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I Am

for mixed choir



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I am: yet what I am none cares or knows,
My friends forsake me like a memory lost;
I am the self-consumer of my woes,
They rise and vanish in oblivious host,
Like shades in love and death's oblivion lost;
And yet I am! and live with shadows tost

Into the nothingness of scorn and noise,
Into the living sea of waking dreams,
Where there is neither sense of life nor joys,
But the vast shipwreck of my life's esteems;
And e'en the dearest that I love the best -
- Are strange - nay, rather stranger than the rest.

I long for scenes where man has never trod;
A place where woman never smil'd or wept;
There to abide with my creator, God,
And sleep as I in childhood sweetly slept:
Untroubling and untroubled where I lie;
The grass below - above the vaulted sky.

John Clare

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$\text{♩} = 80$ $\text{♩} = 100$

p < *mp* *p* < *mf* *f* < *p*

SOPRANO
I am: I am: I am: yet what I am

ALTO
I am: I am: I am: yet what I am

TENOR
I am: I am: I am: yet what I am

BASS
I am: I am: I am: yet what I am

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yet what I am none cares or knows My friends for - sake me like a

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mf *sub. p* *sfz* < *p*

me-mo-ry like a me-mo-ry lost I am the self con - su-mer of my woes my woes

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my woes They rise and va - nish In ob - li - vious
 woes They rise and va - nish rise and va - nish va - -
 woes They rise and va - nish In ob - li - vious host in -
 woes They rise and va - nish va - -

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host Like shades Like
 nish Like shades Like shades in love and death's
 o - bli - vious host Like shades in love and death's ob - li - - vi - on
 - nish Like shades in love and death's ob - li - - vion lost;

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Like shades in love and death's ob - li - vi - on and death's ob - li - vi - on death's ob - li - vi - on lost
 o - bli - vi - on and death's ob - li - vi - on death's ob - li - vi - on lost
 and death's o - bli - vi - on death's ob - li - vi - on lost
 lost; Like shades in love and death's ob - li - vi - on death's ob - li - vi - on lost

47 *mp* *dim.* *pp*

lost

lost

lost

lost

And yet And

And

54 *f* *rit.* *p* = 70 (short)

And yet I am! I am! I am! and live with sha - dows

f *pp* (short)

And yet I am! I am! and live with sha-dows with sha - dows

molto f *pp* (short)

yet And yet I am! I am! and live with sha-dows with sha - dows

molto f *pp* (short)

yet And yet I am I am and with sha - dows

61 = 110 agitato (breath separately, as required)

tost In - to

(spoken) *p* *mp*

tost In - to the no-thing- ness of scorn

(spoken) *p* *mp*

tost In - to the no-thing- ness and noise

(spoken) *p*

tost In - to the no-thing-ness in - to the sea. In - to the no - thing-ness in - to the sea. In - to the no-thing-ness in - to the

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fp *mf*

the sea Where there is nei - ther sense of

f *p* *mf*

In - to the li - ving sea of wa - king dreams Where there is

f *mp* *mf*

In - to the li - ving sea the sea, the li - ving sea of wa king dreams, the li - ving sea of wa king dreams. Life

mf *mf*

sea. In - to the no-thing-ness in - to the sea. of wa - kingreams Where there is nei - ther

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mf *f*

life nor joys But the vast

mp *mf* *f*

nei - ther sense of life nor joys But the vast

mf *f*

nor joys But the vast

mf *f*

life nor joys But the vast

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mp *mf* *mf*

ship - wreck of my life's es - teems of my life's es - teems And e'en the

mp *mf* *mf*

ship - wreck of my life's es - teems of my life's es - teems And e'en the

mp *mf* *mf*

ship-wreck of my life's es - teems of my life's es - teems And e'en the

mp *mf*

ship - wreck of my life's es - teems of my life's es - teems

♩ = 90

96 *fff* *fff* *mf* *ff*

strange are strange strange

strange strange strange

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104 *f* *p* *f* *rit.*

Nay rather stranger than the

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108 ♩ = 60 tranquillo (altos and tenors "behind" sopranos and basses)

p *mp dolce*

rest. I long for sleep, I long for sleep, I long for sleep, I long for sleep, I long for sleep (mmm)

p *pp* *ppp* (closed mouth)

rest. I long for

p *pp* *ppp* (closed mouth)

rest I long for sleep, I long for

p *obsessive murmuring* *ppp* (closed mouth)

rest long for sleep, I long for sleep, I long for sleep (mmm)

p *ppp* (closed mouth)

rest

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long for scenes where man has ne - ver

pp I long for sleep, I long for sleep, I long for sleep I long for

ppp (closed mouth) I long for sleep, I long for sleep (mmm) I long for sleep

ppp (closed mouth) sleep, I long for sleep, I long for sleep (mmm) I long for sleep, I long for

pp I long for sleep, I long for sleep (mmm)

mp dolce I long for scenes where

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trod; A place where

ppp sleep (mmm) I long for sleep, (mmm)

pp I long for sleep, I long for sleep I long for sleep, I long for

ppp sleep (mmm) I long for sleep, I long for

ppp I long for sleep, I long for sleep, I long for sleep (mmm)

pp mp man has ne - ver trod where

116 *sfz* *mp*

wo - man ne - - - ver smil'd or

mp *p* *pp*

I long for sleep, I long for sleep, I long for sleep, I long for sleep,

ppp *pp*

sleep mmm I

ppp *p*

sleep mmm I long for sleep, I long for sleep, I

pp *ppp*

I long for sleep, I long for sleep, mmm

wo - man ne - - - ver

118 *dolciss.*

wept; There to a - bide with my cre -

ppp *p*

(mmm) I long for sleep I long for

pp *ppp* *p* *pp*

long for sleep, I long for sleep I long for sleep

pp *ppp* *pp*

long for sleep, (mmm) I long for sleep, I long for

pp *ppp*

I long for sleep, I long for sleep, mmm

wept There to a - bide with my

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- bove the vaul - - - - - ted sky

lie Un - troub - ling and un-troub - led where I lie a - bove the

grass be - low a - bove the vaul - ted sky The grass be - low a - bove the vaul - ted

low Un - troub - led

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ppp (almost a whisper)
I long for sleep, I long for sleep, I long for sleep, I long for sleep. Sleep.

ppp (almost a whisper)
sky I long for sleep, I long for sleep I long for sleep, I long for sleep. Sleep.

pp
sky I long for sleep. Sleep.

p *ppp* (almost a whisper)
I long for sleep, I long for sleep, I long for sleep, I long for sleep. Sleep.