur - vived*

M.

as I al - ways shall, yet a - ban - doned by

216

M.

men. Wars di - vide them, it was e - ver thus; this

M.

blood red dust is all I have left of my splen - dour;

M.

im - preg - na - ble, un - rea - cha - ble.

224

♩. = 48

Earthlings

E.1

and le - gend is the font of

p Deeds are the germ of le - gend,

E.1
myth. strong

E.2
sai - lors of the stars,

E.3
The first a-stro-nauts were in -

E.1
- - willed war - riors were our he - -

E.2
- - were in - deed our he - roes;

E.3
deed - - our - - he - - roes;

233

E.1
- roes; now we reach out not

E.2

E.3

E.1 _____ for te - ri - tory _____ to con - quer,

E.2 not for _____ te - ri - tory to con - quer, but a fra - gile o -

E.3 not for te - ri - tory to con - quer,

238

E.1 in the vast - ness _____ to nur - ture.

E.2 a - sis in the vast - ness _____ to nur - ture.

E.3 in the vast - ness _____ to nur - ture. So, in - stead of con - quering pio - neers, we are

E.1 _____

E.2 _____

E.3 mis - sio - na - ries rea - ching out _____ be - yond nor - ma - li - ty _____ to a grea - ter than our -

E.1

E.2

E.3

selves.

We a - lone must spell out new me - ta - phors of

245

E.1

E.2

E.3

con-text, mea-ning and myth,

that trans - form hu -

that trans -

p

E.1

E.2

E.3

man per - cep - tion of Space;

form hu - man per - cep - tion of

that trans - form hu - man per -

E.1
that _____ point to a

E.2
Space;

E.3
cep - tion _____ of Space;

E.1
new re - la - tion - ship _____ of em - pi - ri - cal _____

E.1
_____ and me - ta - phy - si - cal states, _____

258

E.1
and to new ways _____ of ex - pres - sing _____ that in - ef - fa - ble ex - pe - rience which is

E.2
and to new ways _____ of ex - pres - sing _____ that in - ef - fa - ble ex - pe - rience which is

E.3
and _____ to new ways _____ of ex - pres - sing _____ that in - ef - fa - ble ex - pe - rience which is

E.1
ab - so - lute - ly and for - e - ver and from e - very con - cei - va - ble hu - man stand - point un

E.2
ab - so - lute - ly and for - e - ver and from e - very con - cei - va - ble hu - man stand - point un

E.3
ab - so - lute - ly and for - e - ver and from e - very con - cei - va - ble hu - man stand - point un

(8^{va})

265

♩ = 80

Mars

M.
Men no lon - ger need their

E.1
know - a - ble.

E.2
know - a - ble.

E.3
know - a - ble.

(8^{va})

ff

3

M.
gods; they made us

3

3

M. ob - so - lete. I be - came the ghost of a for -

M. got - ten age, e - - xiled in this

M. va - - - cuum, this o - cean -

274

M. of emp - ti - ness; like stars

M. in the heaven, a re - lic from the past, an ex - hi - bit in the mu - seum.

p *f*

282

(♩ = 42)

M.

Earthlings

E.1

E.2

E.3

The Pale Blue Dot: a

The Pale Blue Dot: a speck of dust!

The Pale

E.1

E.2

E.3

speck of dust! the Pale Blue Dot: a speck of dust!

Blue Dot: a speck, a speck of dust!

floa -

295

301

E.1

E.2

E.3

floa - ting in a sun - beam.

ting in a sun - beam We weep -

floa - ting in a sun - beam

E.1
E.2
E.3

We weep we weep

We weep we

(♩. = 54)

E.1
E.2
E.3

for its frailty, its frailty, for its frailty

for its frailty, for its frailty

weep for its frailty,

313

E.1
E.2
E.3

ty;
ty; its lonely

E.2

or - - - bit is lost

E.2

in the u - - - ni-ty of no - - -

E.3

I had a

323

E.1

The o -

E.2

- thing - nesses.

E.3

dream that Mars had va - nished: there was no

E.1
- - ver - view: we feel _____ it, the _____

E.3
place _____ to land...

E.1
o - - - - - ver - view...

E.3
on - ly Earth of - fered shel - ter.

E.1

331

♩ = 76

Earthlings

E.1
E.2
E.3

"Qui - ri - nus to Mis - sion Con - trol:
"Qui - ri - nus to Mis - sion Con - trol:
"Qui - ri - nus to Mis - sion Con - trol:

f

E.1
E.2
E.3

"Qui - ri - nus to Mis - sion Con - trol:
"Qui - ri - nus to Mis - sion Con - trol:
"Qui - ri - nus to Mis - sion Con - trol:

344

E.1
E.2
E.3

p

Mars

349

M. *Voi - ces, who's cal - ling to me?*

E.1 *on - ly ten mil - lion ki - lo - me - ters*

E.2 *on - ly ten mil - lion ki - lo - me - ters*

E.3 *on - ly ten mil - lion ki - lo - me - ters*

6 6 6 6

p

353

M. *Have my cries been an - swered,*

E.1 *— to go!*

E.2 *— to go!*

E.3 *— to go!*

361

M.  or am I de - ceived?

E.1  Know ___ that these vi - stas

E.2  Know ___ that these vi - stas

E.3  Know ___ that these vi - stas



M. 

E.1  ___ of in - fi - ni - ty ___ yield ___ a new sense of re - a - li - ty: we've ___ had a

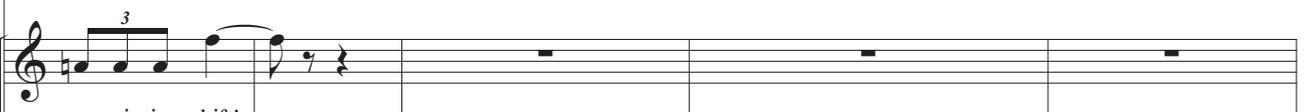
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E.3  ___ of in - fi - ni - ty ___ yield ___ a new sense of re - a - li - ty: we've ___ had a



374

M.  Is this the

E.1 
cog-ni-tive shift! _____

E.2 
cog-ni-tive shift! _____

E.3 
cog-ni-tive shift! _____



M.  past cal - ling me back?

E.1 
f If on-ly

E.2 
f If on-ly

E.3 
f If on-ly



(jubilant, and perhaps accompanying themselves with some maracas that happen to be in the cockpit)

