

# Possession

For Low Voice & Piano

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**G**OD gave me thee, nor all the world's alarms  
Shall take thee, Sweet, one moment from my arms;  
He tuned our souls in unison divine;  
Thro' Time, Eternity, did name thee mine.  
Ne'er fear that anything on earth could make  
Me lose the heart that my own heart did wake.  
Thy heart is mine, and thy dear self I hold  
Within my arms, that close about thee fold,  
Nor let the tempests of the world come nigh  
To waft across thy warm red lips one sigh,  
With all my heart's deep love I thee endow,  
We are no longer twain, but one; and now,  
Give me thy lips, and all the world forget!  
Give me thine eyes, that like twin stars are set  
Beneath the fragrant cloud of thy soft hair—  
Thine eyes, Dear Heart, that all the world calls fair,  
Not even knowing of the look that lies  
Within their depths, for me alone, nor dies.

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Original key D flat

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Lento affettuoso (♩ = about 72)

**Voice**

God gave me thee, nor all the world's a-

poco rit. a tempo

poco meno mosso      p      poco tardo      rit.

laims Shall take thee, Sweet, one mo-ment from my arms;—

poco meno mosso      (colla voce)      rit.

mp a tempo      ,      largamente

a tempo

p poco cresc.      mf

He tuned our souls in u - ni - son di - vine;

largamente

*un poco stringendo* *mf cresc.*

*meno mosso* *f*

*distinto ed*

Thro' Time, E - ter - ni - ty, did name thee mine. Ne'er fear that

*un poco stringendo*

*meno mosso*

Red. Red. Red. Red. \* Red. \*

*enfatico*

*molto meno mosso*

an - y - thing, that an - y - thing on earth could make Me lose the heart that

*molto meno mosso*

*ben marcato e ten.*

Red. Red. \*

*rit.*

*più rit.*

*molto rit.* *mf*

my own heart did wake, did wake.

*rit.*

*più rit.*

*molto rit.*

*quasi a tempo*

Red. \* Red. \* Red. \* Red. \* Red. \*

Un poco meno del 1º tempo ( $\text{♩} = 56$ )

Thy heart is mine,  
and thy dear self I

poco rit.      ten.  
*p ben sostenuto sempre*

hold With-in my arms, that close a-bout thee fold, Nor let the

*poco più mosso*

tem - - pests of the world come nigh, To

*poco allargando*

*cresc.* waft a - cross thy warm red lips one *tardo*

*poco allargando* *tardo*

*cresc.* *(colla voce)*

*molto largam.* *f*

sigh. With

*poco rit.* *molto largam.*

*p* *mp* *mf*

*cresc.* *rit. e dim. molto* *mp*

all my heart's deep love I thee en -

*f* *m.d.* *rit.* *8*

*Tempo sempre*

dim.

Lento ( $\text{♩} = 50$ )*p* *distinto*

dow, We are no long - er

lento assai

*pp un poco cresc.**p* *mp**Ped.*

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Tempo I ( $\text{♩} = 72$ )*con larghezza sempre  
molto affetto**poco rit.**p**rit.*

and

now, Give me thy

twain,

but

one;

*con larghezza sempre  
cantabile assai**poco rit.**rit. colla voce**p**pp**poco tardo**a tempo**p**Ped.**Ped.*

lips,

and all

the world

for - get!

Give me thine

*poco tardo**a tempo**(colla voce)**Ped.**Ped.**Ped.**Ped.**Ped.**poco meno mosso**rit.*

eyes, that like twin stars are set Be-neath the fra - grant cloud of thy soft

*poco meno mosso**rit.**Ped.**Ped.**\***Ped.**Ped.**\***Ped.*

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*p*      *a tempo*      *mf*      *poco cresc.*

hair— Thine eyes, Dear Heart, — that

*p*      *a tempo*      *> marcato, e portando la melodia*      *ten.*

Ped. Ped. \* Ped. Ped.

*frit.*      *mf a tempo*

all the world calls fair, Not e - ven know - ing, not e - ven

*rit.*      *f*      *mf*      *a tempo*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

*f*      *meno mosso sempre*      *> dim.*      *mf largamente*

know - ing of the look that lies With - in their depths, for

*meno mosso sempre*

*f*      *largamente*

Ped. \* Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

*rit.*      *molto rit.*      *p*      *molto rit.*      *Lento molto*      *rall.*

me a - lone, pausa breve nor dies.

*rit.*      *p*      *pp*      *pp*