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Dedicated to Mr. Karl Schneider
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White Silence

For four part chorus, women's voices,
with Piano and Harp accompaniment

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Moderato quasi Lento

Soprano I

Soprano II

Alto I

Alto II

Moderato quasi Lento

Harp

pp

Moderato quasi Lento

Piano

pp una corda

8-----loco

Due Pedali sempre

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* Ed.

ppp sotto voce
Soft ppp sotto voce
Soft ppp sotto voce
Soft ppp sotto voce
Soft

car - pet - ed with snow, the
car - pet - ed with snow, the
car - pet - ed with snow, the
car - pet - ed with snow, the

8----- loco
pp

car - pet - ed with snow, the
car - pet - ed with snow, the
car - pet - ed with snow, the
car - pet - ed with snow, the

8----- loco
2 1 4 3 2 1
2 1 2 3 4 1

paved ways lie, paved ways lie, paved ways lie, paved ways lie,

loco *loco*

This system contains the first four staves of a musical score. The top four staves are vocal parts, each with the lyrics "paved ways lie,". The bottom two staves are piano accompaniment. The piano part features a complex rhythmic pattern with eighth notes and sixteenth notes, and includes two sections marked with a dashed line and the word "loco".

As if As if As if As if

pp *loco*

This system contains the next four staves of the musical score. The top four staves are vocal parts, each with the lyrics "As if". The bottom two staves are piano accompaniment. The piano part continues with a complex rhythmic pattern and includes a section marked with a dashed line and the word "loco". A dynamic marking of "pp" (pianissimo) is present in the lower left of the piano part.

for some fair bride

pp

loco

pp

to tread up -

pp to tread up -

pp to tread up -

pp to tread up -

to tread up -

Prepare ~~A# G# C# E#~~ A# G# E#

C#

pp

loco

on
on
on
on

R.H. glissando

loco

L.H.

Detailed description: This system contains four vocal staves at the top, each with a whole note 'on' syllable. Below them is a grand staff for piano. The right hand (R.H.) features a glissando in the treble clef, with a red bracket underneath. The left hand (L.H.) has a similar glissando in the bass clef. The word 'loco' is written above the R.H. glissando. The piano accompaniment includes chords and a fermata in the bass line.

A
A
A
A

Detailed description: This system continues the vocal and piano parts. The four vocal staves now have a whole note 'A' syllable. The piano accompaniment continues with complex textures, including a large glissando in the right hand and a similar one in the left hand. The word 'A' is written above the vocal staves. The piano part includes various chords and a fermata in the bass line.

fair - er - than yet seen

fair - er - than yet seen.

fair - er - than yet seen

fair - er - than yet seen

~~Gb Ab~~
~~Eb Cb~~

Eb Gb Ab
Cb

Ped. * Ped. *

be - neath

be - neath

be - neath

be - neath

due pedali
Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

rit.

the sun!
the sun!
the sun!
the sun!

Ped. * *Ped.* * *Ped.* * *Ped.* * *Ped.* * *Ped.* *

the sun!
the sun!
the sun!
the sun!

loco

Ped. * *Ped.* * *Ped.* * *Ped.*

dim.
pp
ppp
loco
pp
pp

Poco piu lento

f
A
Slow, through be-wild-ered streets, the pale
Slow, through be-wild-ered streets, the pale
Slow, through be-wild-ered streets, the pale
Slow, through be-wild-ered streets, the pale

Poco piu lento

f
L.H.
F

Poco piu lento

pp
L.H.

flakes, fly, flakes, fly, flakes, fly,

pp Cb A# Cb

pp A# Cb

p Or, ed - dy - ing. Or, ed - dy - ing. Or, ed - dy - ing. Or, ed - dy - ing.

