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Three Nightsongs

for Abbie Betinis

1. Evening

Hilda Conkling

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With fluid motion ♩ = c. 65

Piano

mp

∞ sustain until m. 12

S *mp*

Now it is dusk - y.

A *mp*

Now it is dusk - y.

mp

8 *mp* *mf*

And the her - mit thrush and the black and white

mp *mf*

And the her - mit thrush and the black and white

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12

war - bler Are sing - ing and an - 'swing to - geth - er.

war - bler Are sing - ing and an - 'swing to - geth - er.

16

mf

There is a sweet - ness in the

There is a sweet - ness in the

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mf

senza rit.

tree, And fire - flies are count - ing the

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mf *senza rit.*

Warmly, with rubato

mf espr. [22]

leaves. I like this coun - try, I

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Warmly, with rubato

mf espr.

like the way it has,

like the way it has,

mf until fermata (m. 32)

[28]

mf rit.

33 A little more motion ♩ = c. 75

mf But I can-not for-get my dream I had of the

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(8^{va}) A little more motion ♩ = c. 75

mf

♬ until m. 37

37

f sea, The gulls swing-ing and call-ing, And the

f sea, The gulls swing-ing and call-ing, And the

f accented

♬

molto rall.

ff foam - y tow - ers of the waves.

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molto rall.

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♬

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a tempo
fff very accented
mf
ca. 10'' *n*
mf
ca. 10'' *n*
mf *mp*
ca. 10'' *ca. 10''* *n*
Attacca

* *Choir*: Continue pattern in strict tempo for approximately 10 seconds and gradually *decrescendo al niente* over this time. The choir should begin the second movement at the end of the piano's 10 seconds (last measure).

** *Piano*: Play the given notes slowly in random order. Continue for another 10 seconds after the singers are silent. Gradually *decrescendo al niente* during the last measure, with the pedal depressed from m. 45 until the entrance in the second movement.

2. Moon Song

Mysteriously $\text{♩} = 120$

S1

S2

A1 *p* There is a star, there is a

A2 *p* There is a star, there is a star, there is a star,

p star, star,

p star, there is a star, there is a star, there is a

star, there is a star, there is a star, there is a

mp *mf* *f* star, star, star,

mp *mf* *f* star, star, star,

mp *mf* *f* star, there is a star, there is a star, there is a

mp *mf* *f* there is a star, there is a star, there is a star,

10 (3+3+2) *mp* 12 *mf with joy*

S
A

There is a
star,

(3+3+2) *f with joy*

star that runs ver - y fast, That goes

mf with joy

There is a star that runs e - y

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pull - ing the moon Through the tops of the

fast, That goes pull - ing the moon Through the

19

pop - lars.

tops of the pop - lars.

Ped. until next entrance

23 Warmly $\text{♩} = c. 60-70$

mp *f*, *mp* *f*

It is all in sil - ver, That tall star:

mp *f*, *mp* *f*

It is all in sil - ver, That tall star:

Warmly $\text{♩} = c. 60-70$

senza rit.

ff

sub *ped.* *sub* *ped.*

Ped. until next entrance

26 Tempo I ($\text{♩} = 120$)
(3+3+2) *mf with joy*

The moon rolls gold - en - ly a - long

f with joy

Tempo I ($\text{♩} = 120$)
(3+3+2)

f with joy

sub *ped.* *sub* *ped.*

Ped. until next entrance

32

Out of breath.

long Out of breath

mf

mf

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Ad. until final measure

37

mp

mp

mp

Musical score for the first system, featuring vocal staves and piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a dynamic marking of *pp* and a tempo marking of *8^{va} - 1*.

3. Water

Warmly ♩ = c. 60 *p* 3

The world turns

The world turns

Warmly ♩ = c. 60 *p* *delicately* *mp*

And. sustain until m. 6

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Musical score for '3. Water'. The score includes vocal staves and piano accompaniment. The tempo is marked 'Warmly' with a quarter note equal to approximately 60 beats per minute. The piano part is marked 'p' and 'delicately'. The lyrics are: 'The world turns' and 'The world turns'. A large red watermark 'For Perusal Only' is overlaid on the score. The piano part includes a dynamic marking of 'mp' and a tempo marking of 'And. sustain until m. 6'.

soft - ly Not to spill its lakes and riv - ers.

soft - ly Not to spill its lakes and riv - ers.

And.

Musical score for the second system, featuring vocal staves and piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a dynamic marking of *mp* and a tempo marking of *And.*

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mf

ped. sustain until m. 13

sky is held in the wa-ter. What is
 sky is held in the wa-ter. What is

mf *f*

13
 wa-ter. That pours sil-ver, And can
 wa-ter. That pours sil-ver, And can

fff with power

15

hold the sky? no vibrato

hold the sky? no vibrato

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mp

* Repeat until the previous harmony fades to almost nothing. Decrescendo on final repeat.

p *molto rit.*

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