

To Elizabeth Mayer
HYMN TO ST. CECILIA

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BENJAMIN BRITTEN
Op. 27

Quietly flowing
(*Tranquillo e scorrevole*) (♩. = 56-60)
pp smooth and very sweetly

I
SOPRANOS
II
ALTOS
TENORS
BASSES

In a gar - den sha - dy this ho - ly la - dy With
In a gar - den sha - dy this ho - ly la - dy With
In a gar - den sha - dy this ho - ly la - dy With
In a gar - den sha - dy
This

Quietly flowing
(*Tranquillo e scorrevole*) (♩. = 56-60)
pp smooth and very sweetly
pp sustained

PIANO
(for rehearsal only)

1

rev - 'rent ca - dence and sub - tle psalm, _____ Like a

rev - 'rent ca - dence and sub - tle psalm, _____ Like a

rev - 'rent ca - dence and sub - tle psalm, _____ Like a

Like a black

ho - ly la - dy, _____

pp

black ___ swan as death came on Pour'd forth her song _____ in per - fect

black ___ swan as death came on Pour'd forth her song _____ in per - fect

black ___ swan as death came on Pour'd forth her song _____ in per - fect

swan as death came on: _____

Pour'd forth her song in

cresc.

pp

cresc.

calm: _____ *p* And by o - cean's mar - gin this

calm: _____ *p* And by o - cean's mar - gin this

calm: _____ *p* And by o - cean's mar - gin this

p By o - cean's *(p)* mar - gin

calm: _____

p

cresc. in - no-cent vir - gin _____ Con - struct - ed an or -

cresc. in - no-cent vir - gin _____ Con - struct - ed an or -

cresc. in - no-cent vir - gin _____ Con - struct - ed an or -

she Con - struct - ed an

p Con - struct - ed an

cresc.

gan to en-large her prayer, And —

gan to en-large her prayer, And —

gan to en-large her prayer, And —

or - gan, And notes from —

or - gan for prayer, —

dim. **pp** **cresc.**

3 **pp** **cresc.**

notes tre-men-dous from her great en - gine Thun-der'd out — on the Ro - man

notes tre-men-dous from her great en - gine Thun-der'd out — on the Ro - man

notes tre-men-dous from her great en - gine Thun-der'd out — on the Ro - man

cresc. her en - gine Thun - der'd out, —

p **cresc.** they Thun - der'd out, —

cresc. **p** **cresc.**

f *dim.*

air.

f *dim.*

air.

f *dim.*

air.

f *dim.*

notes tre-men - dous thun - der'd out, thun - der'd on the Ro - man

f *dim.*

notes tre-men - dous thun - der'd, thun - der'd on the Ro - man

f *dim.*

4

pp

Mov'd to de-light by the

pp *sf* *pp*

Blonde A - phro-di - te rose up ex - ci - ted,

pp *sf* *pp*

Blonde A - phro-di - te rose up ex - ci - ted,

pp *sf* *pp*

air. A - phro-di - te rose up ex - ci - ted,

pp *sf* *pp*

air. A - phro-di - te rose up ex - ci - ted,

pp *sf* *pp*

me - lo - dy, *pp* In an

pp *sf pp*
White as an or - chid she rode quite na - ked; _____

pp *sf pp*
White as an or - chid she rode quite na - ked; _____

pp *sf pp*
White as an or - chid she rode quite na - ked; _____

pp *sf pp*
White as an or - chid she rode quite na - ked; _____

pp *sf pp*
White as an or - chid she rode quite na - ked; _____

5

oy - ster shell on top of the sea;

pp At sounds so en - tran - cing _

pp At sounds so en - tran - cing _

pp At

pp sustained At sounds so

pp

pp cresc.