381

E.1
all man-kind could feel this, all man-kind could feel this, if on-ly all man-

E.2
all man-kind could feel this, all man-kind could feel this, if on-ly all man-

E.3
all man-kind could feel this, all man-kind could feel this, if on-ly all man-

E.1
kind could feel this: the wis-dom of lea - ders would e - volve, e - volve in-to a

E.2
kind could feel this: the wis-dom of lea - ders would e - volve, e - volve in-to a

E.3
kind could feel this: the wis-dom of lea - ders would e - volve, e - volve in-to a

393

E.1
vi-tal force _____ for good. _____ Earth must,

E.2
vi-tal force _____ for good. _____ Earth must,

E.3
vi-tal force _____ for good. _____ Earth must,

E.1
Earth must be che - rished, Earth must be

E.2
Earth must be che - rished, Earth must be

E.3
Earth must be che - rished, Earth must be

E.1
che - rished, Earth must be che -

E.2
che - rished, Earth must be che -

E.3
che - rished, Earth must be che -

E.1
rished, che - - - rished,

E.2
rished, che - - - rished,

E.3
rished, che - - - rished,

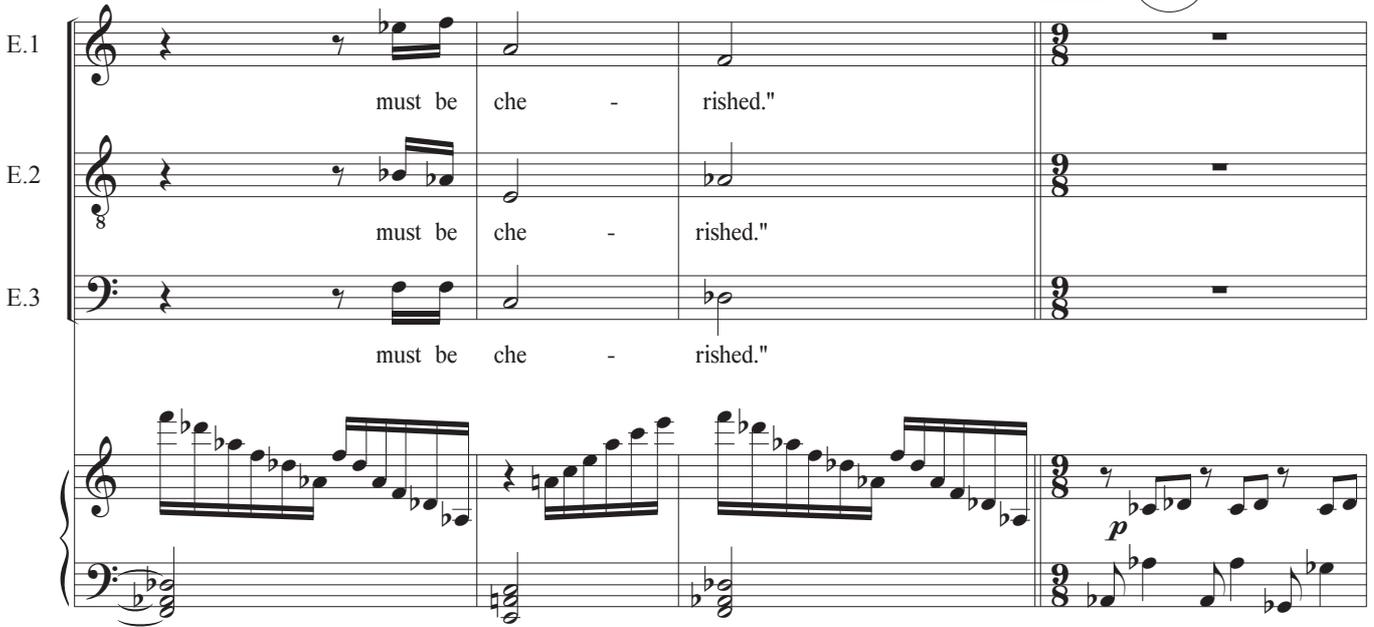
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♩. = 72

E.1 must be che - rished."

E.2 must be che - rished."

E.3 must be che - rished."



Mars

M. Ju - - pi-ter! fa - ther, ru-ler of the sky, are —



M. — you co-ming to res - cue me? — Is it my son, Qui-ri-nus?



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M. With-out him our Tri - ad — is in-com - plete.



M.  An - swer me, Ju - pi - ter. Qui - ri - nus, make your - self known, I

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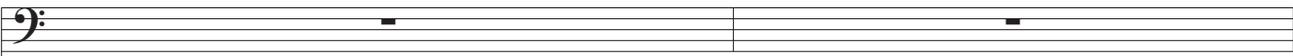
M.  com - mand you with my sa - cred spear!

M.  Ro - ling clouds of

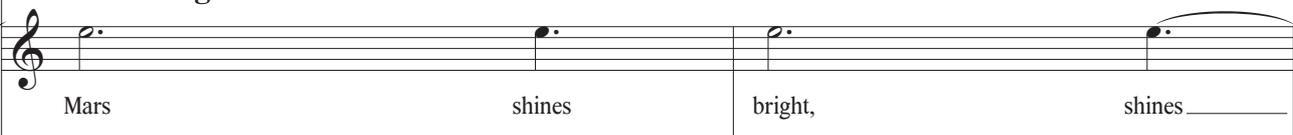
M.  sul - phurous light are swir - ling, swir - ling,

