

O blessed retirement

From "The deserted village" by Sir Oliver Goldsmith (1730-1774), lines 97 to 112

A glee

John Wall Callcott (1766-1821)

Accompaniment added by William Horsley (1774-1858)

Moderately
♩ = 72

Counter Tenor
Tenor 1
Tenor 2
Bass 1 (Baritone)
Bass 2
Piano

p
O bless'd re - tire - ment, friend to life's de -

p
O bless'd re - tire - ment,

p
O bless'd re - tire - ment, friend to life's de -

p
O bless'd re - tire - ment, friend to life's de -

p
O bless'd re - tire - ment,

Moderately
♩ = 72

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A.
T1.
T2.
Bar.
B.
Pno.

cresc.
cline, Re - treats from care, that

cresc.
Re - treats from care, that

cresc.
cline, from care, that

cresc.
cline, re - treats from care, that

cresc.
that

8 *dolce*

A. ne - ver must be mine. How bless'd is he who

T1. ne - ver must be mine. who

T2. ne - ver must be mine.

Bar. ne - ver must be mine. How bless'd is

B. ne - ver must be mine.

Pno. *dolce*

11

A. crowns, who crowns in shades like these, A

T1. crowns, who crowns in shades like these, A

T2.

Bar. he who crowns in shades like these,

B. A

Pno.

14

A. youth of la - bour, a youth of la - bour

T1. youth of la - bour,

T2. A youth of la - bour

Bar. A youth of la - bour

B. youth of la - bour

Pno.

18 *cresc.*

A. with an age of ease.

T1. with an age of ease.

T2. with an age of ease, *dim.*

Bar. with an age of ease, with an age of ease.

B. with an age of ease, *dim.*

Pno. *cresc.* *dim.*

Faster

22 $\text{♩} = 132$

A. *mf* Who quits a

T1. *mf* Who quits a world where strong tempt - a - tions try, who quits a

T2. *mf* Who quits a world where strong tempt - a - tions try,

Bar. *mf* Who quits a world where strong

B. *mf* Who quits a

Pno. *mf* Faster $\text{♩} = 132$

A. world where strong tempt - a - tions try, *cresc.*

T1. world where strong tempt - a - tions try, *cresc.* And since 'tis

T2. a world where strong tempt - a - tions try, *cresc.* And since 'tis

Bar. — tempt - a - tions strong tempt - a - tions try, *cresc.* And since

B. world where strong tempt - a - tions try,

Pno. *cresc.*

30

A. *pp*

T1. *pp* learns to

T2. *pp* hard to com - bat, learns to

Bar. *pp* hard to com - bat, learns to

B. *pp* 'tis hard to com - bat, learns to

Pno. *pp* learns to

34

A. *cresc.* fly! Since 'tis hard to com bat,

T1. *cresc.* fly! Since 'tis hard to com bat, *dim.* learns

T2. *f* fly! to com bat, *dim.* learns

Bar. *f* fly! to com bat, learns

B. *cresc.* fly! Since 'tis hard to com bat, *dim.* learns

Pno. *dim.* fly! Since 'tis hard to com bat, learns

38

A. *espressivo* who quits a world where strong tempt -

T1. *espressivo* to fly! who quits a world where strong tempt -

T2. *espressivo* to fly! who quits a world where strong tempt -

Bar. *espressivo* who quits a world where strong tempt -

B. to fly!

Pno. *espressivo*

42

A. ta - tions try, where strong temp - ta - tions try, And, *cresc.*

T1. ta - tions try, where strong temp - ta - tions try, And, *cresc.*

T2. ta - tions try, where strong temp - ta - tions try,

Bar. ta - tions try, where strong temp - ta - tions try,

B. *cresc.* And, since 'tis hard, hard_ to_

Pno. *cresc.*

46

A. since 'tis hard, hard to com - bat, learns to fly! to

T1. since 'tis hard to com - bat, learns to

T2. *cresc.* And since 'tis hard to com - bat, learns to

Bar. *cresc.* And since 'tis hard hard to com - bat, learns to fly! to

B. com - bat, hard, hard to com - bat, learns to fly! to

Pno.

51 Slowly ♩ = 84

A. fly!

T1. fly!