An - gels dan - cing

cresc.

the an - gels dan - cing Came out of their

cresc.

the an - gels dan - cing Came out of their

cresc.

sounds so en - tran - cing the an - gels dan - cing Came

cresc.

en - tran - cing the an - gels

più cresc.

time, And a -

più cresc.

trance in - to time a - gain, And a -

più cresc.

trance in - to time a - gain, And a -

più cresc.

out of their trance in - to time, In

più cresc.

dan - cing Came in - to time, In

più cresc.

f expressive

6

- round the wick - ed in Hell's a - bys - ses The huge flame

- round the wick - ed in Hell's a - bys - ses The huge flame

- round the wick - ed in Hell's a - bys - ses The huge flame

f sustained
Hell's a - bys - ses The huge

Hell's a - bys - ses The huge

flick - er'd and *ff*

flick - er'd and *ff*

flick - er'd and *ff*

fp flame flick - er'd and *ff*

fp flame flick - er'd and *ff*

flame flick - er'd and

A musical score for the song 'The Rose Tree'. The score is written for voice and piano. The voice part is in the upper staff, and the piano accompaniment is in the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score consists of four measures. The first measure shows the vocal melody starting on a whole note, followed by a half note and a quarter note. The piano accompaniment starts with a whole note chord, followed by a half note and a quarter note. The second measure shows the vocal melody continuing with a half note and a quarter note. The piano accompaniment continues with a half note and a quarter note. The third measure shows the vocal melody continuing with a half note and a quarter note. The piano accompaniment continues with a half note and a quarter note. The fourth measure shows the vocal melody ending with a half note and a quarter note. The piano accompaniment ends with a half note and a quarter note. The score includes dynamic markings such as 'dim.' and 'pp'.

The musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is presented in a grand staff format, featuring a treble and bass clef. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into four measures. The first measure contains the lyrics 'The rose tree, the rose tree,'. The second measure contains 'The rose tree, the rose tree,'. The third measure contains 'The rose tree, the rose tree,'. The fourth measure contains 'The rose tree, the rose tree,'. The melody is a simple, repetitive tune, and the accompaniment provides a steady, rhythmic foundation. The score is marked with 'ppp smooth' in the first measure, indicating a very soft and smooth performance.

[illegible]

down and star-tle Com - pos - ing mor - tals _____ with im - mor - tal fire.

down and star-tle Com - pos - ing mor - tals _____ with im - mor - tal fire.

down and star-tle Com - pos - ing mor - tals _____ with im - mor - tal fire.

down and star-tle Com - pos - ing mor - tals _____ with im - mor - tal fire.

down and star-tle Com - pos - ing mor - tals _____ with im - mor - tal fire.

dying away

attacca

Lively

8 (Vivace) (♩ = 152-160)

pp lightly

First system of musical notation for 'Lively'. It consists of five staves. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics: 'I can - not grow; I have no sha - dow To run a - way from, I can - not grow;'. The second staff has a *pp* lightly marking. The remaining three staves are empty.

Lively

(Vivace) (♩ = 152-160)

pp lightly

Second system of musical notation for 'Lively'. It consists of two staves. The top staff has a *pp* lightly marking. The bottom staff has a *pp* lightly marking.

Third system of musical notation for 'Lively'. It consists of five staves. The top staff has lyrics: 'I on - ly play, I on - ly play, I have no sha - dow To run a - way from, I on - ly play,'. The second staff has a *pp* lightly marking. The remaining three staves are empty.

Fourth system of musical notation for 'Lively'. It consists of two staves. The top staff has a *pp* lightly marking. The bottom staff has a *pp* lightly marking.

I on - ly play, I on - ly play, I on - ly play, I can-not grow;
 I have no sha-dow To run a - way from, I on - ly play,

pp lightly

pp lightly

I can - not grow; I have no sha - dow To run a - way from, I on - ly play,
 I can - not I on - ly play, I can - not

pp

p

p

I have no sha-dow To run a-way from, I on-ly play,
I on-ly play,
grow;
I can-not grow; I have no sha-dow To
grow;

10
I on-ly play, I on-ly play, I on-ly play, I on-ly play,
I can-not grow;
I
run a-way from, I on-ly play, I on-ly play,
I
p

I have no sha - dow To run a - way from, I on - ly play,
on - ly play.
pp
I can - not grow;
on - ly play.