M.  all a - round!

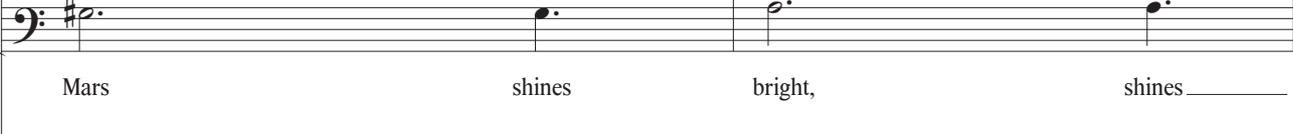
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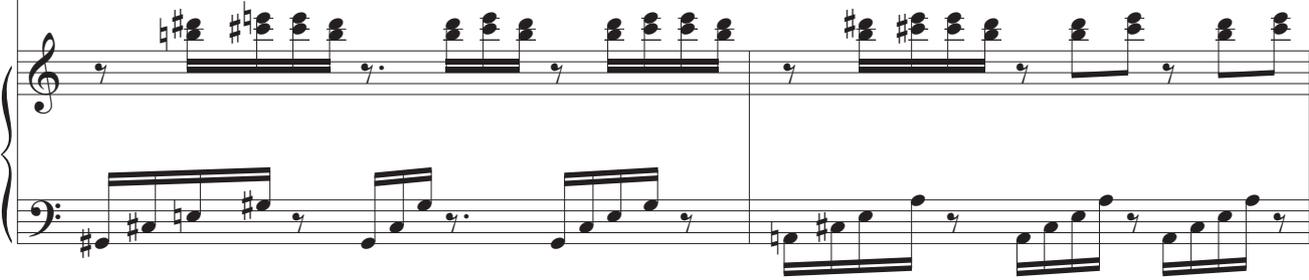
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Earthlings

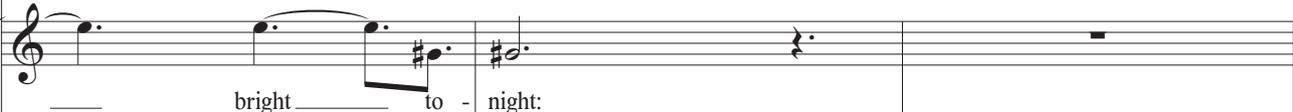
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Mars shines bright, shines

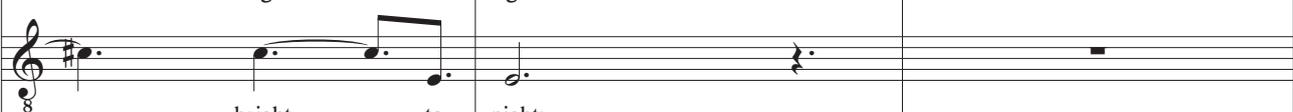
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Mars shines bright, shines

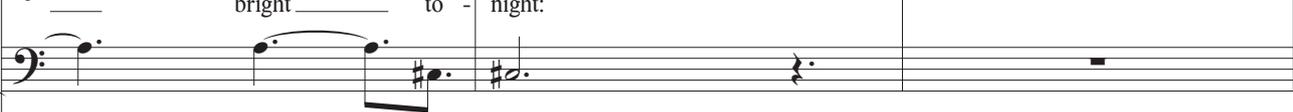
E.3 
Mars shines bright, shines



M. 
That light, that

E.1 
bright to - night:

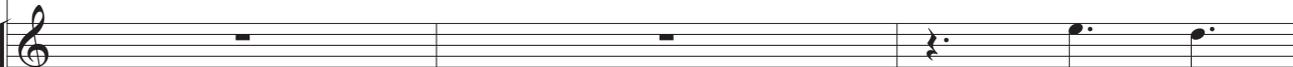
E.2 
bright to - night:

E.3 
bright to - night:



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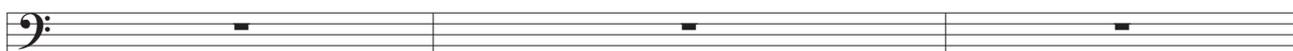
M. 
bea - con - - - - - daz - - - - - zles me!

E.1 
our new

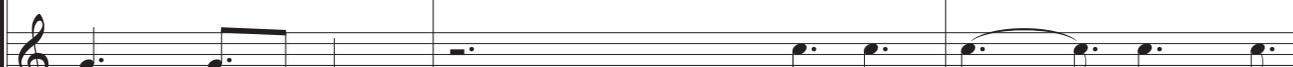
E.2 
our new

E.3 
our new



M. 

E.1 
ha - bi - tat. We've ab - an - doned the

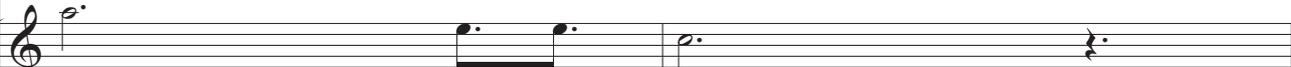
E.2 
ha - bi - tat. We've ab - an - doned the

E.3 
ha - bi - tat. We've ab - an - doned the



f

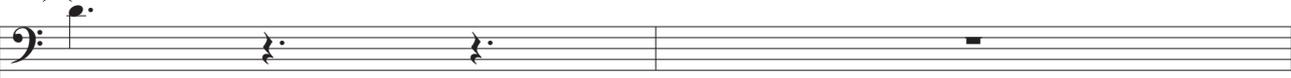
M.  This is not Ju - pi - ter!

E.1  Blue for the Red,

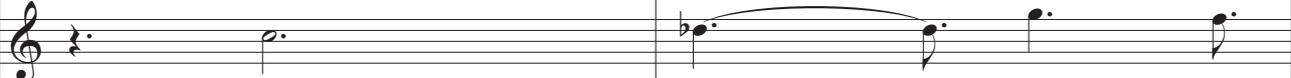
E.2  Blue for the Red,

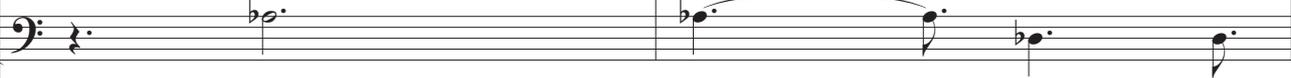
E.3  Blue for the Red,



M. 

E.1  the Blue for the

E.2  the Blue for the

E.3  the Blue for the



452

M.  This is not Qui - - - rinus! —

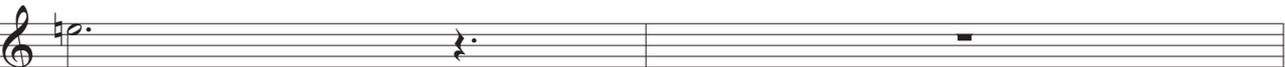
E.1  Red, the

E.2  Red, the

E.3  Red! the



M.  Say, — who — is — — — this? —

E.1  Red,

E.2  Red,

E.3  Red,



M.

E.1

E.2

E.3

Red!

(they sleep)

Red!

