

The Cloak and Dagger Affair

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Chamber opera in one act by Edward Lambert
after the play *Amor de Don Perlimplín con Belisa en su jardín*
by Federico García Lorca (1928)

for three voices with piano accompaniment

Characters

Don Perlimplín, a scholarly gentleman, bass

Belisa, his young wife, soprano

Marcolfo, Perlimplín's manservant, mezzo-soprano

Chorus, sung by the cast

Notes

1. An area of the stage should be designated as "off-stage", in which the cast are clearly outside the action but remain visible to the audience. A screen is suggested for this purpose.
2. The score also provides for some optional on-stage percussion to be played by the cast. The sounds would preferably be provided by props of various kinds: flowerpots in the garden, for example, or a stick that Perlimplín carries, or crockery that Marcolfo serves up, etc. But a musical instrument may be provided, if desired, in which case the sound should be of temple blocks or similar which have a dramatic impact.
3. The production should include dance.

Duration 40 minutes

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The middle-aged Don Perlimplín has been persuaded to marry a sensual young girl, Belisa. It is the day after their wedding, and Perlimplín's manservant, Marcolfo, reveals that while he slept during the night, Belisa entertained five lovers. Perlimplín seems untroubled by this gossip. He is more concerned that Belisa has fallen for another man, a stranger in a red cloak who has been seen walking in the garden. She receives a love-letter from this apparent youth and Marcolfo tells her the stranger will meet her at ten o'clock that evening. When Perlimplín sees him, he chases after him, while the besotted Belisa sings a serenade to her lover by way of encouragement. A moment later the stranger in the red cloak appears with a dagger through his heart. It appears he has been killed by Perlimplín; but the man in the red cloak is revealed to be Perlimplín himself, who dies as Belisa lovingly embraces him.



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Chamber Opera

Edward Lambert
text after Federico García Lorca

$\bullet = 126$

Chorus (*addressing the audience*)

Belisa

Marcolfo

Perlimplin

Piano

f

See! —

See! —

See! —

³

B.

M.

P.

We're in a beau - ti - ful gar - den

We're in a beau - ti - ful gar - den

We're in a beau - ti - ful gar - den

p

5

B. with cy - pres - ses and o - range trees;

M. with cy - pres - ses and o - range trees;

P. with cy - pres - ses and o - range trees;

f

3

8

B. Ye - ster - day was the wed - ding of Don Per - lim - plín and Be - li - sa. Now, in the heat of the

M. Ye - ster - day was the wed - ding of Don Per - lim - plín and Be - li - sa. Now, in the heat of the

P. Ye - ster - day was the wed - ding of Don Per - lim - plín and Be - li - sa. Now, in the heat of the

p

3

11

12

B. mid - day sun...

M. mid - day sun...

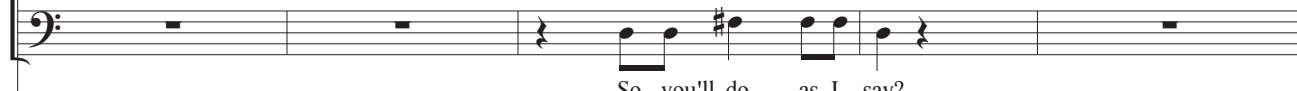
P. mid - day sun...

p *leggiero*

16 **Marcolfo** (*crying*)

M. 

Perlimplín I pro-mise, sir.

P. 

So you'll do as I say?



21

P. 

Mar - col - fo, why are you still cry - ing?



25 27

M. 

You know why, sir. Last night your wife en - ter - tained



29

M. 

five men. On your wed-ding night! Five men en - tered the house. Five!



33

M. Of five ³ dif - ferent ra - ces: the bear - ded Eu - ro - pe - an, the In - dian, the A - fri - can,

36

M. the A - sian _____ and the South A - me - ri - can. And you did - n't e - ven

40

M. no - tice. Then at sun - rise I saw her with some - one else.

P. You saw them? No mat - ter.

44

M. She made no at - tempt to hide it, no at - tempt to hide it.

P. Real - ly?

On-stage percussion

Belisa (off)

48

B. *A - mor, a - mor.*

52

B. *En - tre mis mus -*

55

B. *los cer-ra - dos*

P. **Perlimplín**

Ne-ver mind. I'm

58

B. *Na - da*

P. *hap - py, Mar-col - fo.*

61

B. *co - me un pez el*

M. *sol.*

P. *sol.*

Marcolfo

You love her too much, too much, too much. **Perlimplín**

Not as much as

64

B. *sol.*

M. *sol.*

P. *sol.*

Marcolfo

You love her too much, too much, too much. **Perlimplín**

Not as much as

68

B. *(crying)* *A - gua, —*

M. *It's all my fault, I per - sua-ded you to get a wife. —*

P. *she — de - serves.*

71

B.

a - gua - ti - bi

74

B.

a en - tre los jun -

77

B.

cos, a - mor.

79

80

B.

¡Gal - lo, gal - lo,

P.

And I thought books, books, books were e - nough for me! Oh, if

83

B. *que se va la no - - - che!*

M. **Marcolfo**
It was all so sim-ple be - fore,

P. on - ly you knew how grate - ful I am,



86

B. *¡Que no se va - ya,*

M. it was all so sim - ple be - fore. *MARCOLFO leaves*

P. how grate - ful I am!



88

B. *no!*

P. And so it was! But now _____

90

P. _____ Be - li - sa's love _____ has brought _____

92

P. _____ me ri - ches I did - n't know e -

Chorus

Belisa

B. In a state of bliss, Be-li - sa comes. ¡Ay!

M. In a state of bliss, Be-li - sa comes.

P. xi - sted. In a state of bliss, Be-li - sa comes.

97

 $\text{♩} = 72$ *(BELISA enters, scantily dressed in her night clothes)*

B.

El que me bus - que con

B.

ar - dor me en - con - tra - rá,

B.

me en - con - tra - rá,

B.

el, el que me

107

B. bus - - - - - que - - - - - con ar - dor - - - - -

109

B. me en-con-tra - rá.

110

P. Be - li - - - - sa, Be-

Perlimplín (*aside*)

111

B. Mi sed - - - - no se a - pa - ga -

P. li - - - - sa: con - - - - tan -

113

B. nun - ca, co - mo nun-ca se a - pa -

P. - - - - tos en - ca - - - - - jes

115

B. — ga la sed de los mas - ca - ro - - - nes que

P. pa - re - ces u - na o - - - - la

117

B. e - chan el a - qua _____ en las fu - en -

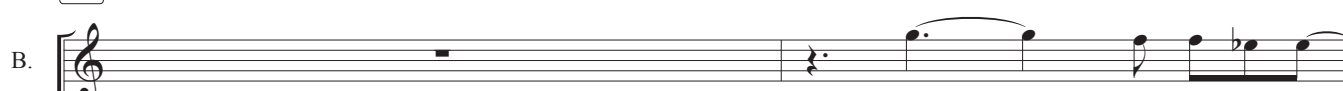
P. y me das el mis - mo mie - do _____ que de

119

B. tes.

P. ni - ño tu - ve _____ al mar. _____

121

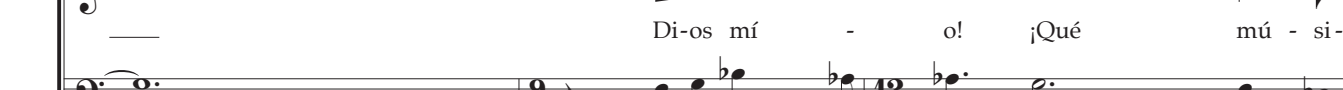
B. 

P. 



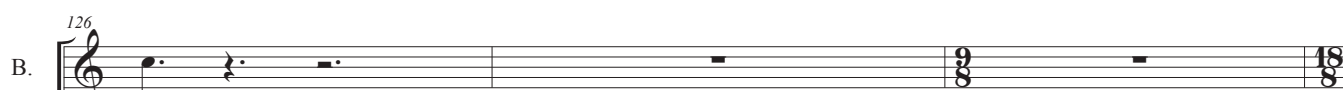
123

B. 

P. 



126

B. 

P. 



129



131

B. Co - mo el plu - món ca - lien - te _____ de los cis -

P. Co - mo el plu - món ca - lien - te _____ de los cis -

f

133

B. - - nes... ¡Ay, _____ **Belisa** (off)

M. - - nes... ¡Ay! _____

P. - - nes... ¡Ay, _____

f

135

B. ay, _____ ay! _____ Pe - ro,

M. Pe - ro, ¿soy yo? ¡Ay! _____

P. ay, _____ ay! _____ Pe - ro,

137

B. *¿soy yo?,*

M. *Pe - ro, ¿soy yo? ¿o*

P. *¿soy yo?,*

139

B. *¿o es la mú - si - ca? ¿o es la*

M. *es la mu - si - ca? ¿o es la mu -*

P. *¿o es la mú - si - ca? ¿o es la*

144

146 $\bullet = 116$

B. *mú - si - ca? Go on!*

M. *- si - ca?*

P. *mú - si - ca? I just want to say, ra-ther late...*

p

149

P.