9 10

pp loco Cb

a - bout the blaz - - ing arc lights,
 a - bout the blaz - - ing arc lights,
 a - bout the blaz - - ing arc lights,
 a - bout the blaz - - ing arc lights,

Handwritten annotations: *Ab D*, *Ab D5*, *11*, *12*, *loco*

pp cresc molto Δ *rit.* *ppp* *a tempo*
pp cresc molto Δ *rit.* *ppp* *pp delicato*
pp cresc molto Δ *rit.* *ppp* Like sum-mer
pp cresc molto Δ *rit.* *ppp* Like sum-mer
pp cresc molto Δ *rit.* *ppp* die

Solo (near sounding board)
f *L. it. a tempo*
rit.

accel. *rit.* *Fb Db*

in - sects lured to un - seen

in *pp.* sects lured to un - seen

pp. Like sum - mer in - sects lured to un - seen

Like sum - mer in - sects lured to un - seen

pp. *loco*

death, Or pal - lid souls that can-not

death, Or pal - lid souls that can-not

death, Or pal - lid souls that

death, Or pal - lid souls that

L.H. near sounding board

loco

stand the breath
 stand the breath
 can - not stand the breath
 can - not stand the breath

loco

ff *allarg.*
 Of life,
 Of life,
 Of life,
 Of life,
 Of life,

f *allarg.*

allarg.



ppp sotto voce
and per-ish
ppp sotto voce
and per-ish
ppp sotto voce
and per-ish
and per-ish

lffz

6
cresc.
6
8
rall.

in its fur nace sigh.
in its fur nace sigh.
in its fur nace sigh.
in its fur nace sigh.

p
8
8

Four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). Each staff contains a dotted quarter note followed by a whole rest.

A grand staff system with two treble clefs and two bass clefs. The key signature changes to three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab). The upper treble staff has a circled annotation "Fb Db". The lower treble staff has a melodic line with slurs and an 8-measure repeat sign. The bass staff has a few notes and rests.

Four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). Each staff contains a whole rest.

A grand staff system with two treble clefs and two bass clefs. The key signature changes to three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab). The upper treble staff has a melodic line with slurs and 8-measure repeat signs, with the word "loco" written above it. The bass staff has a few notes and rests.

Four empty musical staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#).

Two empty musical staves, each with a grand staff clef and a key signature of three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab).

Musical notation for the first system. The piano part features a melodic line in the right hand, marked with an 8-measure slur and the word *loco*. The left hand provides harmonic accompaniment. The key signature is three sharps.

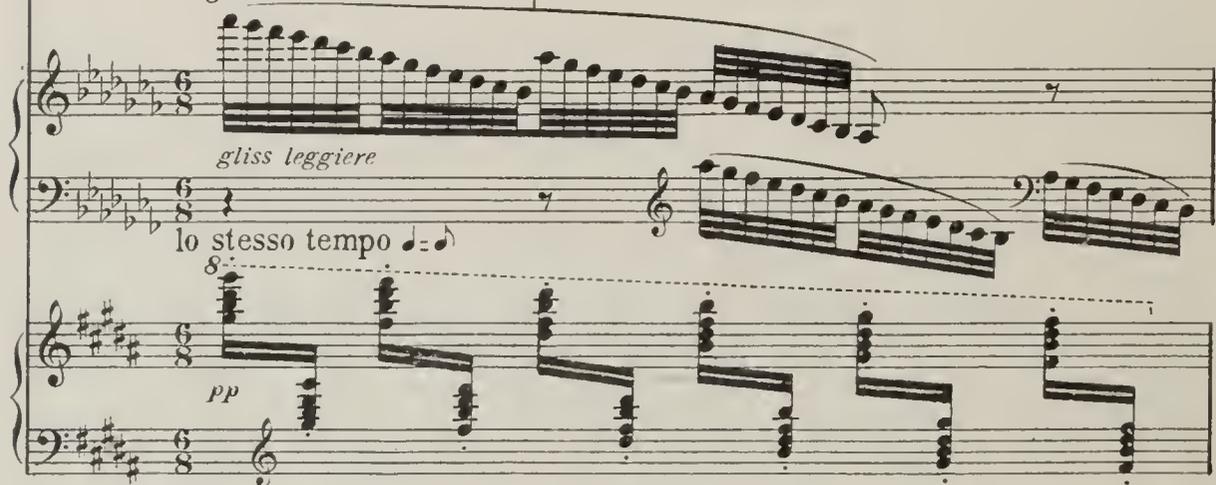
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Musical notation for the second system. The piano part features a melodic line in the right hand, marked with an 8-measure slur and the word *loco*. The left hand provides harmonic accompaniment. The key signature is three sharps. The system concludes with a *rit. molto* marking and a fermata over the final note.

lo stesso tempo

lo stesso tempo  *loco*



gliss leggiero

lo stesso tempo 

pp



loco

Fast - - - er, and

Fast - - - er, and

Two vocal staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are "Fast - - - er, and".