Red!

ff

V.

E.1

E.2

E.3

Venus

Your

12/16

(Venus has appeared on Mars and it is immediately clear that things are not going to turn out well. She has been scarred by the ways of the world and is now a modern militant)

461 $\text{♩} = 54$ (teasing)

V. *fe - - - - - cund Ve - - - - - nus*

V. *stands be-fore you, still be-gui - ling, de - si - - - -*

V. *ra-ble, en - ti* **Mars** (in rapture)

M. *The light of my be - lo -*

V. *ved Ve - - - - - nus is a new dawn,*

M. *ved Ve - - - - - nus is a new dawn,*

p

V.
 M.
 cing!
 is a new dawn, the spark that fires me back, fires me back to life!

476

V.
 M.
 Take me, love me, love me, kiss me,
 Life, life in all its glo - ry,
 p

V.
 M.
 ra - vish me, ra - vish me, e - ja - cu - late
 in all its glo - ry, in all its glo - ry,
 p

V. and im-preg-nate-me and plant in me your war-riors!

M. in all its glo-ry,

483

V. I am as moist and fer-

M.

V. tile, I am as moist

M. glo-ry,

V. — and fer - tile — as — the soil — on Earth!

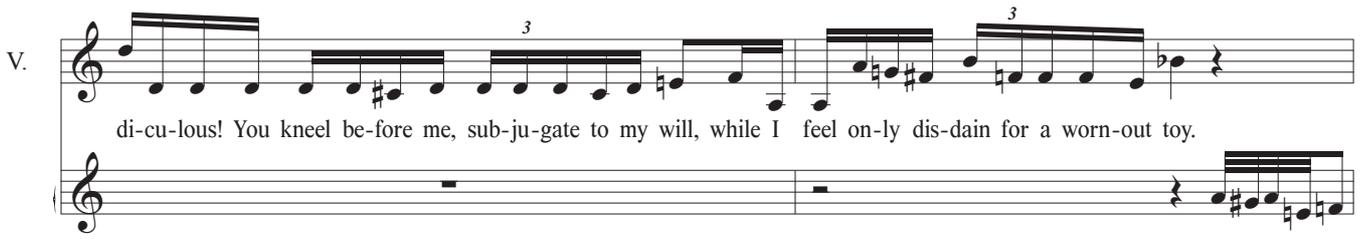
M. — glo - ry! On - ly the Sun is hot - ter than you, I wor - ship you!

491

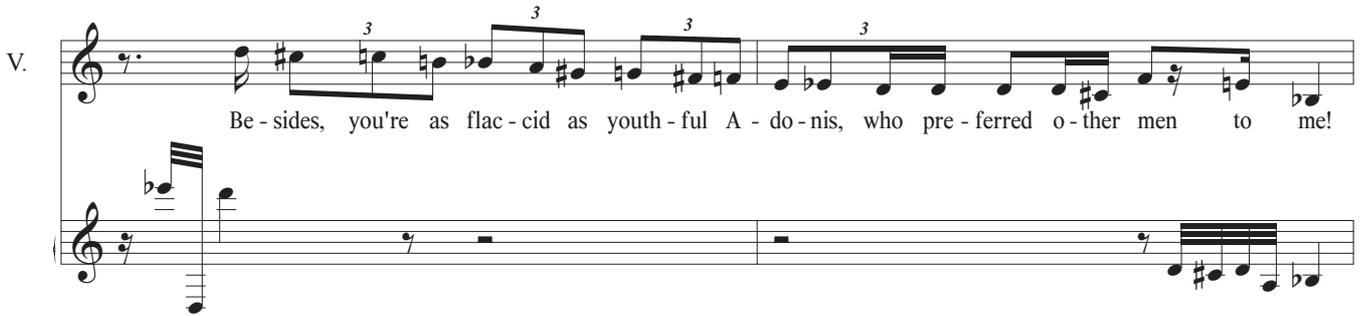
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497 $\text{♩} = 96$ (*recoiling as Mars turns ardent, and restraining him*)

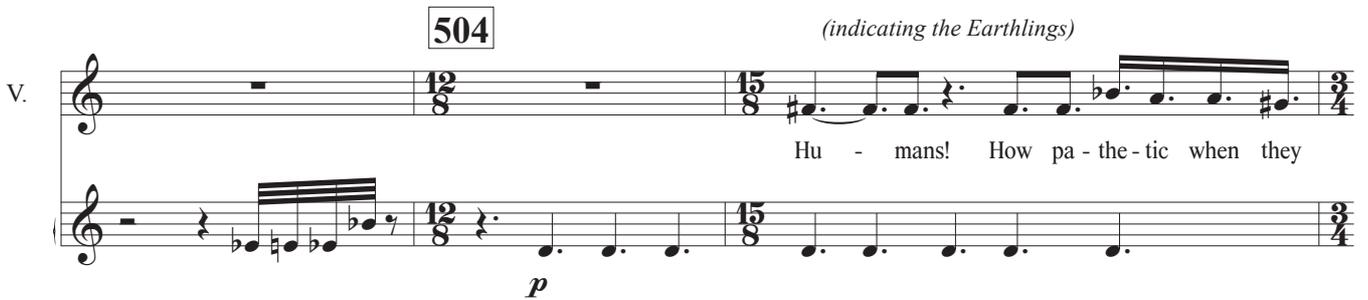
V. Not now, you loath - some god, put the lid on it! You're ri -

V. 

di-cu-lous! You kneel be-fore me, sub-ju-gate to my will, while I feel on-ly dis-dain for a worn-out toy.

V. 

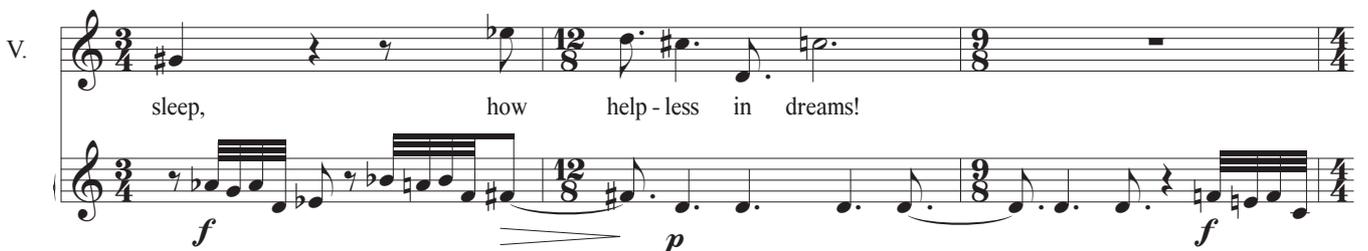
Be-sides, you're as flac-cid as youth-ful A-do-nis, who pre-ferred o-ther men to me!

