

103 The Snow

Ars Cantandi

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Andantino ♩ = 66

Sopraan 1

Sopraan 2

Alt

Violon

Piano

S 1

S 2

A

O snow, which sinks so light, — Brown earth is hid from

O snow, which sinks so light, Brown earth is hid, is

O snow, which sinks so light, Brown earth is hid, is

8

S 1

S 2

A

sight,

hid from sight,

hid from sight,

O soul

be thou as white,

espressivo

espressivo

11

S 1

S 2

A

soul,

be thou as white,

O soul,

Be thou As white as

be thou As white as

be thou As white as

cresc.

cresc.

f

f

f

espressivo

14

S 1

14

S 2

14

A

dim.

rit.

allargando

p rit.

snow, as snow,

snow, as snow,

snow, as snow, O soul be thou as white as snow,

Più lento ♩ = 52

pp dolce

17

S 1

17

S 2

17

A

pp dolce

pp dolce

pp dolce

O snow, which falls so slow, Dear earth quite

O snow, which falls so

O snow, which falls so

20

S 1 *poco cresc.* warm— be-low; O heart, O heart, so keep— thy

S 2 *fp* slow, O heart, so keep thy glow,

A *fp* slow, O heart, so keep— thy glow,

23

S 1 *dim. e poco rit. pp* glow, Be-neath the snow, the snow. **Tempo 1**

S 2 *dim. e poco rit. pp* Be-neath the snow.

A *dim. e poco rit. pp* Be-neath the snow, the snow.

27 *p*

S 1 O snow, in thy soft grave Sad flow'rs, sad flow'rs the

S 2 O snow, in thy soft grave Sad flow'rs, sad flow'rs the

A O snow, in thy soft grave Sad flow'rs, sad flow'rs the

30 *stringendo*

S 1 win - ter brave;

S 2 win - ter brave; *espressivo* O heart, *stringendo* so soothe and save, *cresc.*

A win - ter brave; O

33 *f* **Più mosso** ♩ = 96

S 1 The snow must

S 2 *cresc.* So soothe as does the snow. The

A heart, so soothe and save, as does the snow. The snow must

36

S 1 melt, must melt, must go, Fast, fast, fast,

S 2 snow must melt, must go, Fast, fast, fast,

A melt, must melt, must go, Fast, fast, fast,

40

S 1

fast as wa - ter flow. *accel.*

S 2

fast as wa - ter flow. *accel. mf* Not thus, my

A

fast as wa - ter flow. *accel. mf* Not

44

S 1

mf *cresc.* Not thus, my soul, O

S 2

cresc. soul, not thus, my soul, O sow

A

thus, - my soul, Thy

47

S 1

S 2

A

sow Thy gifts to fade like

Thy gifts to fade, Thy gifts to fade like

gifts to fade like snow Thy gifts to fade like



50

S 1

S 2

A

allargando **ff** **Maestoso**

snow. Not thus, not thus, O

snow. Not thus, not thus, O

snow. Not thus, not thus, O



53

S 1

S 2

A

sow Not thus thy gifts to

p

dim. e rit.

sow Not thus thy gifts to

sow Not thus thy gifts to

sow Not thus thy gifts to

Detailed description: This block contains measures 53, 54, and 55. The vocal parts (S 1, S 2, A) enter in measure 53 with the lyrics 'sow Not thus thy gifts to'. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Dynamics include *p* (piano) and *dim. e rit.* (diminuendo e ritardando).

56

S 1

S 2

A

fade, to fade like snow.

fade, to fade like snow.

fade, to fade like snow.

fade, to fade like snow.

Detailed description: This block contains measures 56, 57, and 58. The vocal parts (S 1, S 2, A) enter in measure 56 with the lyrics 'fade, to fade like snow.'. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern. Dynamics include *p* (piano) and *dim. e rit.* (diminuendo e ritardando).

Tempo 1

59 *p*

S 1 O snow, thou'rt white no more, — Thy spark - ling too, is

S 2 O snow, thou'rt white no more, Thy spark - ling, spark-ling

A O snow, thou'rt white no more, Thy spark - ling, spark-ling

62

S 1 o'er;

S 2 too, — is o'er; *espressivo*

A too, — is o'er; *espressivo* O soul, be as be-fore,

65

S 1 *f espressivo*

S 2 *cresc.* *f*

A *cresc.* *f*

soul, be as be - fore, was bright, Be as, be fore, was

O soul, be as be - fore, be as be - fore, Was

68

S 1 *dim.* *rit.*

S 2

A *allargando* *p rit.*

bright the snow. bright the snow. bright the snow. O soul, be as be fore, Was bright the snow.

Più lento ♩ = 52
pp dolce

S 1
71 Then as the snow all pure, O heart be,

S 2
71 Then as the snow all

A
71 Then as the snow all

71

74

S 1
but en - dure; Through all the years full sure, Not

S 2
pure, O heart be, but en - dure:

A
pure, O heart be, but en - dure;

74

74

poco cresc.

fp

fp

77 *dim. e rit.* ***pp*** **Più lento** ♩ = 52

S 1 as the snow, not as the snow.

S 2 *dim. e rit.* ***pp*** Not as the snow,

A *dim. e rit.* ***pp*** Not as the snow, as the snow,

81 ***pp*** *molto rit.*

S 1 not as the snow.

S 2 ***pp*** *molto rit.* not as the snow.

A ***pp*** *molto rit.* not as the snow.