

I: The Ass and the Flute

Bar.

Cl.

Pno.

f *quasi cadenza*

3

f *3* *11* *8va* *15ma* *gentle staccatos* *mp*

7

mp

O'er a green field of grass—— It just now came to pass——

mp

simile

The musical score is written for Clarinet (Cl.) and Piano (Pno.). The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 7/8. The score is divided into three systems. The first system shows the Clarinet playing a melodic line with a forte (*f*) dynamic and a 'quasi cadenza' marking. The Piano part is mostly silent, with a few notes in the right hand. The second system begins with a measure number '3'. The Clarinet continues its melodic line. The Piano part enters with a forte (*f*) dynamic, playing a series of ascending eighth notes, marked with a '3' and '11' (likely indicating 3 and 11 measures). The Piano then plays a series of chords, marked with '8va' and '15ma' (likely indicating 8va and 15ma). The Clarinet part ends with a 'gentle staccatos' marking and a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The third system begins with a measure number '7'. The Clarinet part is marked with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The Piano part continues with a series of chords, marked with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The lyrics 'O'er a green field of grass—— It just now came to pass——' are written under the Clarinet part. The Piano part ends with a 'simile' marking.

12

There did stray a young ass ac-ci-dent 'ly. And

16

in this ass-'s way I al-so have to say There a lit-tle flute lay

20

There a lit-tle flute lay, ac-ci-

8va

8ba

25

mf

dent - 'ly, ac-ci - dent _____ 'ly. Then the flute he

mf

mf

31

spied; he smelled it and pried, and in - to it sighed _____

f

36

ac - ci - dent _____ 'ly.

5 4 4 3

42 *mf*

Now the air with-in the flute— did not pass through it

mf

mf

47

mute, al-though breathed by a brute, 'ac - ci - dent

6

6

51 *meno mosso* *mf*

'ly. With-out com-pass or chart, with-out

mp *mf*

mp *p* *mf*

3

56 Tempo I

can-ons of art, thus an ass played his part, _____ ac - ci -

f *f*

6 *8va*

8ba

60

dent - 'ly. _____

senza ped., poco staccato

3

64

cresc. *sffz p*

brillante *ff sffz*

8va *15ma* *22ma*

7 *cresc.* *7* *7* *7* *ppp 8ba*

II: A Fish Wish

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molto rubato **accel.**

Bar. Pno.

mp *p* *cresc.*

una corda tres cordes

4 **rit.** *mf* ♩ = 111

Of all the fish - ies in the sea, I

8 **poco accel.** **rit. a Tempo I**

wish I were a bass; then I could climb — up

11 **poco rubato** **in tempo**

on a rock — and slide down on my fin.

RH

3

III: From Ludwig to Johann

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♩ = 146

Bar.

Cl.

Pno.

f

f

7

f

I am glad _____

sim.

12

_____ a - bout the im - prove - ment in your health. _____ As for me, _____

f

3

16

— my eyes are not quite right. More - o - ver I —

sfp *f*

20

— came here with an im-paired di - ges-tion and a ter - ri - ble

sfz

25

$\text{♩} = 114$

cold, the for-mer from that arch - pig, the

mp *cresc.*

f *mp*

sfp *p* *sfp* *p* *mp* *cresc.*

31 *ff* *falsetto, possibly ugly*

house - keep-er; the oth - er from a beast ____ of a

ff *f*

35 *con rubato, quasi recit.* *rit.* **Tempo I**

kitch - en - maid, who, though for-mer-ly dis - missed, I have ta-ken back a - gain.

mf *mp*

40 *mf*

Two ve-ry pret-ty sing - ers paid us a

mf *p*

vis - it³ to-day, and though they were bent on kiss - ing³ my hand, I

mf *mp*

of - fer - ed them my mouth _____ in - stead. _____ Read the Bib - le

ff *hand clap* *ff*

ff *ff*

8ba

ev' - ry day; _____ keep in mind the e - pist - les³ of Pet - er and Paul. _____

ff *ff*

57 *rit.* $\text{♩} = 114$ *f*

Trav - el to Rome and kiss the pope's slip - per.