V. 

504 *(indicating the Earthlings)*

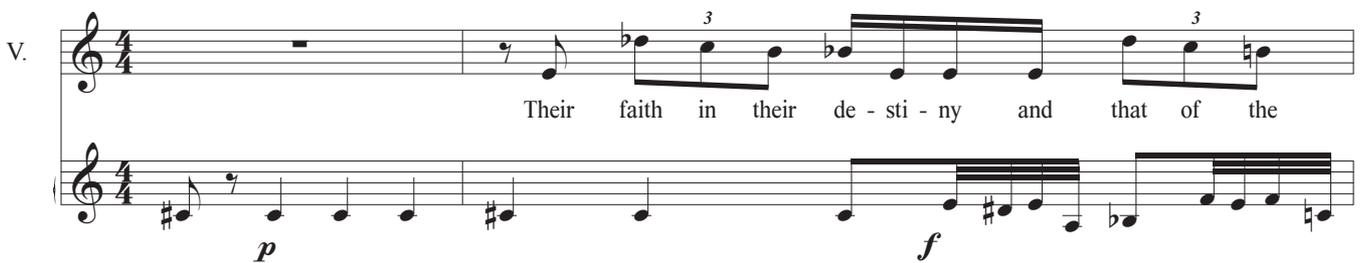
Hu - mans! How pa - the - tic when they

p

V. 

sleep, how help-less in dreams!

f *p* *f*

V. 

Their faith in their de - sti - ny and that of the

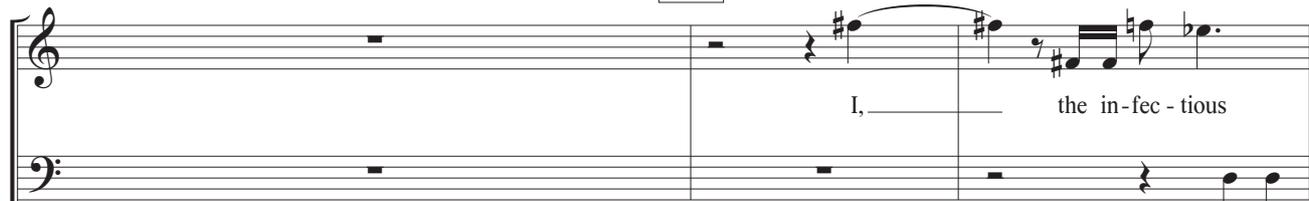
p *f*

V. 

Earth, — is a de - lu - - - sion, is a de - lu - sion to be mar - velled at.

p *f* *p*

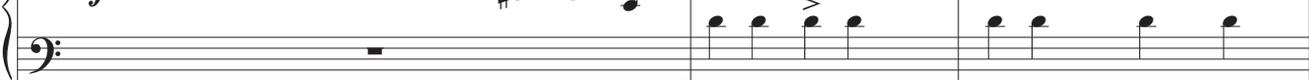
514

V. 

I, _____ the in-fec-tious

M. 

Ve-nus,



V. 

a - gent, _____ the vi-rus of the gods, _____ am here on bu-siness. Hu-man-

M. 

di-vine wo - man, so cruel in love. You in-flame my blood _____



V. 

kind is in-tent on in-va-sion: we are threa-tened, we are threa-tened by Earth-lings

M. 

_____ and in-to - xi-cate my sen - - - ses!



521

V. — who will soon set foot on this pla-net of yours! They ap - proach,

M. — Hu - mans co-ming here? I knew —

V. they are not far off.

M. — it! I am re-stored! To be loved and

526

V. Get real, you i - diot! They come as con - querors, you will

M. wor-shiped once more... they'll kneel be - fore me!

V. be no god to them. Hu - mans on - ly wor - ship what they can - not see.

The first system consists of a vocal line (V.) and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "be no god to them. Hu - mans on - ly wor - ship what they can - not see." The piano accompaniment is in two staves (treble and bass clefs) and features a complex rhythmic pattern with many sixteenth notes.

V. Once they are here you will be like dirt - shit! We must halt them,

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line lyrics are: "Once they are here you will be like dirt - shit! We must halt them,". The piano accompaniment includes a *cresc.* marking. The piano part features a dense texture of sixteenth notes in both hands.

V. thwart their am - bi - tions, curb their ar - ro - gance, cure their pride!

M. They in - tend

The third system introduces a mezzo-soprano line (M.) and continues the vocal line (V.). The vocal line lyrics are: "thwart their am - bi - tions, curb their ar - ro - gance, cure their pride!". The mezzo-soprano line lyrics are: "They in - tend". The piano accompaniment continues with its dense sixteenth-note texture.

537

V. Soon their craft will de - scend, the first of ma - ny: they plan a mi -

M. — to land here, on this pla - net?

The fourth system is marked with the number 537 in a box. It features a vocal line (V.) and mezzo-soprano line (M.). The vocal line lyrics are: "Soon their craft will de - scend, the first of ma - ny: they plan a mi -". The mezzo-soprano line lyrics are: "— to land here, on this pla - net?". The piano accompaniment includes a *f* (forte) marking and continues with its characteristic sixteenth-note pattern.

V. *gra-tion, a co-lo-ny here. We must en-sure that their fu-ture is fu-tile!*

M. *So dark-ness will win out? _____*

M. *We must re-main a-lone? Why must the Earth-lings be pu-nished?*

551 $\text{♩} = 60$ (producing Botticelli's *The Birth of Venus*)

V. *I drew breath as the a-po-gee of beau-ty,*

M. *as the a-po-gee of beau-ty, born of the sea*

V. *as the a-po-gee of beau-ty, born of the sea*

V. *by ce-les-tial pro-cre-a-tion, the de-i-ty to di-vine love:*

563

V. ga - zing on me, — most beau - teous, most beau -

V. - teous of god - des - ses, — would in - voke on - ly de -

572

V. sire for the Ho - ly, on - ly de - sire for the Ho - ly.

(she reveals the Velazquez painting we saw earlier...)