The first system of the musical score is written in D major (two sharps). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a half rest, followed by a melody for the lyrics "I have no sha - dow To run a - way from, I on - ly play,". The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines in both hands. The lyrics "on - ly play." are repeated in the second measure of the vocal line. The system concludes with the lyrics "I can - not grow;" and "on - ly play." in the vocal line, and a final piano accompaniment phrase.

p
I can - not err;
I on - ly play.
I have no sha - dow To run a - way from, I on - ly play,
p

The second system continues the musical piece. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a half rest, followed by the lyrics "I can - not err;" and "I on - ly play.". The piano accompaniment continues with harmonic support. The system concludes with the lyrics "I have no sha - dow To run a - way from, I on - ly play," and a piano dynamic marking (*p*) at the end of the vocal line.

There is no crea-ture Whom I be-long to, Whom I could wrong,

p I can-not err; There is no crea-ture Whom I be-long to,

mp

I on-ly play,

mp

Whom I could wrong, _____ Whom I could wrong,

Whom I could wrong, Whom I could wrong, _____ Whom I could

can - - not err, _____

p I can-not err;

can - - not err, _____

Whom I could wrong, ——— Whom I could
wrong,
There is no crea-ture Whom I be-long to, Whom I could wrong,

12
più f
wrong, I can - not err;
più f
There is no crea-ture Whom
mf
Whom I could wrong, ——— Whom I could wrong,
mf
più f
mf

There is no crea-ture Whom I be - long to, Whom I could wrong,
 I be - long to, Whom I could wrong, Whom I could wrong, —
 can - - - not err.
piu f
 I can - not err; There is no crea-ture Whom
 can - - - not err.

Whom I could wrong, — Whom I could wrong.
 Whom I could wrong. *cresc.* I can-not err,
 I be-long to, Whom I could wrong, Whom I could wrong, — Whom I could
cresc.

cresc. 13 *f*

I can - not err, I can - not err. I am de - feat

I can - not err, I can - not err. I am de - feat

f marked 2

When it

wrong. I can - not, I can - not err, I am de - feat

f marked 2

When it

f marked 2

dim.

dim.

dim.

knows it Can now do no-thing, now do no-thing By suf - fer - ing.

dim.

dim.

knows it Can now do no-thing, now do no-thing By suf - fer - ing.

dim.

f I am de - feat *dim.*

f I am de - feat *dim.*

f 2 When it knows it Can now do no - thing, now *dim.*

f I am de - feat *dim.*

2 When it knows it Can now do no - thing, now *dim.*

f 2 *dim.*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 1 through 8. It features a vocal melody in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The vocal line starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic and a long note, then moves to a descending scale. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. Dynamics include *f* and *dim.* (diminuendo). A fermata is placed over the final note of the vocal line in measure 8.

14 *p* I am de - -

p I am de - -

do no-thing By suf - fer - ing.

do no-thing By suf - fer - ing.

p

Detailed description: This system contains measures 9 through 16. Measure 14 is marked with a box containing the number 14. The vocal line continues with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The piano accompaniment features a melodic line in the right hand and a supporting line in the left hand. Dynamics include *p* and *f*. The system concludes with a piano (*p*) dynamic marking.

pp
- feat
pp
- feat
pp lightly
All you liv'd through,
pp lightly
All you liv'd through, Dan-cing be-cause you No lon - ger need it

pp
pp

pp lightly
Dan-cing be-cause you No
Dan-cing be-cause you No lon - ger need it For a - ny deed,
For a - ny deed, For a - ny deed,

mp

lon - ger need it For a - ny deed, For a - ny deed,
For a - ny deed,
p I shall ne - ver
pp For a - ny deed, For a - ny deed,
p I shall ne - ver