f *ff* *8ba*

61 *poco rit.* *Tempo I*

mf *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*

(8ba) *8ba*

67 *mf* *rit.*

For how - ev - er litt - le you de - serve it from me, —

mp *mf* *3*

71 $\text{♩} = 114$ *f* *softening*

I shall nev - er for - get that you are still fam' - ly.

f *mp* *8va*

f *mp* *8ba* play Ab if available

75 *rit.* $\text{♩} = 133$ *p* *falsetto, not ugly* *rit.*

In - vis - i - bly I hov - er a - round you.

p *5* *8va* *una corda* *8ba*

79 $\text{♩} = 114$ **Tempo I** *non rit.*

As ev - er, — your true broth - er.

p *ppp* *8va* *p* *ppp* *tres cordes*

IV: The Limerick on the Mount

Piano Tacet

$\text{♩} = 74.5$ *mf*

Bar. *trudge offstage slowly, comically*

Cl. *sfz > pp sfz > pp sim.*

4

last name of cle-ver-est _____ de - clared that he would

9

ne-ver rest _____ un - til he had climbed that moun - tain, his

14

rhyme, of all en - dea - vors the en - dea-vor-est.

be offstage non rit.

mf p

V: Lorem Ipsum

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f slowly, quasi chant *accel.* ♩=220 quasi swaggering

Bar. Lor-em ip-sum do - lor sit a - met, con-sec-tet-ur

Offstage
Piano/
Cl.

Pno. *sfz* *ff* quasi heavy metal, slightly swung senza ped.

6 quasi persuading

a - di - pi - scing e - lit. Sed do ei - us - mod tem-por ____ in - ci-di - dunt ut la -

f half pedal

11 quasi warning

bo - re et do - lo - re mag - na, mag - na a - li - qua. Ut

LH full pedal

e - nim mi - nim ven - i - am quis

quasi arguing
nos - trud ex - er - ci - ta - ti - on ul - lam - co la - bor - is

whistling *mp* *quasi lyric tenor; falsetto?*
ni - si ut al - i - quip ex

quasi shimmering *mp*

e - a com - mo - do con - se - quat, com - mo - do con - se - quat.

8va

31 *quasi yearning*

Du - is au - te i - ru - re dol - or, do - lor,

mf quasi sparkling

(8va)

34 *quasi lusting*

do - lor in rep - re - hen - de - rit, in vo - lup,

(8va)

37 *quasi regretting*

vo - lup - ta - te ve - lit es - se cil - lum do -

violence is always an option

f *ff* *mp* *f*

quasi determined

(♩=♩)

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lo - re, do - lo re e - u fu - gi - at nul - la,

8va

*sub. p**cresc.**ff*

♩=76

nul - la, nul - la par - i - a - tur.

Offstage Piano*quasi echo; play so it sounds pp in the hall*

sub. p *cresc.* *ff* *fff* *pp* *mf pp* *mf pp* *sim.*

quasimodo *also play cue notes in absence of offstage piano*

8ba

slowly raise pedal through beginning of m54; if necessary, retake partly to sustain chords

p *quasi repentant**quasi anguished*

Ex - cep - te - ur sint oc - cae - cat cu - pi - da - tat non pro - i - dent,

8ba

sunt in cul - pa qui of - fi - ci - a — de - se - runt mol - lit, mol - lit, mol -

pp $\#^{\circ}$ 8^{ba}

cresc.

65

$\text{♩} = 123$ *f* *accel.; onward to Zion!* *ff* **Tempo I**

lit a - nim id est la - bo - rum, la - bo - rum, la -

f 8^{va} 5 6 *ff* 8^{va} (8^{ba})

70

vamp; walk offstage

bo - rum, la - bo - rum, la - bo - rum, la - bo - rum, la - bo - rum.

Clarinet *stick bell out from behind stage door and play*

vamp as piano is pushed offstage; pedal if you can *mp* 8^{va}