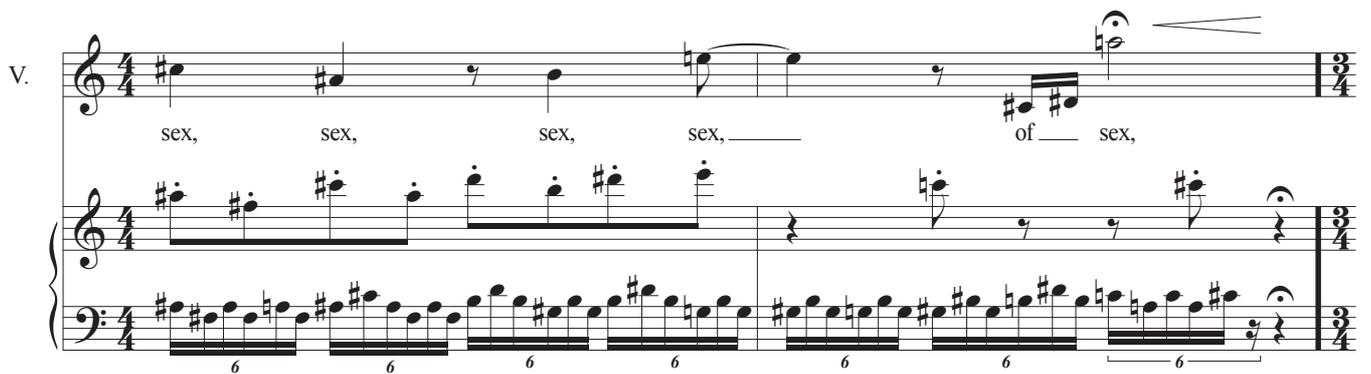
V. Then I be - came an ob - ject of sex, of

579

V. sex, a sym - bol of sex, I be -

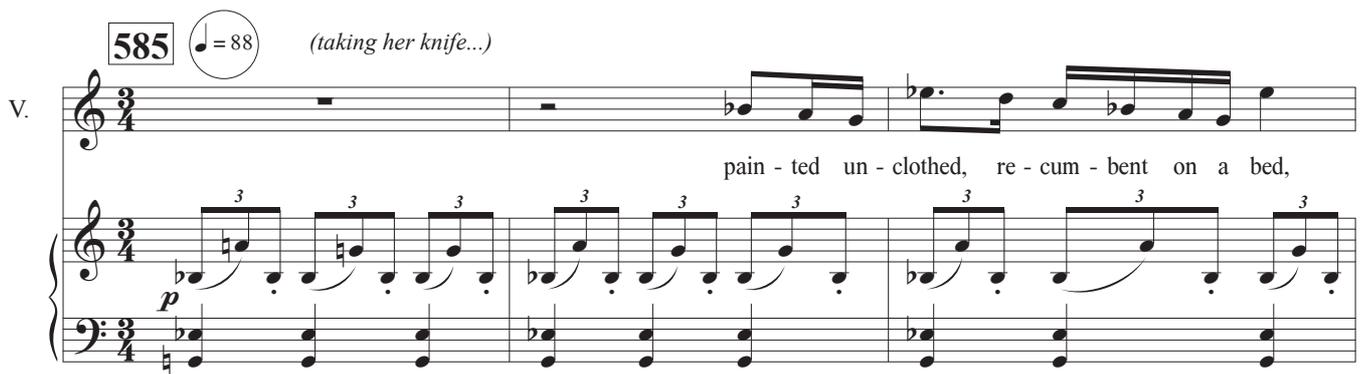
V. 

came an ob - ject of sex, a sym - bol, a sym - bol of

V. 

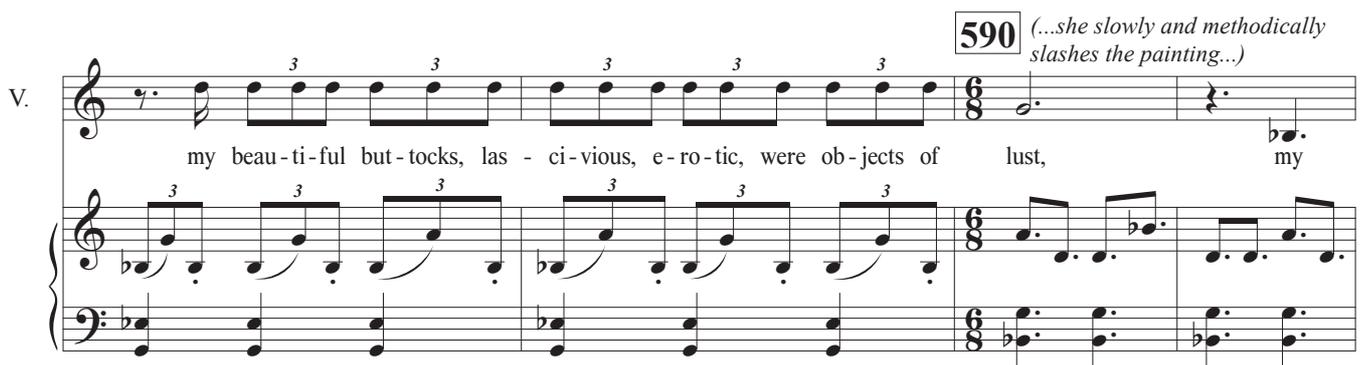
sex, sex, sex, sex, of sex,

585 $\text{♩} = 88$ (*taking her knife...*)

V. 

pain - ted un - clothed, re - cum - bent on a bed,

590 (*...she slowly and methodically slashes the painting...*)

V. 

my beau - ti - ful but - tocks, las - ci - vious, e - ro - tic, were ob - jects of lust, my

V. 

beau - ti - ful but - tocks, my beau - ti - ful but - tocks, my beau - ti - ful but - tocks, las -

600

V.

ci - vious, e - ro - tic, were ob - jects of lust; a - bused and ex - ploi - ted, por -

V.

trayed as por - no - gra - phy in the name of Art, por - trayed as por - no - graphy in the

604

V.

name of Art! A - bused and ex - ploi - ted, a - bused and ex - ploi - ted, Ve - nus, a porn star,

612

V.

me bol - lock na - ked, Ve - nus a porn star, pro - vi -

617

V.

ding the pri - vate plea - sure of prin - ces, the pri -

V. vate plea - sure of prin - ces!

Musical notation for voice and piano in 4/4 time. The voice part has lyrics: vate plea - sure of prin - ces! The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

625

$\text{♩} = 126$

(...when she looks up again, she and the painting are covered in blood)

V. Mars

M. Your

Musical notation for voice and piano. The voice part has lyrics: Mars Your. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes with triplets.

