

To Know the Dark

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Spoken: *To go in the dark with a light is to know the light, To know the dark, go dark. Go without sight – and find that the dark too, blooms and sings,*

*and is travelled by dark feet and dark wings. **

* speaker should end just before piano enters

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Musical score for the first system, featuring vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The score includes dynamic markings such as *Mm*, *mp*, and *pp*. The lyrics "is to know the light" and "to" are visible.

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Musical score for the second system, featuring vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The score includes dynamic markings such as *p*, *Mm*, and *cresc.*. The lyrics "know the dark", "go dark", and "go" are visible.

Mm 18 *mf*

mp Ooh

Mm *cresc.* Mm Mm

dark go with-out sight

mp Mm Mm

cresc.

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Mm Mm Mm Mm

Ooh

Mm Mm Mm Mm

mp *mf*

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The first system shows the piano introduction. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The music is in 7/8 time and begins with a series of chords and single notes, leading to a full bar rest in the final measure.

The second system contains the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. It features five staves: four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and one piano accompaniment staff (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are: "And find that the dark blooms and dark, too blooms and sings blooms and blooms and". The music is in 7/8 time and includes dynamic markings such as *mf*, *mp*, and *f*. The piano accompaniment features a prominent melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand.

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dim. *mf*

sings Ooh

dim. *mf*

sings ooh ooh

dim. *mf*

si(ngs)* ooh ooh

dim. *mf*

si(ngs)* ooh ooh

dim. *mf*

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mf *f*

ooh and is

ooh ooh ooh ooh

ooh ooh ooh ooh

ooh ooh ooh ooh

* do not articulate the ending consonants

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trav - elled by dark feet and ² dark wings

ooh ooh and dark wings

ooh ooh

ooh

dim.

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cresc. *f*

cresc. *f*

mf *cresc.* *f*

wings wings wings

mf *cresc.* *f*

wings wings wings

mf *cresc.* *f*

mf *cresc.* *f*

wings wings wings