I love you, Be-li-sa. And I love you more by the

153

B.

So you should; you're a gen-tle-man.

P.

mi-nute. No lon-ger.

157

P.

I saw you un-dress-ing and de-sire came u-pon me

161

B.

Good!

P.

like a dag-ger at my throat. For the first time,

163

P. 

165

P. 

Chorus

168

B. 

M. 

P. 

171

B. 

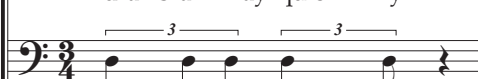
M. 

P. 

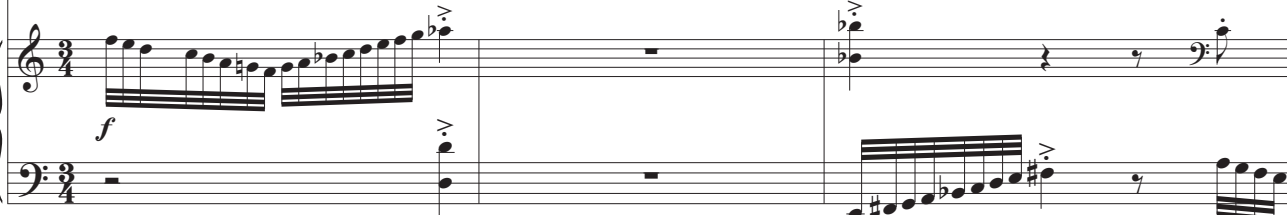
173 ♩ = 104

B. 
draws a - way quick - ly.

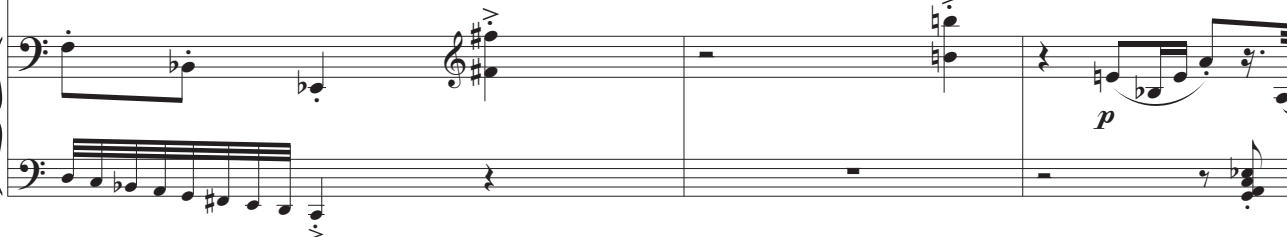
M. 
draws a - way quick - ly.

P. 
draws a - way quick - ly.

Perlimplín

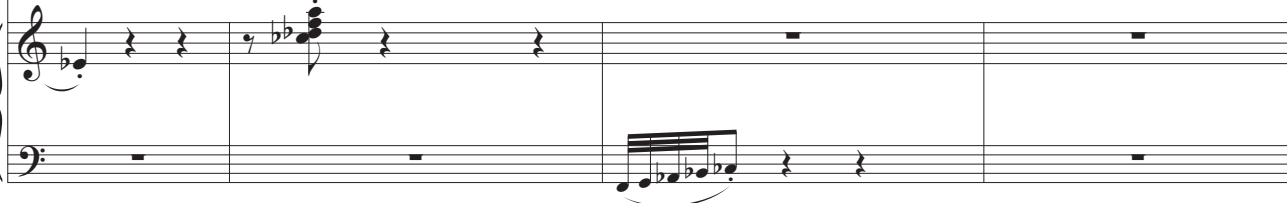


P. 
who's been kis - sing you? Don't de - ny it! I know!



Belisa

B. 
You've — been kis - sing me: it's you, you've — been kis - sing me!



P. 
Of course, it was me, it was me... But, —



186

P. if some - one else had kissed _____ you... Do —

pp *f* *p*

191

B. Tru-ly, my lit-tle Per-lim-

P. — you love me, do you, do you love me?

f

195 *She runs out*

B. plín!

P. I'm drea - - - - - ming!

p

198

♩ = 60

P.

A - mor, a - mor que e - stoy he - ri

205

P.

do, a - mor! He - ri - do de a - mor hui - do, he - ri - do, muer - to de a - mor.

210

P.

ri - do de a - mor hui - do, he - ri - do, muer - to de a - mor.

216

P.

De - cid a - to dos

220

P. *que ha si - do el rui - se - ñor,*

224

P. *que ha si - do el rui -*

231

P. *- se - ñor, Bi - stu - ri de*

232

P. *cua - tro fi - los, gar - gan - ta ro - ta y ol - vi -*

236

P. *- do, bi - stu - ri de*

240

P.

cua - tro fi - los, gar-gan - ta ro - ta y ol - vi -

244

P.

246

do. Có - geme - la

p

249

P.

ma - no, a - mor, que ven - go muy mal he -

254

P.

ri - do, He - ri - do de a-mor hui -

259

P.

- do, he - ri - do, muer-to de a - mor.

264 $\text{♩} = 48$ MARCOLFO enters

Perlimplín (to MARCOLFO)

P.

What did you tell Be - li - sa?

Marcolfo

M.

I told her what you said, sir: that the young man would be in the

M.

gar - den at ten o' clock to - night, wea - ring his

273

M. red cloak. She went _____

P. And?

276

M. _____ as red as a rose, _____ as red _____

279

M. _____ as a rose, _____ put her hands on her

282

M. heart, and _____ kissed _____

285 287

M.

her long hair pas - - -

288

M.

sio - nate - ly. and kissed

P.

As red as a rose!

291 **Belisa (off)**

B.

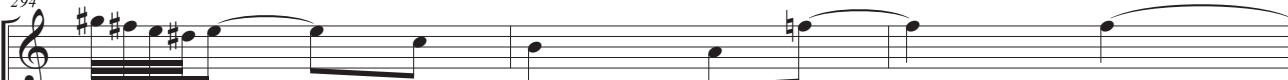
I kissed

M.

her long hair

P.

294

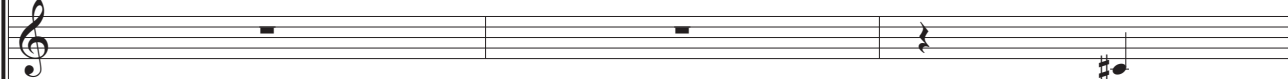
B. 
my long hair pas -

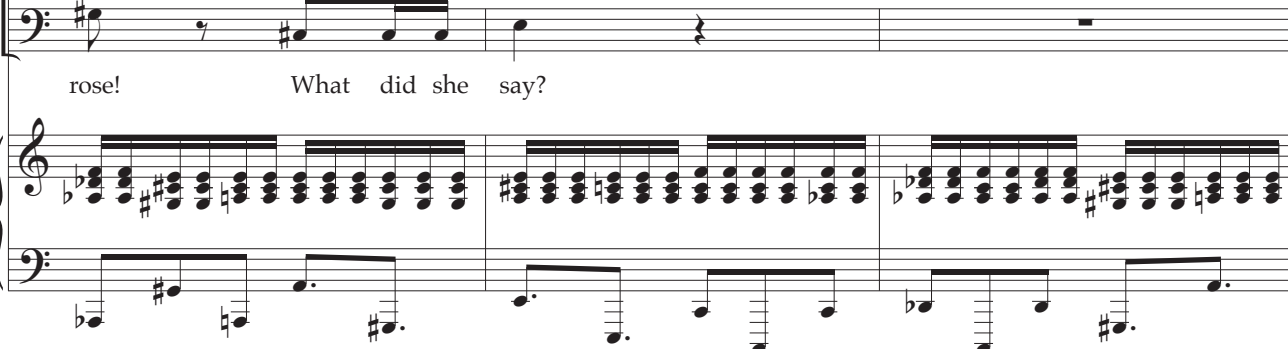
M. 
pas - - - - - sio - nate - ly.

P. 
As red as a

297

B. 
sio - nate - ly.

M. 
She

P. 
rose! What did she say?

300

B. 
I sighed!

M. 
sighed! No - thing else.

P. 
She

303

B. I sighed!

M. She sighed!

P. sighed! No - thing

The musical score for measures 303-305 features three vocal parts (B, M, P) and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The vocal parts enter with the lyrics 'I sighed!', 'She sighed!', and 'sighed! No - thing' respectively. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand.