V. Spurned,

M. power o - ver me is both cru - el - tor -

Musical notation for voice and piano. The voice part has lyrics: Spurned, power o - ver me is both cru - el - tor -. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes with triplets.

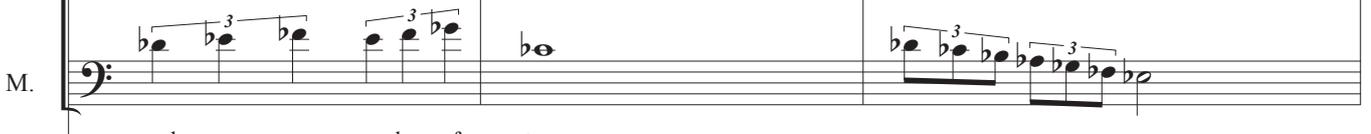
V. - - - - - ture, cru -

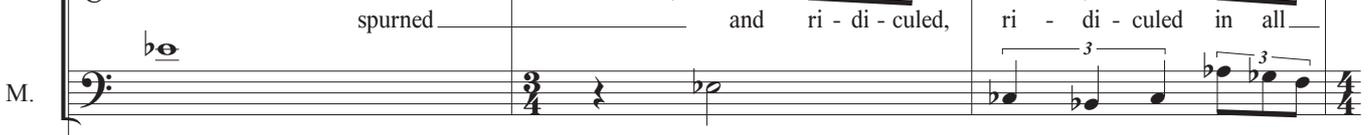
M. - - - - -

Musical notation for voice and piano. The voice part has lyrics: - - - - - ture, cru -. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes with triplets.

V. 
M. 
spurned,
el__ tor - ture, o__ god - dess, o



V. 
M. 
god - dess of stone,


V. 
M. 
spurned and ri - di - culed, ri - di - culed in all
and ex - qui - ste, ex -

641



V. *the hea - vens, spurned and ri - di - culed in all the*

M. *- - qui - site rap - ture, ex - qui - site rap - ture, ex - qui - site*

V. *hea - vens, in all the hea - vens,*

M. *rap - ture, ex - qui - site rap - ture,*

650

V. *in all the hea - vens, bugged,*

M. *ex - qui - site rap - ture!*

V. bugged, bugged, bugged, bugged, bugged, bugged, bugged,

M. Fet - ter me, whip me, fet - ter me, whip me, tread me un - der -

V. I am the worm that turns,

M. foot! Be my ham - mer,

f

V. I am the worm that turns,

M. I your an - vill!

p *f*

(As she sings her coloratura, Venus seizes Mars, ties him up and lashes him while he cries out and weeps)

665

V. *that turns! O joy,*

M. *I love you more, the worse you treat me!*

p

672

V. *the power to make this he-god suf-fer! Beg,*

V. *I'll show no mer-cy! Whim-*

678

682

V. *per! Wail! Trem*

f *p*

V.

ble! Groan!

688

V.

Whine!

693

V.

I'll tear you to shreds! Writhe,

V.

V.

wig-gle like a worm! What plea-sure, what ec - sta - sy!

704

V. *Squirm!*

710

V. *Howl! — Nor will gods be,*

V. *nor will gods be hu-mans' pro-per-ty, — gods will not be hu-mans'*

V. *pro-per-ty, — sub-ser-vient to their will, o-be-dient,*

720

V. *sub-ser-vient to their will! If Earth-ings, —*

V. Earth - lings in - vade Mars,

M. **Mars**
If Earth - lings in vade Mars,

V. if Earth - lings, —

M.

V. Earth - lings in - vade Mars,

M. if Earth - lings in vade

V. their power

M. Mars, their power

741

V. will know no bounds,

M. will know no bounds,

V. (in despair, as the light fades)

M. The bliss of love

V.

M. and pain...

Earthlings (*dreamily, stirring in their sleep*)

E.1 When we Earth - lings in -

E.2

E.3 When we Earth - lings

E.1 vade Mars, when we, — when we

E.2 When we Earth - lings in vade

E.3 in vade Mars,

E.1 in - vade Mars,

E.2 Mars, when we, —

E.3 when we in vade Mars, our

E.1

E.2 when we in - vade Mars,

E.3 power will know no bounds., no

759

E.1
our power will

E.2
our power will

E.3
bounds. our power will

765

Venus

V.
if Earth - lings, —

E.1
know no bounds,

E.2
know no bounds,

E.3
know no bounds,

V.
Earth - lings Mars, —

M.
if Earth - lings in vade

Mars

772

V. their power

M. Mars, their power

V. will know no bounds, their

M. will know no bounds,

E.1 our power will know no

E.2 our power will

E.3 our power will know no

783

V. power will know no bounds.

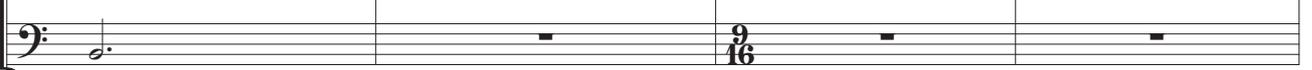
M. their power will know no

E.1 bounds.

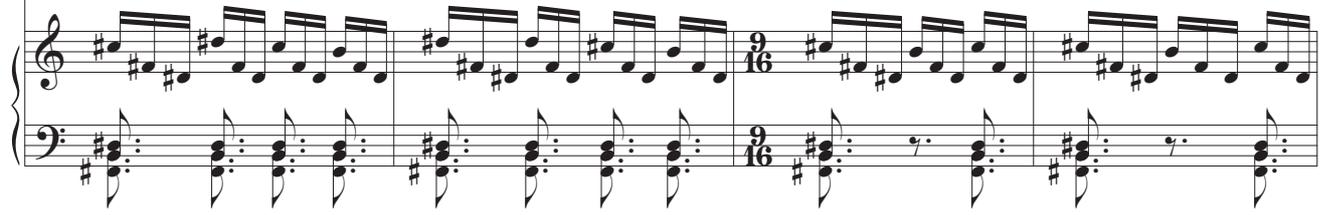
E.2 know no bounds.

