

Because I could not stop for death

at a gentle pace

Be - cause I could not stop for death, — he

p

And. simile

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kind - ly stopped for me; the car-riage held but just our - selves —

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— and im - mor - tal - i - ty, —

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We slow - ly drove, — he knew no haste, and I had put a - way —

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my la - bor, and my lei-sure too, for his ci - vil - i - ty.

f *mf*

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We passed the school where child-dren played

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at wrest-ling in a ring; we passed the fields of gaz-ing grain,

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we passed the set - ting sun;

mf *p*

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we passed be - fore a house that seemed a swell - ing of the ground;

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the roof was scarce - ly vi - si - ble, the cor - nice but a mound.

60 *ritardando* // *come prima*

Since then 'tis cen - tu - ries; but each

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feels short - er than the day I first sur - mised the hor - ses' heads

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were towards e - ter - ni - ty.

f poco crescendo e accelerando to ms. 79

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decrescendo al fine

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p **pp**

circa 3' 45"

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