7 7 *loco*

glissando

leggiere

Piano accompaniment for the first system. The right hand features a glissando and a *loco* passage. The left hand has a *leggiere* accompaniment. There are two 7-measure rests in the right hand.

yet more fast the still - shod fall

yet more fast the still - shod fall

Fast - er, the still - shod fall

Fast - er, the still - shod fall

Two vocal staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps. The lyrics are "yet more fast the still - shod fall" and "Fast - er, the still - shod fall".

7 7

Piano accompaniment for the second system. The right hand has a *loco* passage with a 7-measure rest. The left hand has a *leggiere* accompaniment with a 7-measure rest.

Piano accompaniment for the third system. The right hand has a *leggiere* accompaniment. The left hand has a *leggiere* accompaniment.

fast - er, and

p fast *cresc. poco a poco* er, and

p fast *cresc. poco a poco* er, and

fast - er, and

pp

fz

fz *cresc. poco a poco*

F#
D# Bb

yet more fast the still - shod fall

yet more fast the still - shod fall

yet more fast the still - shod

yet more fast the still - shod

~~*F#*~~ *D#*
~~*Bb*~~

fz

fz

fall

fall

gliss.

15

This system contains the first system of music. It features four vocal staves at the top, with the lyrics "fall" appearing on the second and third staves. Below the vocal staves is a grand staff for piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a glissando in the right hand, indicated by the word "gliss." and a slur over a series of notes. The number "15" is written near the end of the piano part. There are also some red markings on the piano part, including a red cross-like symbol.

On all the walks,

On all the walks,

On all the

On all the

E^{\sharp} D^{\sharp} C^{\sharp}
 G^{\flat}

G^{\flat} E^{\sharp}
 D^{\sharp} C^{\sharp}

delicato *loco* *loco* *loco*

8. 8. 8. 8.

This system contains the second system of music. It features four vocal staves with the lyrics "On all the walks," repeated across the staves. Below the vocal staves is a grand staff for piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a section marked "delicato" and "loco" with eighth notes. There are also some red markings on the piano part, including a red cross-like symbol and the text " G^{\flat} E^{\sharp} D^{\sharp} C^{\sharp} ".

wind drift-ed, till they seem
 wind drift-ed, till they seem
 walks, wind drift-ed, till they
 walks, wind drift-ed, till they

8- loco 8- loco 8- loco
 loco loco loco

Like sud - den sculp - tures
 Like sud - den sculp - tures
 seem Like sud - den sculp - tures
 seem Like sud - den sculp - tures

loco

carved out in a

Ped. * *Ped.* * *Ped.* *

dream, *pp accel*

pp accel

pp accel

Ped. * *Ped.* * *Ped.* *

Four staves of music, each containing a single note with a fermata and a hairpin crescendo symbol above it. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#).

Piano accompaniment for the first system, featuring a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. It includes a key signature change to three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab) and various musical notations such as slurs, accents, and dynamic markings.

Piano accompaniment for the second system, continuing the grand staff notation with chords and melodic lines.

ped. * *ped.* * *ped.* *

Four empty staves with treble clefs and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#).

Piano accompaniment for the third system, featuring a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. It includes a key signature change to three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab), a glissando marking, and a presto tempo marking. The number 21 is written above and below the grand staff.

Piano accompaniment for the fourth system, featuring a grand staff with treble and bass clefs.