306

B. No - thing else.

M. No - thing else. But what a sigh!

P. else.

The musical score for measures 306-308 continues the vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are 'No - thing else.', 'No - thing else. But what a sigh!', and 'else.' respectively. The piano accompaniment maintains its rhythmic pattern, with some harmonic changes in the right hand.

309

M. Her love seems to bor - der on

The musical score for measures 309-311 shows the vocal part (M) and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are 'Her love seems to bor - der on'. The piano accompaniment features a forte (f) dynamic and a more complex harmonic structure in the right hand.

312

M. 
mad - ness, her love

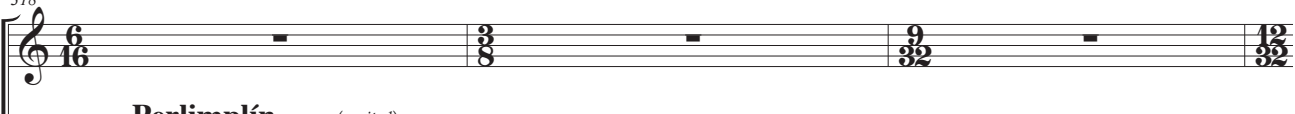


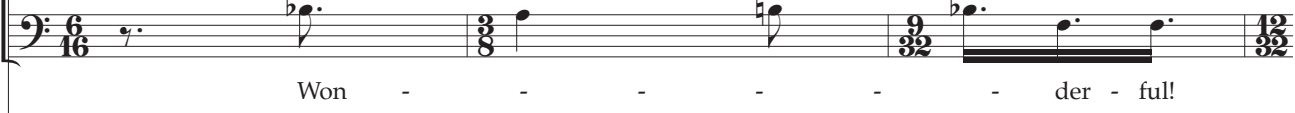
315

M. 
seems to bor - - - der on mad - ness.



318

M. 
Perlimplín (*excited*)

P. 
Won - - - der - ful!



321

M. 
Her love seems to

P. 
I want her to love the young man, _____



M. ³²⁴
bor - der on mad - ness, her love seems to bor - der on

P.
I want her to love _____

M. ³²⁷
mad - - - - - ness, her love, _____ her

P.
_____ the young man _____ more than her own

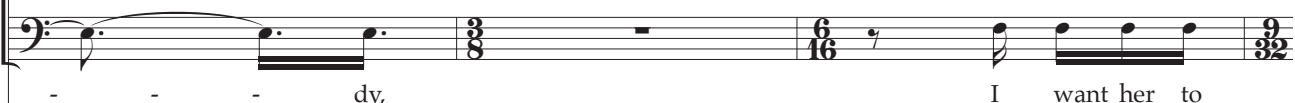
M. ³³⁰
love, _____

P.
bo - - - - -

332

333

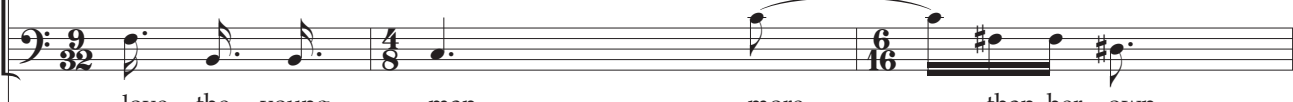
M. 
her love seems to bor - der on mad - ness, her

P. 
- - - dy, I want her to



336

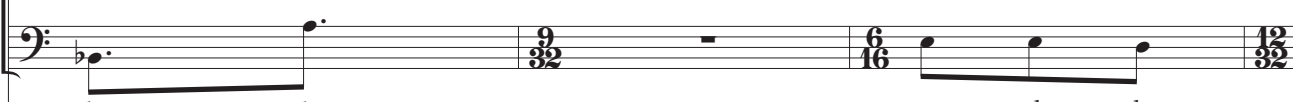
M. 
love _____ seems to bor -

P. 
love the young man more _____ than her own



339

M. 
- - - - - der on mad - ness.

P. 
bo - dy, more than her



342

M.

P.

345

M.

P.

348 (weeping)

351

M.

P.

352

P.

a - mor que e - stoy he - ri - do. ¡Muer-to de a-mor! _____

dim.

356

P.

A - mor, _____ a - mor que e - stoy he - ri - do. ¡Muer-to de a-

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361

P.

mor! _____

p

363

M.

(to the audience)

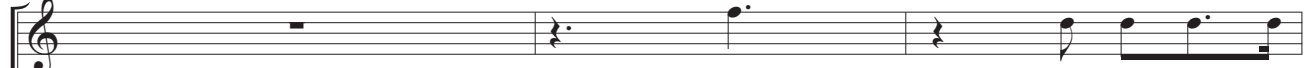
I have no choice. I

P.

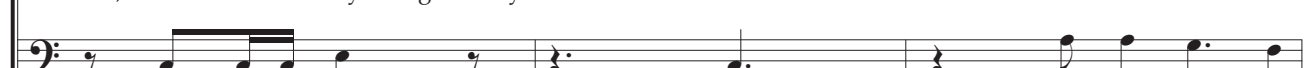
Go now and do what I ask. Ex-cel-lent,

Chorus

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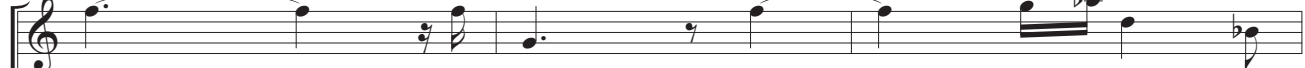
B.  Now Be - li - sa de-

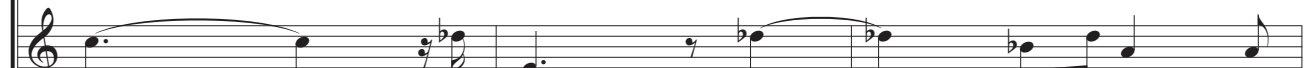
M.  leave, dry - ing my tears... Now Be - li - sa de-

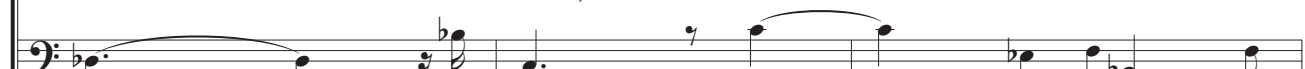
P.  it's go-ing well! Now Be - li - sa de-

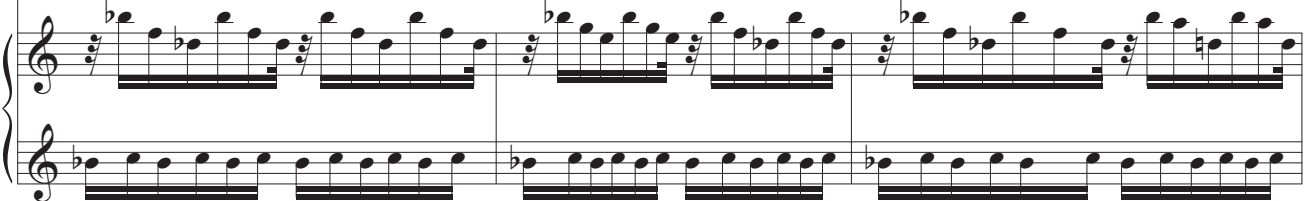


369

B.  sires her dream; oh! she'll se-duce the

M.  sires her dream; oh! she'll se-duce the

P.  sires her dream; oh! she'll se-duce the



372

B.  stran - ger! The sun is fa-ding, and in the cool of the

M.  stran - ger! The sun is fa-ding, and in the cool of the

P.  stran - ger! The sun is fa-ding, and in the cool of the



376

♩ = 72

MARCOLFO goes out. PERLIMPLÍN hides.
 BELISA has entered, dressed provocatively.