The first system contains measures 15 through 18. It features a vocal melody in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The vocal line begins with a melodic phrase in measure 15, followed by a rest in measure 16. In measure 17, the vocal line has a long note on 'ne' and a half note on 'ver'. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines in both hands.

pp All you liv'd through, Dan - cing be - cause you No lon - ger need it
be Diff -
be Diff

The second system contains measures 19 through 22. The vocal melody continues in the upper staff, with a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature remains three sharps. The vocal line features a melodic phrase in measure 19, followed by a rest in measure 20. In measure 21, the vocal line has a long note on 'be' and a half note on 'Diff'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines in both hands.

pp

All you liv'd through, Dan - cing be - cause you No lon - ger need it

For a - ny deed, For a - ny deed,

dying away

'rent.

dying away

'rent.

dying away

dying away

For a - ny deed, For a - ny deed.

pp

All you liv'd through, Dan - cing be - cause you No lon - ger need it

piu p

shall

piu p

shall ne - ver be Diff - rent.

For a - ny deed, For a - ny deed,

ppp

ne - ver be Diff - rent. Love me.

ppp

For a - ny deed.

ppp

ppp

attacca subito

17 As before
(Come sopra) (♩)

Bless - ed Ce - ci - lia, ap - pear in vi - sions To

Bless - ed Ce - ci - lia, ap

Bless - ed Ce - ci - lia, ap

Bless - ed Ce - ci - lia, ap - pear in vi - sions To

Bless - ed Ce - ci - lia, ap

As before
(Come sopra) (♩)

all mu - si - cians, ap - pear and in - spire:

- pear, in spire:

- pear, in spire:

all mu - si - cians, ap - pear and in - spire:

- pear, in spire:

pp

Trans - la - ted Daugh - ter, come down and star - tle Com -

Trans - la - ted Daugh - ter, come

Trans - la - ted Daugh - ter, come

Trans - la - ted Daugh - ter, come down and star - tle Com -

Trans - la - ted Daugh - ter, come

Trans - la - ted Daugh - ter, come

pos - ing mor - tals with im - mor - tal fire. *ppp*

down, with fire. *ppp*

down, with fire. *ppp*

pos - ing mor - tals with im - mor - tal fire. *ppp*

down, with fire. *ppp*

allacca

18 With movement
(Andante con moto) (♩ = 42-46)

UNIS. *pp* sustained

pp sustained

O ear

pp rather marked

O ear whose crea - tures can - not wish to fall,

With movement
(Andante con moto) (♩ = 42-46)

pp sustained

pp rather marked

calm, un - a - fraid,

O calm, Where Sor

pp sustained

Where Sor row

pp sempre sim. cresc.

O calm of spa - ces un - a - fraid of weight, Where Sor - row is her -

pp sempre sim. cresc.

The gauch - ness of her
row is for - get - ting
is for - get - ting of her
- self for - get - ting all The gauchness of her ad - o - les - cent state,

19

pp *cresc.*
state, Hope from ev - 'ry
pp *cresc.*
all, Hope is re -
pp *cresc.*
state, Where Hope is re -
pp *cresc.*
Where Hope with - in the al - to - geth - er strange From ev - 'ry out-worn

out - worn im - age, Dread like a
 - leased, And Dread born like a
 - leased, And Dread born like a
 im - age is re - leased, And Dread born whole and nor - mal like a beast

poco f
dim.
poco f
dim.
poco f
dim.
poco f
dim.