E.3 bounds.

V. 
We must trash their tra-jec-to-ry

M. 

bounds.



791

V. 
be-fore time runs out! Let fla-shes



V. 
in their eyes ap-pear, like



V. 
lu-mi-nous dan-cing fai-ries,



V. 
like lu-mi-nous dan-cing fai-ries!



(The Earthlings have woken, confused and muttering incomprehensibly; they panic as they see Mars fading away, and the spacecraft goes out of control)

Earthlings

802

V. Come, sis - ters, the Fu -

E.1

E.2 (vowels ad lib.)

E.3 (vowels ad lib.)

V. - ries, to a - venge my tor -

E.1 (vowels ad lib.)

E.2

E.3

The musical score consists of five systems. The first system (measures 802-804) features a vocal line (V.) with lyrics 'Come, sis - ters, the Fu -'. Below it are three electronic parts: E.1, E.2, and E.3, each with '(vowels ad lib.)' written below. The piano accompaniment is shown in grand staff notation. The second system (measures 805-807) features a vocal line (V.) with lyrics '- ries, to a - venge my tor -'. Below it are three electronic parts: E.1, E.2, and E.3, each with '(vowels ad lib.)' written below. The piano accompaniment continues in grand staff notation.

809

V. - - - ments! time for di - vine re - tri -

E.1

E.2

E.3

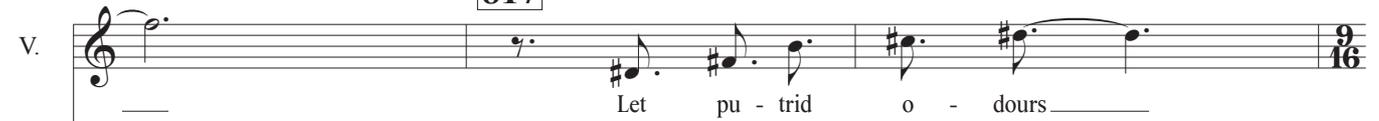
V. bu - tion: make a big stink!

E.1

E.2

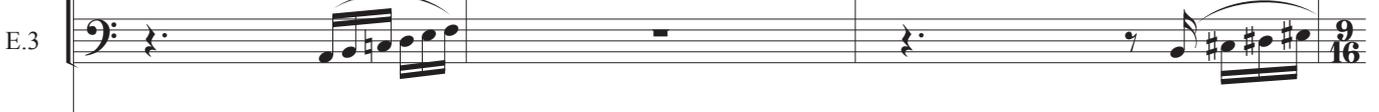
E.3

817

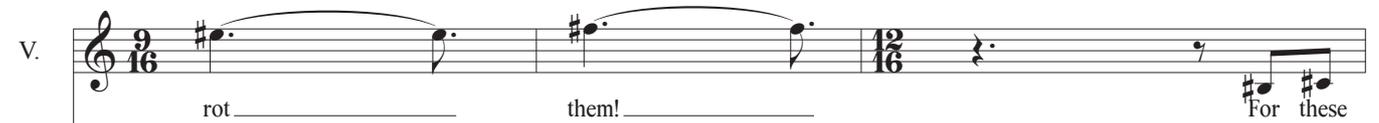
V.  Let pu - trid o - dours

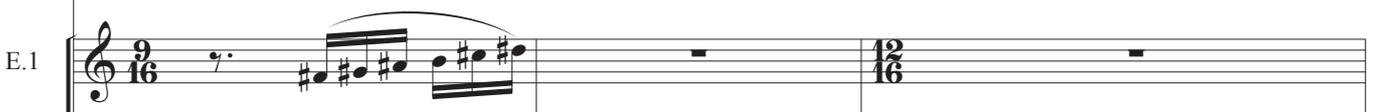
E.1 

E.2 

E.3 



V.  rot them! For these

E.1 

E.2 

E.3 



V. un - hinged an - ti hu - mans an -

E.1

E.2

E.3

(As the atmosphere in the capsule becomes ever more poisonous, the crew put on their masks and their sounds become ever more muffled until they soon fall silent)

825

V. ni - hi - la - tion a - waits!

M. So _____ I am

E.1

E.2

E.3

V.  They can fuck off for e - ver - more!

M. 

E.1  lost a - gain.

E.2 

E.3 



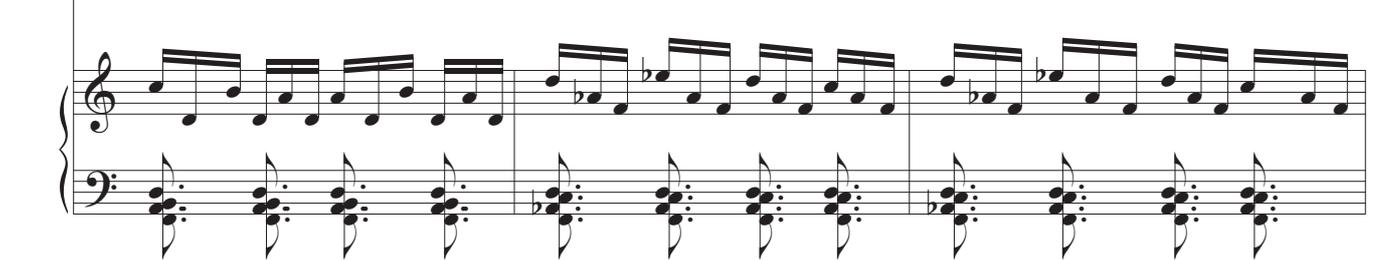
V.  Man - kind can screw it - self; the fu - ture is for high - er forms.

M. 

E.1 

E.2 

E.3 



833

(Suddenly, VENUS takes the knife to MARS and castrates him)

V.
M.
E.1
E.2
E.3

My fate...

838

V.
E.1
E.2
E.3

So life now

V.

ends for a god that's im - mor - tal!

847

V.  Still - ness re - turns to the

V.  dark - - - ness:

V.  sleep,

V.  sleep!

V. 