B. *eve - ning...*

M. *eve - ning...*

P. *eve - ning...*

382

388 **Belisa** *col canto*

B. 386

Soft _____ is _____

B. 391

_____ his skin, _____ soft, for sure, soft, _____ soft is his

B. 395

skin, _____ and warm _____ is _____ his flesh, _____ his flesh is _____ warm,

401

B. 400

for sure. strong _____ are his

B. 403

arms, _____ firm _____ are his thighs, _____

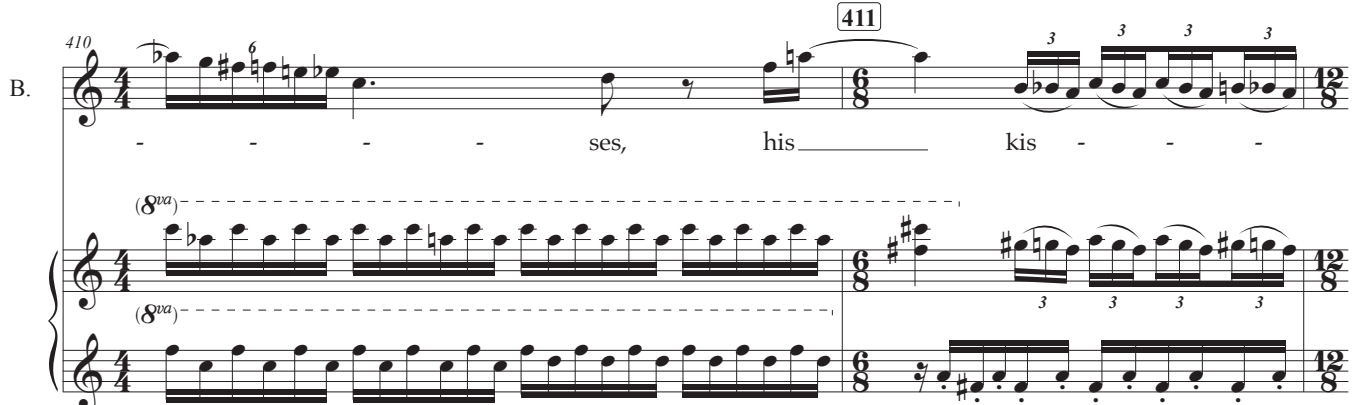
B. 405

firm and strong, _____ and his _____

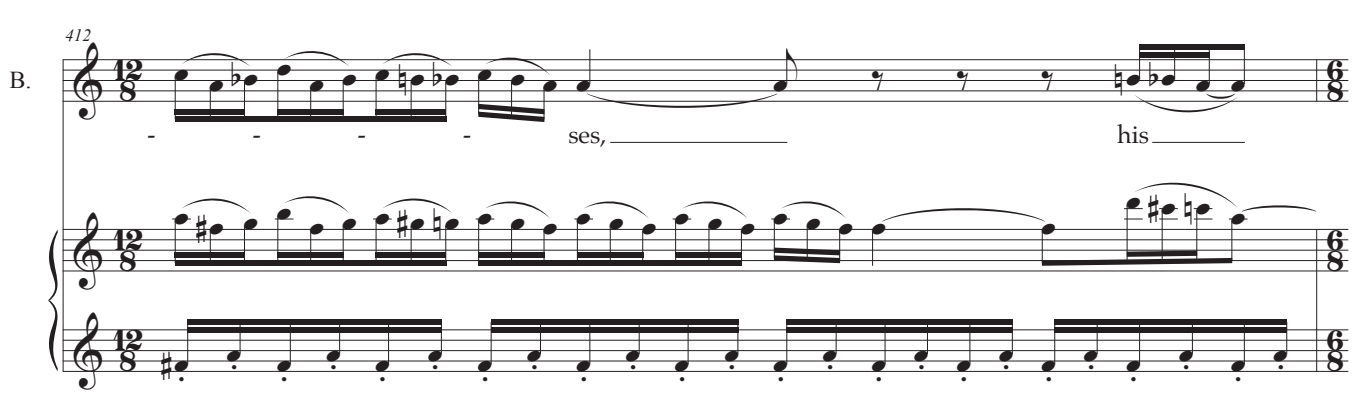
407

B. 

410

B. 

412

B. 

413

B. 

416

B. 

418

B.

ces. When he walks — be - neath my win - dow and glances up —

421

B.

and waves, — and waves, — and waves, — with

424

B.

eyes — so — moist, ah! —

426

B.

— my — heart — burns ah! —

428

B.

and my breasts trem - - - ble.

430

B.

with _____ eyes so moist,

pp

433

B.

my _ heart burns and my breasts trem - ble.

438 $\text{♩} = 144$

angrily
3

B. Give it to me! **Perlimplín** It's for me.

P. *A stone is thrown over the wall. A letter is wrapped around it. PERLIMPLÍN rushes to pick it up.* What for? Who

f

441

B. Per-lim-plín, don't _____ read it!

P. said so?

444

(BELISA takes the note and hides it on her person)

B. Give _____ me the let-ter!

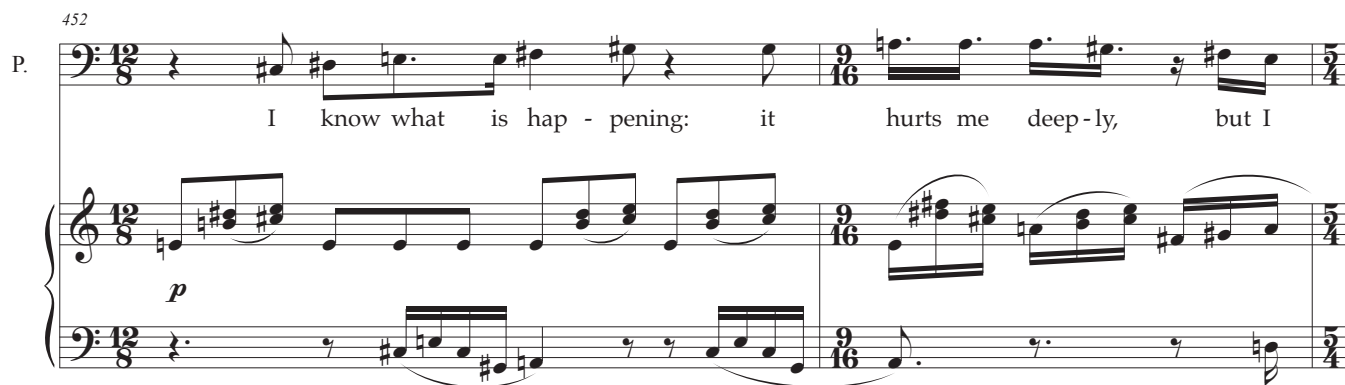
P. And why not?

12/8

447

P. 

450
P. 

452
P. 

454
P. 

456 (tenderly) 457

B. *Per-lim-plín!*

P. — this dra - ma of yours. I know you are faith-ful and will al - ways be true to me.

458

B. There's been no-one but my lit-tle Per-lim-plín! There's been no - one but my lit-tle Per-lim-plín!

P. I know you are faith-ful and will al-ways be true to me. That's

460

P. why I want to help you like e - very hus-band should help his wife when she's a mo-del of vir-tue...

462

P. Lis-ten to me! I know e - very-thing: I rea - lised at once. You

465

P. *— are young, and I am old: what's — to be done? But I*

468

(He whispers) 470

P. *understand per - fectly. Has he been here?*

471

B. *Twice. No-thing, his man-ner was hurt-ful, it was hate-ful.*

P. *What did he say?*

475

B. *Don't wor-ry, I saw him too. He's so good loo-king, so mas - cu-line, so —*

478

B. *I have-n't seen his face yet, but... he writes a-bout — my bo-dy... (stroking her hair)*

P. — de-li-cate! Your bo - dy!

484 $\text{♩} = 96$ (reading the note)

B. "What do I want with your soul?" he says, "what do I

487

B. want with your soul? The soul is the home of the weak, —

491

B. the home of the weak, — of he-roes — that are

495

B.

crip-pled and those sick of heart. Beau - ti - ful souls shine at the

499

B.

thre - shold of death, with hair that is white and limbs that are

505

B.

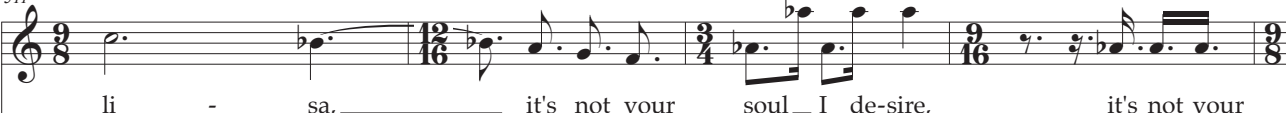
frail. _____ Be - li - sa,

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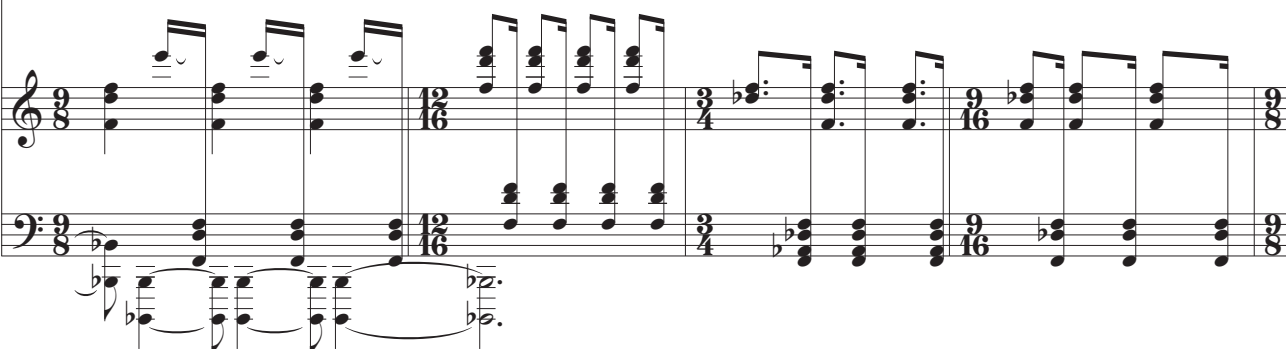
B.