T2. fly! *p*

Bar. fly! *p* Ex -

B. fly! *p* born to work and weep,
fly! For him no wret - ches born to work and weep,

Pno. Slowly ♩ = 84 *p*

56

A.

T1.

T2.

Bar.

B.

Pno.

plore the mine or tempt the dan - g'rous

Ex - plore the mine, or tempt the dan - g'rous

59

A.

T1.

T2.

Bar.

B.

Pno.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

or tempt the dan - g'rous deep.

deep; or tempt the dan - g'rous deep.

deep; or tempt the dan - g'rous deep.

or tempt the dan - g'rous deep.

With expression

♩ = 66
dolce *cresc.*

A. *dolce*
But on _____ he _____ moves _____ to meet his peace-ful end An -

T1. *dolce*
But on _____ he _____ moves _____ to meet his peace-ful end

T2. _____

Bar. *dolce*
But on he moves to meet his end,

B. _____

Pno. *dolce*
With expression
♩ = 66

66

A. _____
gels, a - round be-friend - ing vir - tue's, vir - tue's friend; _____

T1. _____
An - gels, an - gels be - friend-ing vir - tue's friend; _____

T2. _____
An - gels, an - gels be - friend-ing vir - tue's friend;

Bar. _____

B. _____

Pno. _____

70 *pp*

A. Sinks to the grave with un - per - ceived de - cay,

T1. *pp* Sinks to the grave with un - per - ceived de - cay,

T2. While

Bar. while

B. *pp* Sinks to the grave with un - per - ceived de - cay,

Pno. *pp*

74

A. While re - sig - na - tion,

T1. While re - sig - na - tion,

T2. re - sig - na - tion, While re - sig -

Bar. re - sig - na - tion, While re - sig -

B. while re - sig - na - tion gen - tly slopes the way;

Pno.

78

A. gen - tly, gent - ly slopes the way.

T1. while re - sig - na - tion slopes the way.

T2. na - tion gen - tly slopes the way.

Bar. -na - tion gen - tly slopes the way.

B. while re - sig - na - tion gen - tly slopes the way

Pno.

82

Faster ♩ = 132

A. And, all his

T1. *mf* And, all his pros - pects bright -'ning to the last, And, all his

T2. *mf* And, all his pros - pects bright -'ning to the last,

Bar. *mf* And, all his pros - pects bright -'ning

B. *mf* And, all his

Pno. *mf* And, all his

Faster ♩ = 132

86

A. pros - pects bright - 'ning to the last, —

T1. *dolce*
peos - pects bright - 'ning, bright - 'ning to the last, His heav'n com -

T2. *dolce*
bright - 'ning to the last, — His Heav'n com -

Bar. *dolce*
bright - 'ning to the last, — his heav'n —

B. pros - pects bright - 'ning to the last, —

Pno. *dolce*

90

A. ere the world be past, his

T1. men - - ces ere the world be past, be past, his

T2. men - - ces ere the world be past, be past,

Bar. — com - men - ces ere, ere the world be past,

B. —

Pno.

94

A. *dolce*
 heav'n com - men - ces ere the world be past, his heav'n com -

T1.
 heav'n com - men - ces ere the world be past,

T2.
 ere the world be past,

Bar.

B.
 His heav'n com men - ces ere the world be past,

Pno. *dolce*

98

A. *dolce*
 men - - ces, heav'n com - men - ces ere the world, the world be

T1. *dolce*
 his heav'n com - men - ces ere the world be past, be

T2. *dolce*
 his heav'n com - men - ces ere the world, the world be

Bar. *dolce*
 his heav'n com - men - ces, heav'n com - men - ces ere the world, the world be

B.

Pno.

102

A. *cresc.*
past, his heav'n com - men - ces

T1. *cresc.*
past, his heav'n com - men - ces

T2. *cresc.*
past, his heav'n com - men - ces ere

Bar. *cresc.*
past, his heav'n com - men - ces ere the

B. *cresc.*
his heav'n com - men - ces ere the world,

Pno. *cresc.*

106

A. *dim.*
ere the world be past.

T1. *dim.*
ere, ere the world be past.

T2. *dim.*
the world be past.

Bar. *dim.*
world be past.

B. *dim.*
ere the world be past.

Pno. *dim.*