20

beast, of truths that ne - ver change:
 beast, of truths that ne - ver change:
 beast, a world of truths:
 In - to a world of truths that ne - ver change: Re-store our fall - en

dim.
dim.
poco f
dim.
poco f
dim.
poco f
dim.
poco f
dim.

p *dim.*

O re - ar - range, — O re - ar - range, O re

p *dim.*

O re - ar - range, — O re - ar - range, O re

p *dim.*

O re - ar - range, — O re - ar - range, O re

p

day. O re - ar - range, O re - ar - range, O

21

SOPRANO SOLO *p* always simply and smooth

(SOPRANOS UNIS.) *ppp* always very quiet and sustained

ppp always very quiet and sustained

ppp always very quiet and sustained

ppp always very quiet and sustained

ppp

re - ar - range.

p always simply and smooth

ppp always very quiet and sustained

Play - ing a-mong the ru - ined lan - gua - ges, So small be - side their

- al, a - mong the lan - gua - ges, So small be - side their

- al, a - mong the lan - gua - ges, So small be - side their

— Play - ing — a - mong the lan - gua - ges, —

The first system of the musical score consists of four vocal staves and two piano accompaniment staves. The key signature is D major (two sharps). The vocal parts enter with the lyrics "Play - ing a-mong the ru - ined lan - gua - ges, So small be - side their". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are repeated on the second and third vocal staves, with the fourth staff continuing the melody. A piano part is also present at the bottom of the system.

large con - fus - ing words, So gay a - gainst the great - er si - len - ces —

words, — So gay, so gay a - gainst the great - er

words, — So gay, so gay a - gainst the great - er

— con - fus - ing words, — a - gainst the si - len - ces: —

The second system of the musical score continues the vocal and piano parts. It features four vocal staves and two piano accompaniment staves. The lyrics continue from the first system: "large con - fus - ing words, So gay a - gainst the great - er si - len - ces —". The piano accompaniment continues with harmonic support. The lyrics are repeated on the second and third vocal staves, with the fourth staff continuing the melody. A piano part is also present at the bottom of the system.

meno p

Of dread-ful things you did: O hang the head, Im -

meno p

si - len - ces Of things you did: O child

meno p

si - len - ces Of things you did: O child

meno p

O hang the head, Im -

ppp

Of things you did: O hang the head, Im -

meno p

sm.

- pet - uous child with the tre - men - dous brain, O weep, child, weep, O

with the tre - men - dous brain, O weep, child, weep, weep, —

with the tre - men - dous brain, O weep, child, weep, weep, —

- pet - uous child, tre - men - dous brain, O weep, child,

- pet - uous child, O child, O weep, O weep, child,

poco f

weep a - way the stain, Lost in - no - cence

p

a - way the stain, Lost in - no - cence who

p

a - way the stain, Lost in - no - cence who

p

weep a - way the stain, Lost in -

p

weep a - way the stain, Lost in - no -

poco f

p

who wish'd your lov - er dead, Weep

wished your lov - er dead,

wished your lov - er dead, Weep,

(p)

no - cence who wish'd your lov - er

- cence your lov - er dead,

p

for the lives your wish - es nev - er led.

pp Weep, weep for the lives your wish - es nev - er

pp weep for the lives your wish - es nev - er

dim. dead,

pp Weep, weep for the lives your wish - es...

p dying away O dear white chil - dren cas - u - al as birds, Play - ing so small so

ppp led. O dear white child - ren... *DIV.*

ppp led. O dear white child - ren so small so

ppp O so small so

ppp O dear white child - ren play - ing...

p dying away

23 **rather animated**
(*poco animato*)

(SOLO) *f* *marked*
gay... Is drawn a - cross our trem - bling

II TUTTI *f*
O cry, Is drawn a - cross our

gay... O cry, *f*
gay... ...the bow Is drawn a - cross our vi

f
O cry cre - a - ted as the bow of sin Is drawn a - cross our

rather animated
(*poco animato*)

f *marked*

ppp
vi - o - lin.

ppp
vi - o - lin.

SOLO *p*
(*quasi Violino*) O weep, child weep, O weep a - way the

ppp
o - lin.

ppp
vi - o - lin.

p

Drumm'd out, Long stain. A - gainst the win - ter O law drumm'd out by hearts a - gainst the still

f *sf* *TUTTI f*

the in - tel - lec - tual will. win - ter of our will. of our in - tel - lec - tual will. Long win - ter of our will. SOLO *p* clearly (quasi Timpani) That what has been may ne-ver be a - gain, *p* clearly

sf ppp *sf ppp* *sf ppp* *sf* *p* *p*

*With Tenors *ad lib.* for three bars.