pp

And by deft

And by deft

arrange in Cb

pp

hands up-heaped 'gainst gate and wall; What

hands up-heaped 'gainst gate and wall; What

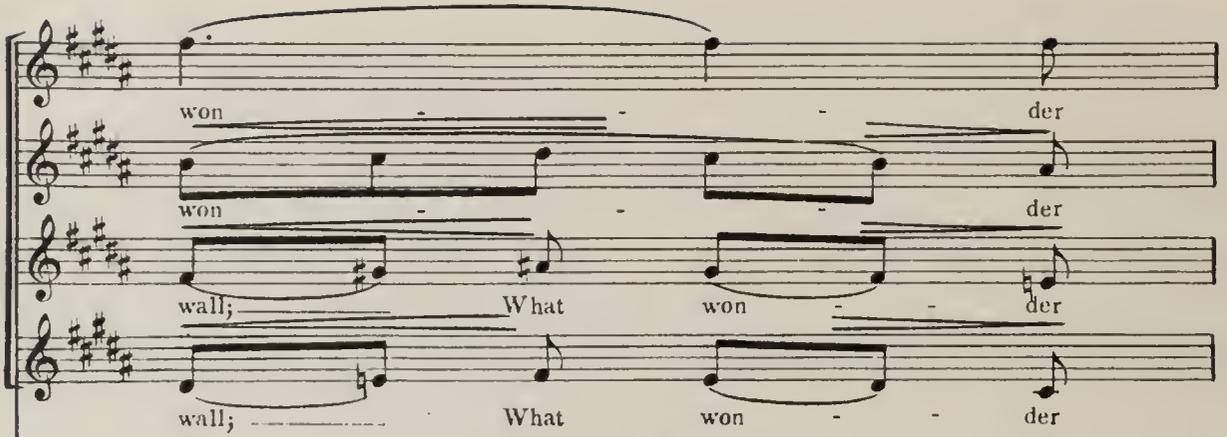
pp

And by deft hands up-heaped 'gainst gate and

And by deft hands up-heaped 'gainst gate and

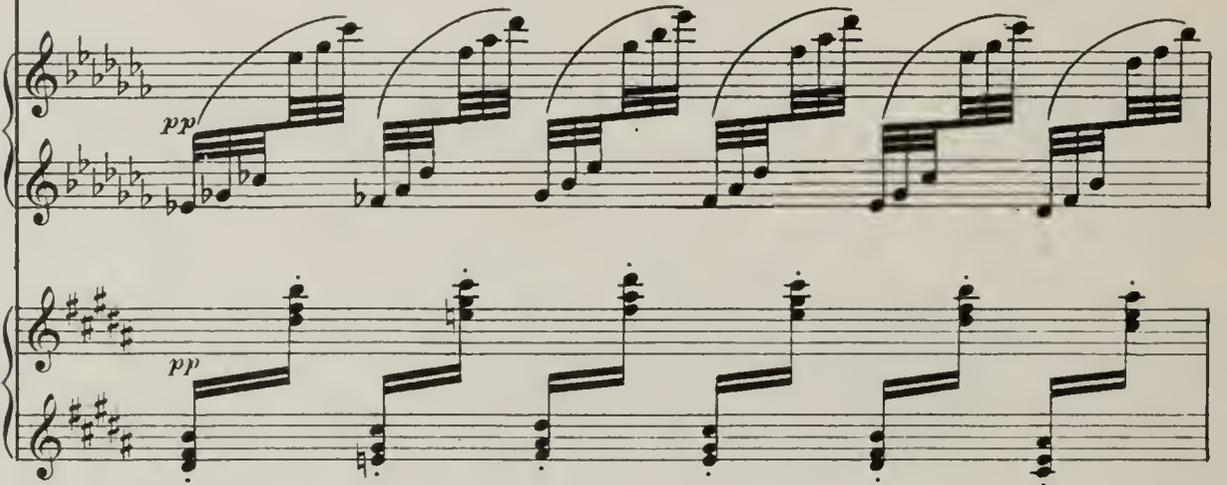
*And. * And. * And. **

*And. * And. * And. **

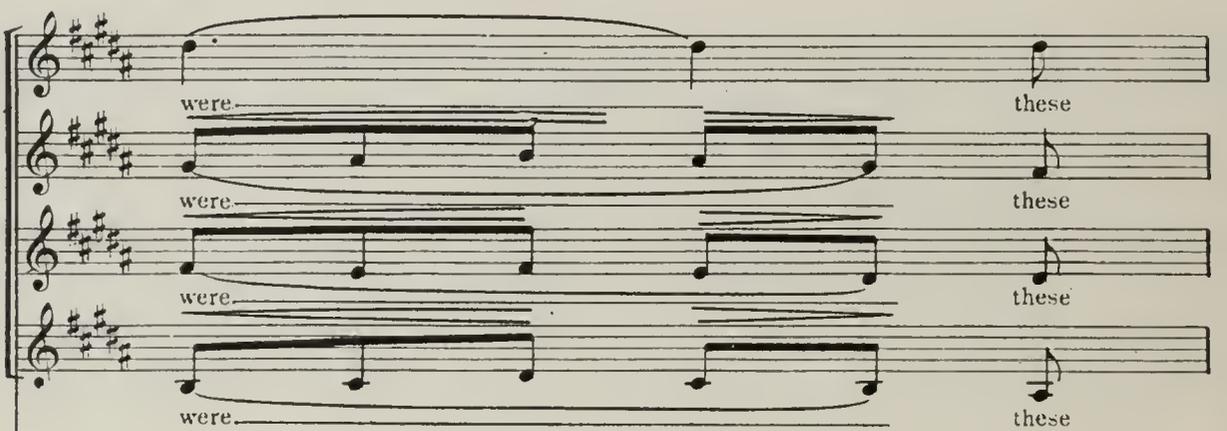


won der
won der
wall; What won der
wall; What won der

X

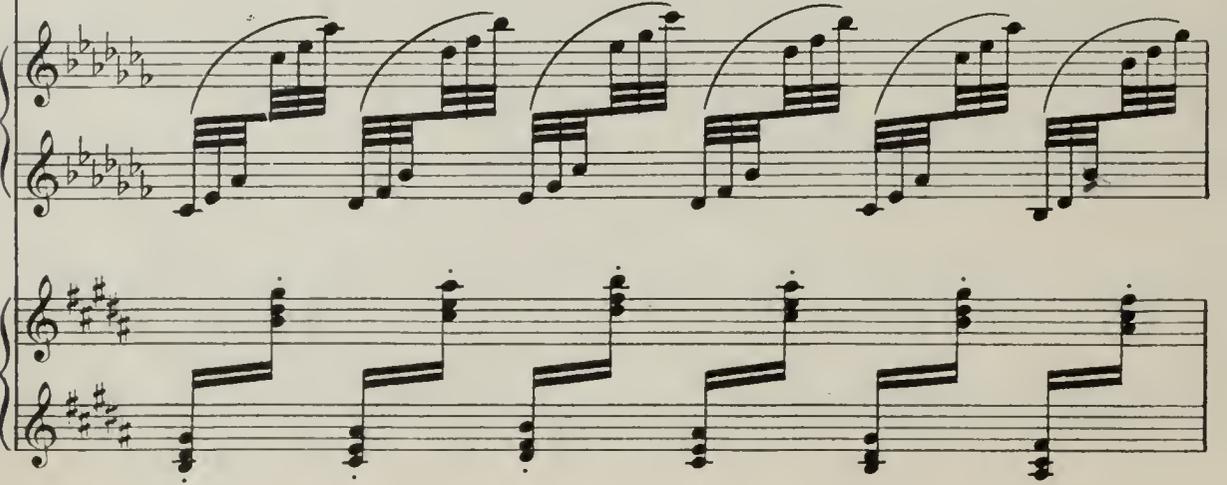


pp



were these
were these
were these
were these

X



changed ways

changed ways

changed ways

changed ways

changed ways

This block contains five vocal staves. The first staff has lyrics 'changed' and 'ways' with a dotted note. The following four staves show the same lyrics with a melodic line consisting of a half note followed by a quarter note, all within a single breath mark.

This block shows the piano accompaniment for the first system, consisting of two staves. The right hand features a series of six arpeggiated chords, each with a slur over it. The left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

This block shows the piano accompaniment for the second system, consisting of two staves. The right hand plays a series of six chords, each with a slur over it. The left hand continues with the eighth-note accompaniment.

p An - gel - trod And this White

p An - gel - trod

p An - gel - trod

p An - gel - trod

An - gel - trod

This block contains five vocal staves. The first staff has lyrics 'An - gel - trod' and 'And this White' with a dynamic marking of *p*. The following four staves show the same lyrics with a melodic line consisting of a half note followed by a quarter note, all within a single breath mark.

This block shows the piano accompaniment for the third system, consisting of two staves. The right hand plays a series of chords, each with a slur over it. The left hand continues with the eighth-note accompaniment.

8

This block shows the piano accompaniment for the fourth system, consisting of two staves. The right hand plays a series of chords, each with a slur over it. The left hand continues with the eighth-note accompaniment. A measure rest is indicated by a dashed line and the number '8' above it.

Si - lence but the
And this White Si - lence but the
And this White Si - lence but the
And this White Si - lence but the

sotto voce *pp*
hush, but the hush
hush, but the hush
hush, but the
hush, but the

pp *a cappella*

pp

of God!
of God!
hush of God!
hush of God!

pp

Prepare (F# G# D# Bb)

F# G#
Bb D#

Harp Solo *loco*

gliss

f0