Be - li - - - sa, Be -

511

B. 

li - sa, it's not your soul I de-sire, it's not your

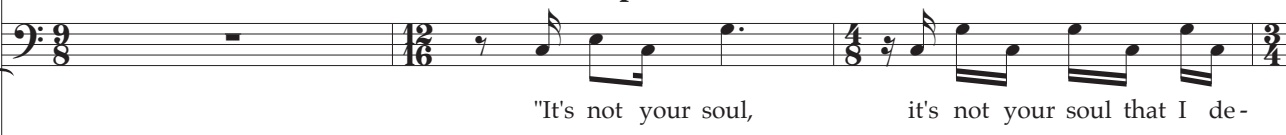


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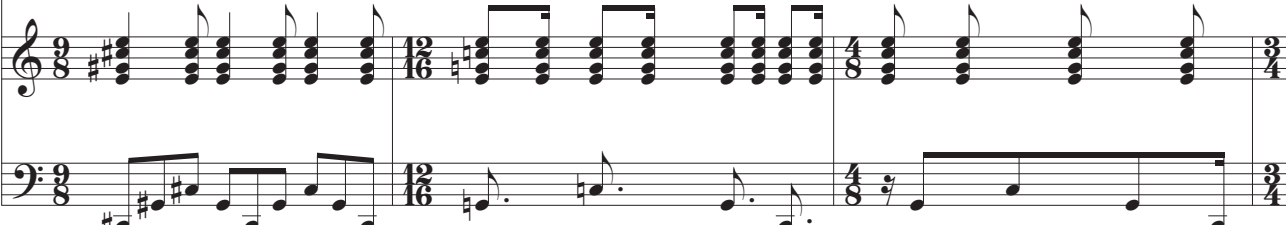
B. 

soul I de - sire, it's not your soul, it's not your soul that I de -

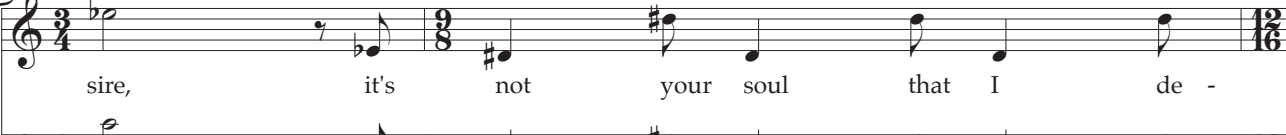
Perlimplín (*joining in*)

P. 

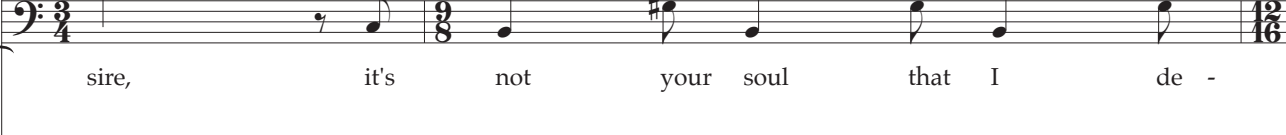
"It's not your soul, it's not your soul that I de -



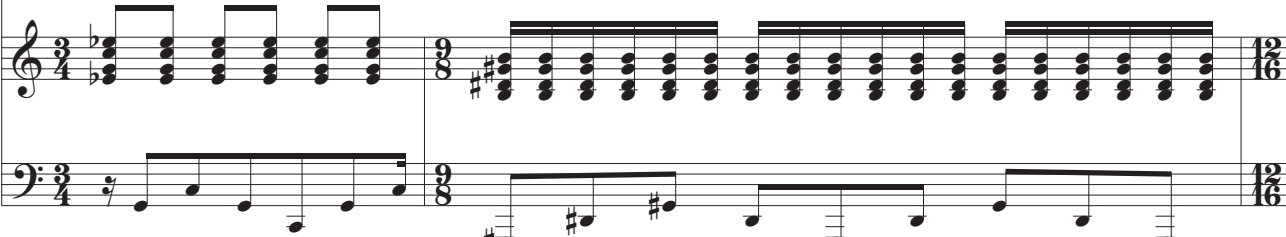
518

B. 

sire, it's not your soul that I de -

P. 

sire, it's not your soul that I de -



520

B. sire, it's not your soul, it's not your soul that I de - sire,

P. sire, it's not your soul, it's not your soul that I de - sire,



523

B. but, but, but your young, your young, your

P. but, but, but your young, your young, your

MARCOLFO plays the flowerpot(s)



525

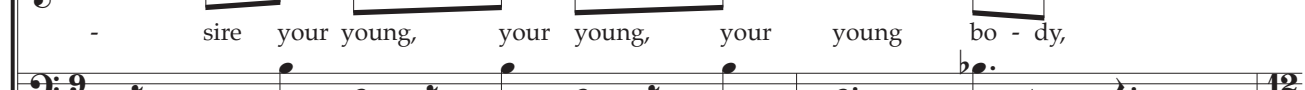
B. young bo - dy, I de -

P. young bo - dy, I de -



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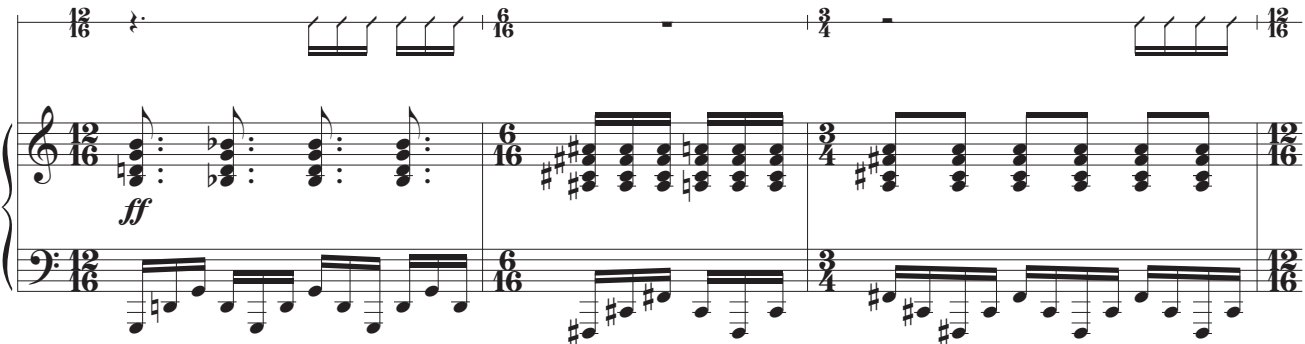
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P. 

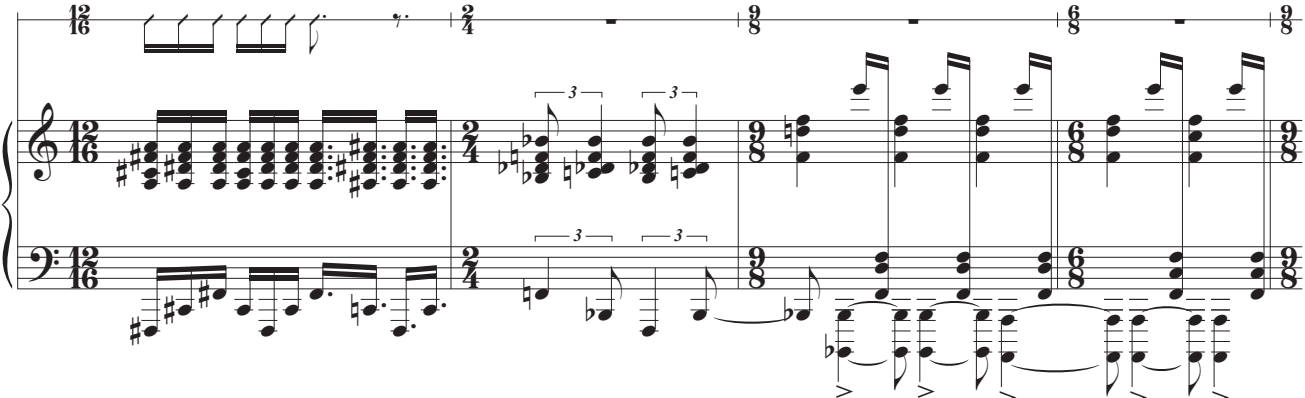


529

Dance



532



536



539

542

Belisa

B. it's not your soul that I de - sire, ah, — ah, —

Perlimplin

P. it's not your soul that I de - sire, ah, — ah,

f

545

B. ah, — ah, — ah, — ah, — ah, —

P. — ah, — ah, — ah, — ah, — ah,

550

B. *ah, — ah, — ah, — ah, — ah, — your trem-bling...*

P. *ah, — ah, — ah, — ah, — ah, — your trem-bling...*



552

B. *ah, — ah, — ah, — bo - dy! ah, — ah, your trem-bling...*

P. *ah, — ah, — ah, — bo - dy! ah, — ah, your trem-bling...*



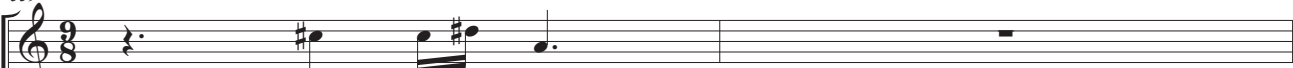
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B. *ah, — bo - dy!"*