The image shows a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree". It is written for a four-part vocal ensemble (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "may ne - ver be a - gain, may ne - ver be a -". The piano part features a simple harmonic accompaniment with a bass line and a treble line. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves. The score is presented on a white background with black musical notation.

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The musical score is for a piece in B-flat major, 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by a half note G4, a half note A4, and a half note Bb4. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand playing a series of eighth notes (G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4) and a left hand playing a series of eighth notes (F4, E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3). The tempo is marked 'Allegretto' and the dynamics are 'f' (forte) and 'fz' (forzando). The score includes a 'SOLO' section for the vocal line and a 'TUTTI' section for the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'O flute, O flute, O flute that throbs with the thanks-giving breath, With the thanks-giving breath Of'.

O flute, O flute, O flute that throbs with the thanks-giving breath, With the thanks-giving breath Of

*With Sopranos I *ad lib.* for five bars.

flute *f* that throbs with breath on shores of

with breath Of con - va - les - cents on the shores of

f O flute, of

con - va - les - cents On, on the shores of

sf ppp death.

SOLO
(quasi Flauto) *p* calmly *pp*

O bless the free-dom that you ne - ver chose.

sf death.

sf ppp death.

sf ppp death.

p calmly *pp*

sf ppp

26

O trum - pets that un-guard-ed

TUTTI *f*

O trum - pets that un-guard-ed

O trum - pets that un-guard-ed

O trum - pets, O trum - pets that child - ren

f *sustained*

child - ren blow A - bout the fort - ress of their in - ner

child - ren blow A - bout the fort - ress of their in - ner

child - ren blow A - bout the fort - ress of their in - ner

blow, A - bout the fort - ress of their in - ner

cresc.

*With Basses *ad lib.* for five bars.

sf ppp

foe.

sf ppp

foe.

sf ppp

foe.

ff lively, with force

SOLO (quasi Tromba)

dim. e rall.

O wear your tri-bu-la - tion like a rose, like a rose, like a rose, like a

sf

foe.

sf ppp

ff lively, with force

dim. e rall.

27 **As before**
(come prima) (♩)

ppp very smooth and sweetly

Bless-ed Ce - ci - lia, — ap - pear in vi-sions To

ppp very smooth and sweetly

Bless-ed Ce - ci - lia, — ap - pear in vi-sions To

ppp very smooth and sweetly

Bless-ed Ce - ci - lia, — ap - pear in vi-sions To

pp dying away

rose.

ppp

mm

TUTTI *ppp* sustained

Ce - ci - lia, ap -

As before
(come prima) (♩)

ppp very smooth and sweetly

ppp sustained

all mu - si - cians, ap - pear and in - spire:

all mu - si - cians, ap - pear and in - spire:

all mu - si - cians, ap - pear and in - spire:

- pear:

ppp sustained

To all mu - si - cians:

pp Trans - la - ted Daugh - ter, come down and star - tle Com -

pp Trans - la - ted Daugh - ter, come down and star - tle Com -

pp Trans - la - ted Daugh - ter, come down and star - tle Com -

pp Trans - la - ted Daugh - ter, come

come

pp

poco

poco

- pos - ing mor - tals, *dim.* Com - pos - ing mor - tals, *dim.* Com - pos - ing
 - pos - ing mor - tals, *dim.* Com - pos - ing mor - tals, *dim.* Com - pos - ing
 down and star - tle mor - tals with im -

ppp with fire. *dying away*
ppp with fire. *dying away*
ppp with fire. *dying away*
 with im - mor - tal fire. *poco* *ppp* *dying away*
 mor tal fire. *poco* *ppp* *dying away*
 mor tal fire. *poco* *ppp* *dying away*