

These Last Gifts

Catullus - Translation by Robert Fitzgerald

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The musical score consists of two systems of music. The first system, starting at measure 1, includes parts for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Piano (rehearsal only). The piano part features a basso continuo style with sustained notes and harmonic support. The vocal parts sing in G major, mostly in common time, with some changes to 2/4 time. The lyrics describe a journey across strange lands and seas. The second system, starting at measure 6, continues with the same vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and adds a piano part. The piano part provides harmonic support and includes a melodic line. The lyrics continue the narrative of the journey.

Soprano (Measure 1):

Alto (Measure 1):

Tenor (Measure 1): By stran - gers' coasts and wa-ters, man - y days at sea, I

Bass (Measure 1): By stran - gers' coasts and wa-ters, man - y days at sea, I

Piano (For rehearsal only) (Measure 1):

Soprano (Measure 6): came here for the rites of your un - world - ing,

Alto (Measure 6): came here for the rites of your un - world - ing,

Tenor (Measure 6): 8 came here for the rites of your un - world - ing,

Bass (Measure 6): came here for the rites of your un - world - ing,

Piano (Measure 6):

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rit.

$\text{♪} = 92$

Soprano (S) vocal line:

p — un - world — ing, — Bring-ing for you, these

Alto (A) vocal line:

p — un - world — ing, — Bring - ing the

Tenor (T) vocal line:

p — un - world — ing, — Bring - ing the

Bass (B) vocal line:

p — un - world — ing, — Bring - ing for you, these

rit.

$\text{♪} = 92$

Soprano (S) vocal line:

last gifts — of the liv - ing — these last — gifts —

Alto (A) vocal line:

dead, — these last gifts — these last — gifts —

Tenor (T) vocal line:

dead, — these last gifts — these last —

Bass (B) vocal line:

last — gifts — of the liv - - - ing these last —

rit.

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22

S — of the liv - ing And my words vain sounds for the

A — of the liv - ing And my words vain sounds for the

T 8 gifts of the liv - ing And my

B gifts of the liv - ing

27

S man of dust. And my words vain sounds for the

A man of dust. And my words vain sounds for the

T 8 words vain sounds for the man of dust. words vain

B vain sounds for the man of dust. my words vain

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32 *dim.* **p** **p**

S man of dust. vain sounds for the man of

A man of dust. vain sounds man

T *dim.* **p** **pp**

T 8 sounds vain sounds man

B *dim.* **p** **pp**

B sounds vain sounds man of

32 rit. *dim.* **p** **pp**

♪ = 66

37 **pp**

S dust. A - las, A - las, A - las, my

A dust. A - las, A - las, A - las, my

T dust. A - las, A - las, A - las, my

B dust. A - las, A - las, A - las, my

♪ = 76

37 **pp**

S

A

T

B

♪ = 66

37 **pp**

S

A

T

B