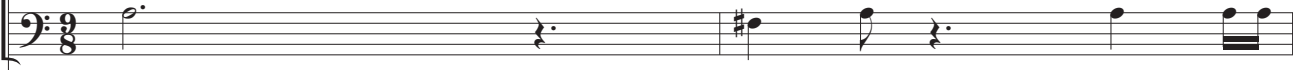
P. *ah, — bo - dy!" Who can this hand-some young man*



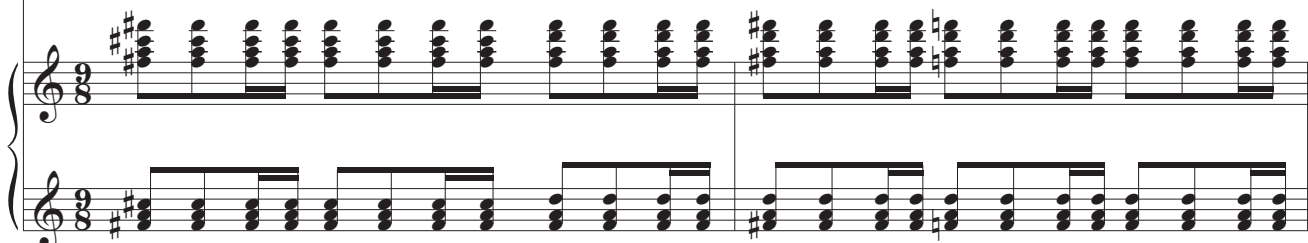
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B. 

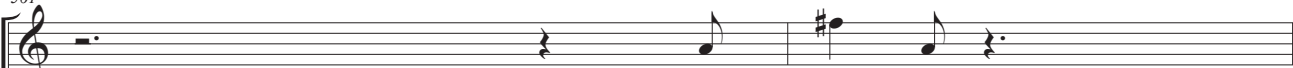
No - bo - dy knows.

P. 

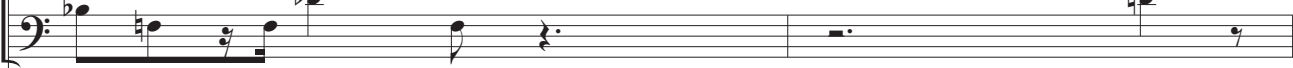
be? No - one? What if I



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B. 

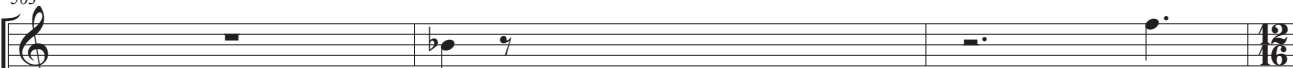
How can you?

P. 

told you I knew him? Wait!



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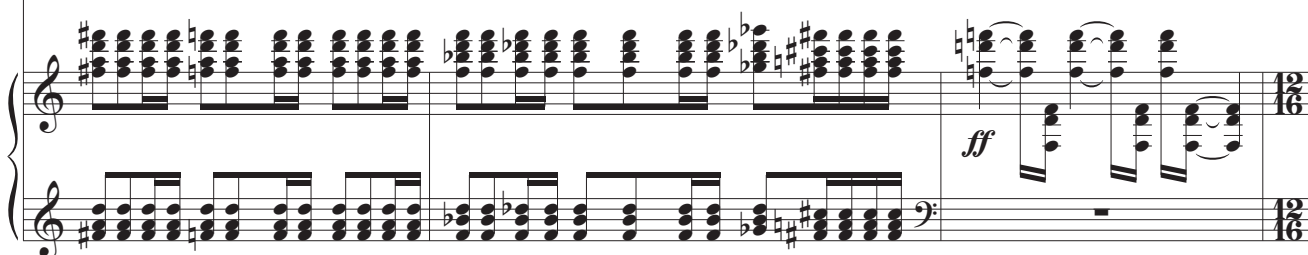
B. 

Where? "Be -

P. 

There he is! He's just turned the cor - ner.

565



566

B. *li - sa, Be - li -*

P. *I know what's to be done.*

569

B. *- - sa, Be - li - sa, _____*

P. *Soon you shall know e - very-thing. Wait*

572

B. *it's not your soul..."*

M. *(he leaves)*

P. *here!*

Chorus

575

B. As night draws in, _____ Be - li - sa,

M. As night draws in, _____ Be - li - sa,

P. As night draws in, _____ Be - li - sa

580 $\text{♩} = 48$

B. Be-li - sa se - re - nades her lo - ver...

M. Be-li - sa se - re - nades her lo - ver...

P. se - re - nades her lo - ver...

582

Belisa

B. Por las _____ o - ri - las del ri -

587

B. *3*

ó se e - stá la no - che mo - jan - do. Y en los pe - chos de Be -

p

591

B. li - sa se mue - ren de a-mor los ra - mos. **Perlimplín** (*off*)

P. Se mue - ren de a-

595

B. La no - che can -

P. mor los ra - mos.

599

B. *ta des-nu - da so-bre los pu - en - tes de mar - zo. —*

3

603

B. *— Be-li - sa la - va — su cuer - po con a - gua sa-lo-bre — y nar - dos.*

607

B. *La — no - che de — a -*

P. *Se mue - ren de a - mor — los — ra - mos.*

610

611

B.

- nis y pla - ta re - lum - bra por los te - ja -

614

B.

- dos. — Pla-ta de ar-ro - yos — y e - spe-jos y a - nis de tus mus -

618

B.

P.

- los blan - cos.

Se mue - ren de a - mor — los — ra - mos.

622

Dance

8va

p sempre

626

Measures 626-628. The score is in 3/4 time. The treble clef staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bass clef staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). Measure 626 features a melody in the treble staff and a bass line in the bass staff. Measure 627 continues the melody and bass line. Measure 628 features a melody in the treble staff and a bass line. A dynamic marking of *8^{va}* is present above the treble staff in measure 628.

629

Measures 629-631. The score is in 3/4 time. The treble clef staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bass clef staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). Measure 629 features a melody in the treble staff and a bass line. Measure 630 continues the melody and bass line. Measure 631 features a melody in the treble staff and a bass line. A dynamic marking of *(8^{va})* is present above the treble staff in measure 629. A triplet marking of *3* is present below the treble staff in measure 630.

632

Measures 632-634. The score is in 3/4 time. The treble clef staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bass clef staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). Measure 632 features a melody in the treble staff and a bass line. Measure 633 continues the melody and bass line. Measure 634 features a melody in the treble staff and a bass line. A triplet marking of *3* is present below the treble staff in measure 633.

635

Measures 635-637. The score is in 3/4 time. The treble clef staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bass clef staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). Measure 635 features a melody in the treble staff and a bass line. Measure 636 continues the melody and bass line. Measure 637 features a melody in the treble staff and a bass line.

