

# Orpheus With His Lute

Words by Shakespeare

Music by John Whittaker

3 *at a steady tempo, with much rubato and expression* (version 2021)

Soprano  
Alto  
Tenor  
Bass  
Piano

*mf*

Ped.

\* slight pause on first beat of each bar marked

8 **A** *mp*

S.  
A.  
T.  
B.

Or - phe - us with his lute made

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Pno

*p*

13 **B** *mf*

S.  
A.  
T.  
B.

trees, And the moun-tain tops that freeze, Bow them-selves when he did

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trees, And the moun-tain tops that freeze, Bow them - selves when

trees, And the moun-tain tops that freeze, Bow them -

Pno

*mf*

17 **Cresc.....**

S. sing: \_\_\_\_\_ To his mu - sic plants and

A. sing: \_\_\_\_\_ To his mu - sic plants and

T. he did sing: \_\_\_\_\_ To his mu - sic, To his mu - sic plants and

B. selves when he did sing: \_\_\_\_\_ To his mu - sic plants and

Pno **Cresc.....**

20 **Rall.....** **C** **mf** **A Tempo**

S. flowers ev - er sprung, as sun and showers \_\_\_\_\_ There had made a

A. flowers ev - er sprung, as sun and showers \_\_\_\_\_ There had made a

T. flow - ers ev - er sprung, as sun and showers \_\_\_\_\_ **mf** There had made

B. flowers ev - er sprung as sun and showers [as sun and showers]

Pno **Rall.....** **A Tempo** **mf**

25 **Rall.....** **A Tempo** **mp**

S. la - sting spring. There had made a la

A. la - sting spring. There had made a la

T. a la - sting spring. There had made a la

B. \_\_\_\_\_

Pno **Rall.....** **A Tempo** **mp**

30 **Rall.....** **D** **Slower.....**

S. *mf* sting spring.

A. *mf* sting spring.

T. *mf* sting spring.

B. *mf* sting spring.

Pno **Rall.....** **Slower.....** **Rall.....** **A Tempo**

*p* *mf*

34 **E** **mf** **(rall.....)** **A Tempo**

S. *mf* Ev-ery thing that heard him play, E-ven the bi - llows of - the -

A. *mf* Ev-ery thing that heard him play, E-ven the bi - llows of the

T. *mf* Ev-ery thing that heard him play, E-ven the bi - llows of the

B. *mf* Ev-ery thing that heard him play, E-ven the bi - llows of the

Pno **(rall.....)** **A Tempo**

*mf* *mf*

40 **Rall.....**

S. sea, Hung their heads and then lay - by.

A. sea, Hung their heads.

T. sea, Hung their heads and then lay - by

B. sea, Hung their heads.

Pno **Rall.....**

*mf*

**F**

At a Slightly Slower Tempo

44

S. *mp* In such mu - sic is such art, Kill - ing care and grief of heart

A. *mp* In such mu - sic is such art, Kill - ing care and grief of heart

T. - - - - -

B. - - - - -

Pno *mp* At a Slightly Slower Tempo

**G**

48

S. - - - - -

A. - - - - -

T. *p* Kill - ing care and - grief of

B. *p* Kill - ing care and - grief of

Pno *mp* *p*

54

Slower still.....

Rall.....

*pp*

Broaden, with expression.....

S. *pp* Fall a - sleep or hear \_\_\_\_\_ ing

A. *pp* Fall a - sleep or hear \_\_\_\_\_ ing

T. *pp* heart Fall a - sleep or hear \_\_\_\_\_ ing

B. *pp* heart Fall a - sleep or hear \_\_\_\_\_ ing

Pno *p* *pp* *pp* *pp* Slower still..... Rall..... 8va

**H**

**A Tempo Primo**

59

S. die.

A. die.

T. die.

B. die.

Pno

**A Tempo Primo**

*p*

63

Pno

**Multo Rall.....**

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