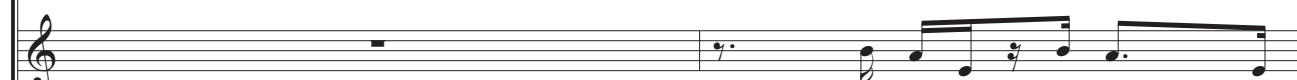
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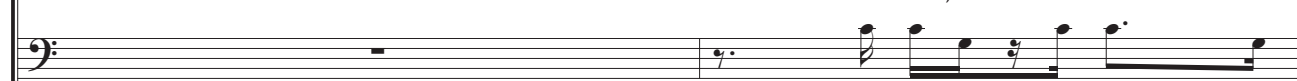
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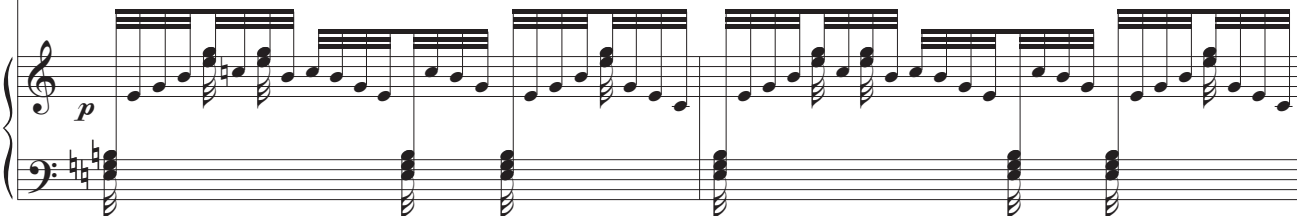
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Chorus

B. 
The owl, _ the owl _

M. 
The owl, _ the owl _

P. 
The owl, _ the owl _

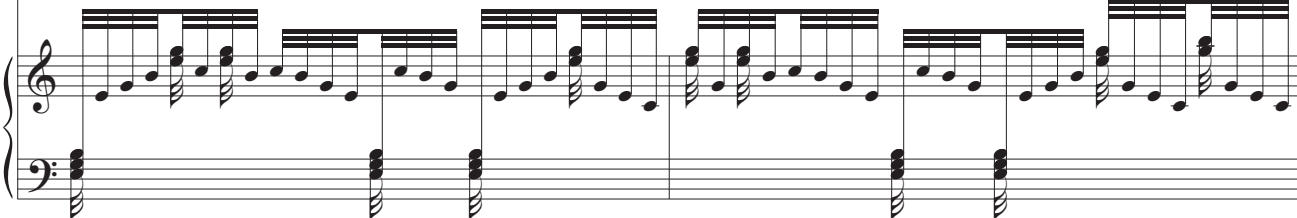


643

B. 
the owl, _ the owl _ calls, _ calls, _

M. 
the owl, _ the owl _ calls, _ calls, _

P. 
the owl, _ the owl _ calls, _ calls, _



645

B. 
calls. _

M. 
calls. _

P. 
calls. _



647

B. The moon-light floods, the moon - light floods the

M. The moon-light floods, the moon - light floods the

P. The moon-light floods, the moon - light floods the

649

B. gar - den. The breeze, the breeze,

M. gar - den. The breeze, the breeze,

P. gar - den. The breeze, the breeze,

651

B. the breeze, the breeze is watch-ing.

M. the breeze, the breeze is watch-ing.

P. the breeze, the breeze is watch-ing.

653

B. There's the man in the scar-let cloak. He cros-ses the gar-den cau-tious-ly.

M. There's the man in the scar-let cloak. He cros-ses the gar-den cau-tious-ly.

P. There's the man in the scar-let cloak. He cros-ses the gar-den cau-tious-ly.

655

B.

657 **Belisa**

B. Oh, my love - ly, gor - geous young man!

pp

659

B. I can feel, can feel your warmth.

661

B.

and your strength your warmth

663

B.

and your strength...

665

B.

Oh, oh,

667

B.

oh! The branches are sway ing!

669

B.

Pssst! Here, o - ver here, o - ver here,

The man indicates that he will come back at once then disappears.

670

B.

o - ver here, _____ yes, o - ver here! Come back my —

671

B.

love, come back, my — love, come back my love!

672

B.

The sky _____ will touch _____ my

674

B.

shoul - ders _____ like jas - mine car - ried _____ on the

676

B.

breeze... The sky will

678

B.

touch my shoul - ders like jas - mine car - ried on the

681

B.

breeze...

685 687

B. 

Night! My night, _____

pp

690

B. 

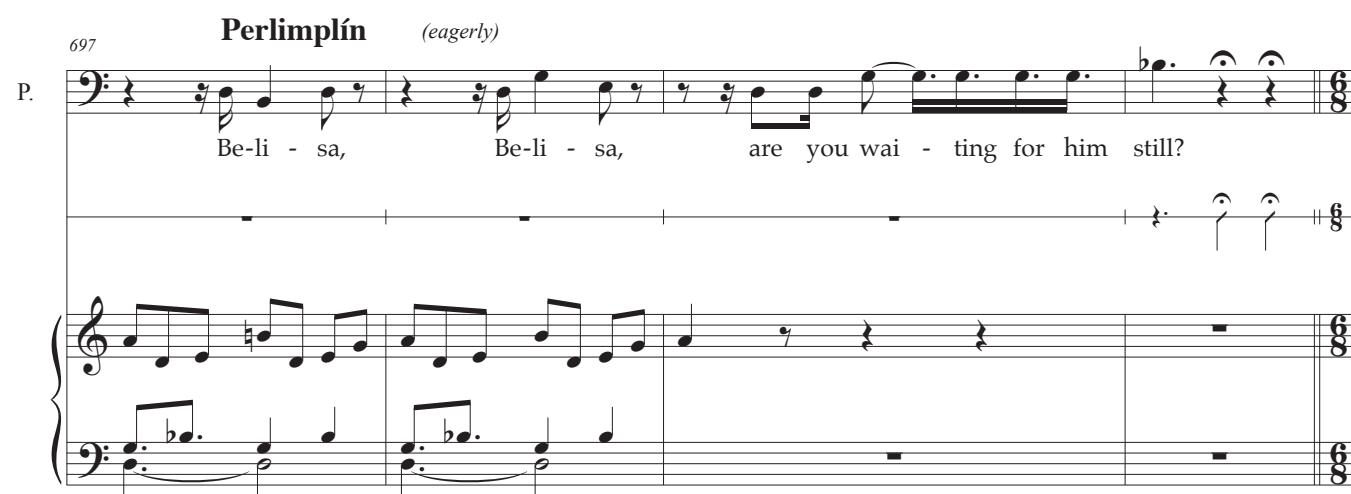
_____ sweet as mint and la - pis la - zu-li, _____

694 PERLIMPLÍN enters

B. 

sweet as mint and la - pis la - - - zu-li.

697 **Perlimplín** (*eagerly*)

P. 

Be-li - sa, Be-li - sa, are you wai - ting for him still?

701

♩. = 80

P. 

Be-li - sa, Be-li - sa,

B. 

More ea - ger-ly than e - ver,

P. 

are you wai - ting for him still?

B. 

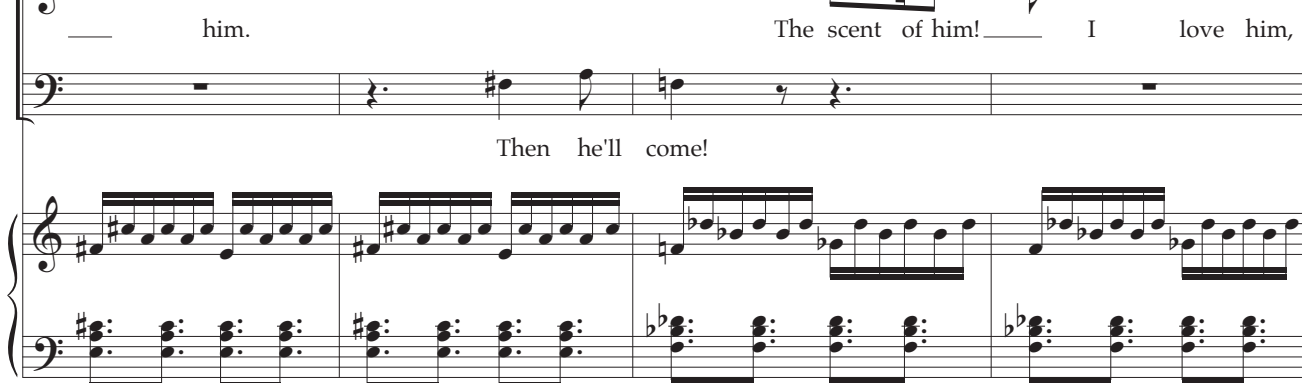
more ea - ger-ly than e - ver! (strongly) Be-cause I love _____

P. 

Why?

B. 

him. The scent of him! I love him,

P. 

Then he'll come!

717

B. love him, love him, Per-lim-plín, I love _____ him!

P.

723

721

P. The tri - umph of my i - ma - gi - na - tion!

f

Chorus

725

B. The clock strikes ten.

M. The clock strikes ten.

P. The clock strikes ten.

730

B. A nigh - tin - gale sings.

M. A nigh - tin - gale sings.

P. A nigh - tin - gale sings. It's

Perlimplín

p

735 **Belisa**

B. He'll be here a - ny mi - nute.

P. time. He's climb-ing the wall.

f

739 **741**

B. Wea - ring his scar - let cloak.

P. (drawing a dagger)

Red _____ as his

p *f*

743 (holding him)

B. What are you do-ing?

P. blood! _____ Beli - sa, _____

ff

746

B. 

(embracing her) Yes, _____ yes!

P. 

Do you _____ love him?



750

P. 

Since you a - dore him, he must _____ not



754

P. 

leave you. To be yours, com-plete-ly



758

P. 

yours, I must plunge this knife _____ in - to his heart.



762

P.

Don't _____ you _____ a - gree? _____

p

766

B.

Perlim-plín, Per-lim-plín, in God's

P.

f

770

B.

name, Per-lim-plín, in God's name, Per-lim-plín, Per-lim-plín, Per-lim-

774

B.

plín!

P.

When he's dead, _____ so hand - some, so e-le-gant,

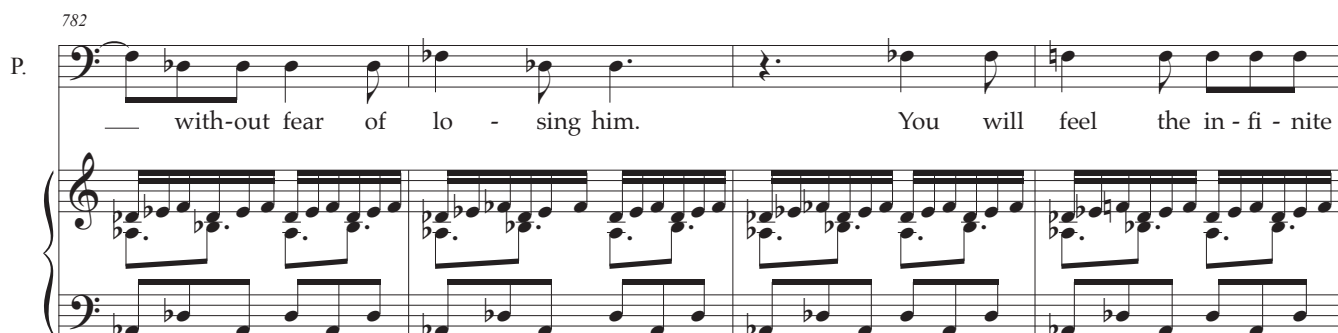
ff

778

P. 

you can ca - ress him for - e - ver in bed,

782

P. 

— with-out fear of lo - sing him. You will feel the in - fi - nite

786

P. 

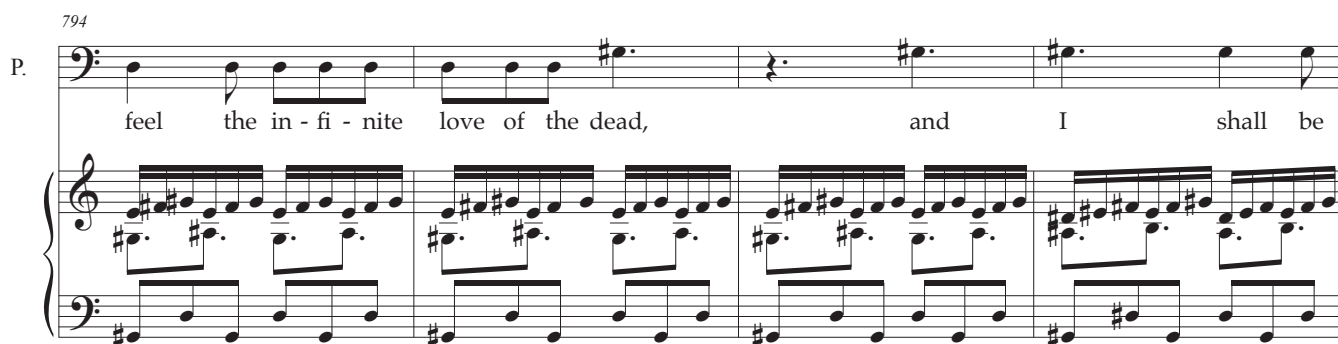
love of the dead, and I shall be free from that mag-

790

P. 

ni - fi - cent bo - - - dy... You will

794

P. 

feel the in - fi - nite love of the dead, and I shall be

798

P. free from that mag - ni - fi - cent bo - - - dy...

802 803

B. (Looking into the garden) Mar - col-fo, fetch me a sword to cut my hus - band's

P. Look, he's co-ming! Let me

ff

806

B. throat! Don Per - lim - plín, e - vil man, if you kill him, I'll — kill

P. go, let me go, Be-li - sa, let me go, let me go, Be-li - sa,

810

B. you, I'll — kill you! —

P. let me go! —

813

Chorus

B. From the trees there comes the man

M. From the trees there comes the man

P. From the trees there comes the man

ff *dim.*

816

B. wrapped in a splen - did, scar - let cape. He is woun -

M. wrapped in a splen - did, scar - let cape. He is woun -

P. wrapped in a splen - did, scar - let cape. He is woun -

p

820

B. - - ded and stum - - - bles.

M. - - ded and stum - - - bles.

P. - - ded and stum - - - bles.

824 **Belisa** **Chorus**

B. My love! The man holds his cloak a-cross his face.

M. The man holds his cloak a-cross his face.

P. The man holds his cloak a-cross his face.

831 **freely**

B. Be - li - sa em - bra - ces him.

M. Be - li - sa em - bra - ces him. Then... she sees the

P. Be - li - sa em - bra - ces him.

832 **Belisa** $\text{♩} = 54$

B. Who's — stabbed your heart? Your

M. knife in his chest.

p

835

B.

blood is flood-ing the gar - den! My

837

B.

love, let me look at you!

840

B.

Who has done this? Who? **Perlimplín**
Your

844

P.

hus-bandkilled me, your hus-band killed me be - cause he knew how I

847

P.

love — you... He struck me shou-ting: "Be-li - sa

850

P.

now has a soul!" He ran off. You'll

854 *He lies down on a bench. BELISA, half naked, holds him.*

P.

ne - ver see him a - gain.

856 **Belisa**

B.

What's hap-pened? You are real - ly woun-ded?

With his

859

(dying)

P. *e - merald blade* *Per - lim - plín has*

861

P. *killed the one who loved your flesh,* *who wished to make your*

863

P. *bo - dy sing;* *I am my spi - rit and you*

870

B. *Belisa* *(frightened)* *Per-lim-plín!*

P. *are your flesh.* *Let me die hol - ding you...*

Chorus

872

B. *Per-lim-plín! He dies. The gar-den is bathed in the hues of ma-gi-cal moon-light.*

M. *He dies. The gar-den is bathed in the hues of ma-gi-cal moon-light.*

P. *He dies. The gar-den is bathed in the hues of ma-gi-cal moon-light.*

(8^{va})

Belisa

875

B. *MARCOLFO enters. Marcolfo Don Per-lim-plín is dead!*

M. *Ma-dam!*

pp

p

878

M. *He shall have ___ for his shroud the scar-let cloak he wore to walk be-neath your*

880

M. win - dow. We will make him a wreath as bright

883

M. as the mid - day sun.

885 **Belisa**

B. Per-lim-plín, what have you done, Per-lim-plín?

M. Be - li - sa, you are clothed

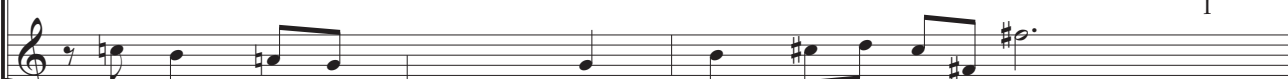
887

B. But who was this man? Who?

M. in my mas-ter's glo - rious blood.

889

B. 

M. 

The love - ly young man whose face you shall ne - ver see. I



891

B. 

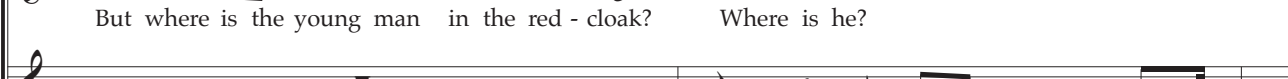
love him, Mar-col-fo, tru-ly, with all the pas-sion of my flesh and spi - rit.



893

B. 

But where is the young man in the red - cloak? Where is he?

M. 

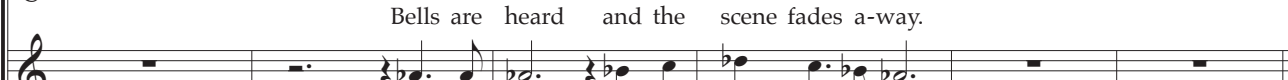
Don Per-lim-lín, sleep peace - ful-ly.



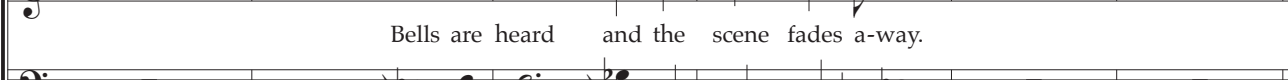
895 **Chorus**

B. 

Bells are heard and the scene fades a-way.

M. 

Bells are heard and the scene fades a-way.

P. 

Bells are heard and the scene fades a-way.

