

'Come to me'

by Christina Rossetti

Come to me in the silence of the night;
Come in the speaking silence of a dream;
Come with soft rounded cheeks and eyes as bright
As sunlight on a stream;
Come back in tears,
O memory, hope, love of finished years.

O dream how sweet, too sweet, too bitter sweet,
Whose wakening should have been in Paradise,
Where souls brimfull of love abide and meet;
Where thirsting longing eyes
Watch the slow door
That opening, letting in, lets out no more.

Yet come to me in dreams, that I may live
My very life again though cold in death:
Come back to me in dreams, that I may give
Pulse for pulse, breath for breath:
Speak low, lean low
As long ago, my love, how long ago.

'Songs on life and death'

'Come to me'

Poem Christina Rossetti
Music Kees Schoonenbeek

♩ = 75

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

5

S

A

T

B

9

S

A

T

B

13

p

S

A

T

B

p

p

p

Come to me in the si-lence of the night; Come in the spea - king

Come to me in the si-lence of the night; Come in the spea - king

Come to me in the si-lence of the night; Come in the spea - king

16

S
A
T
B

si-lence of a dream; Come with soft roun-ded cheeks and eyes as bright As

The musical score for measures 16-18 features a SATB choir and piano accompaniment. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are written in treble and bass staves. The piano accompaniment is in grand staff (treble and bass). The lyrics are: 'si-lence of a dream; Come with soft roun-ded cheeks and eyes as bright As'. The music is in a key with one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The piano part has a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand.

19

S
A
T
B

sun - light sun - light on a stream; Come back in tears, O me - mo-ry, hope, love of

The musical score for measures 19-22 continues the SATB choir and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'sun - light sun - light on a stream; Come back in tears, O me - mo-ry, hope, love of'. The piano accompaniment remains in the same key and time signature, with a consistent eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand.

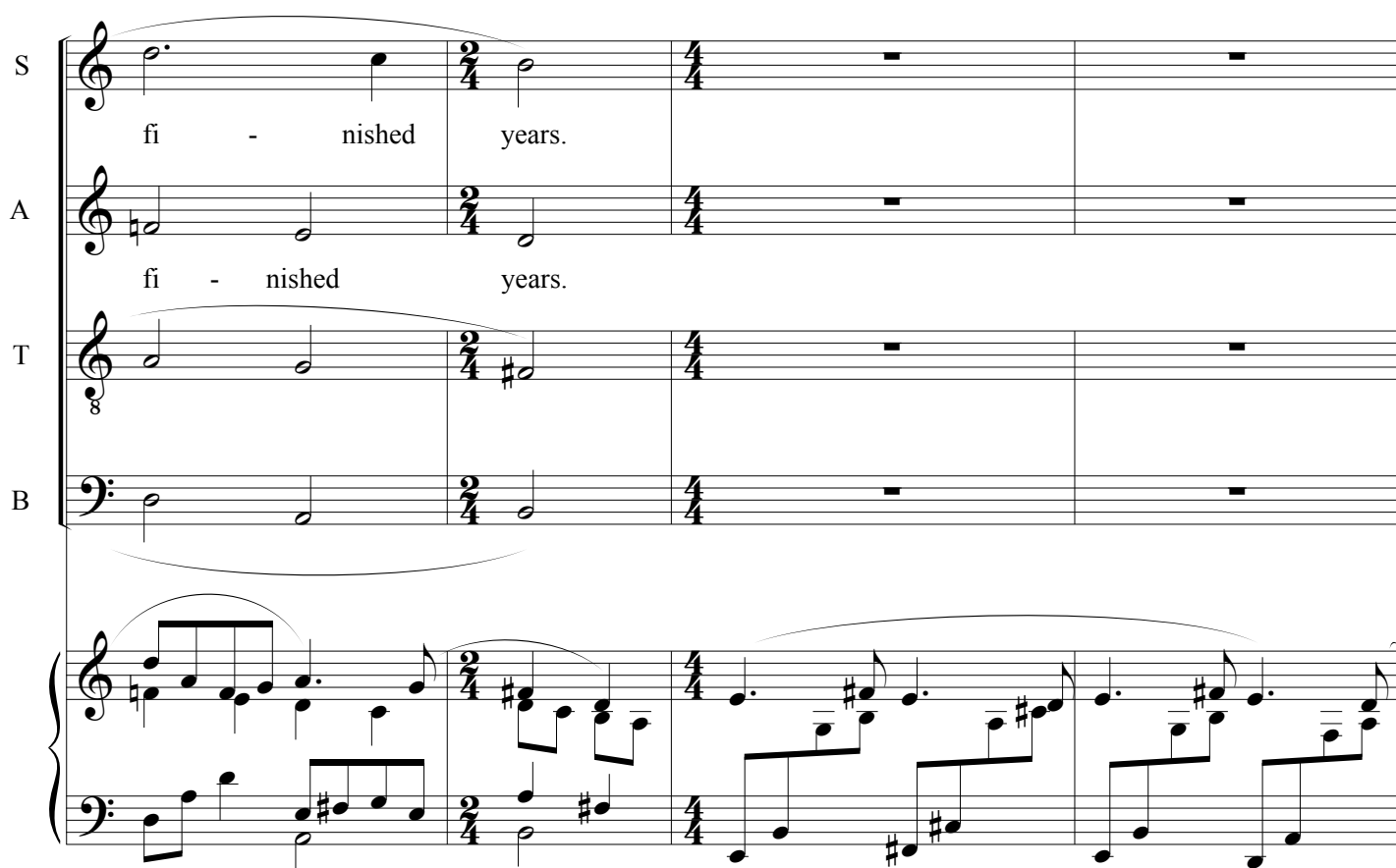
23

S fi - nished years.

A fi - nished years.

T

B



27

S O dream how sweet, too sweet, too bit - ter sweet, Whose

A O dream how sweet, too sweet, too bit - ter sweet, Whose

T O dream how sweet, too sweet, too bit - ter sweet, Whose

B



31

S
wa-ke-ning should have been in Pa - ra - dise, Where souls brim - full of love a - bide and meet;

A
wa-ke-ning should have been in Pa - ra - dise, Where souls brim - full of love a - bide and meet;

T
wa-ke-ning should have been in Pa - ra - dise, Where souls brim - full of love a - bide and meet;

B
wa-ke-ning should have been in Pa - ra - dise, Where souls brim - full of love a - bide and meet;

35

S
Where thirs-ting long-ing eyes Watch the slow door That o - pe-ning,

A
Where thirs - long-ing eyes Watch the slow door That o - pe-ning,

T
Where thirs - long-ing eyes Watch the slow door That o - pe-ning,

B
Where thirs - long-ing eyes Watch the slow door That o - pe-ning,

38

S
let - ting in, lets out no more.

A

T
let - ting in, lets out no more.

B

42

S

A

T

B

46

46

Score for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B), and Piano (P).

The vocal staves (S, A, T, B) are currently empty, showing only rests. The piano accompaniment (P) is active, featuring a complex melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand, with various chords and intervals.

50

Score for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B), and Piano (P).

The vocal staves (S, A, T, B) are currently empty, showing only rests. The piano accompaniment (P) is active, featuring a complex melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand, with various chords and intervals.

54

S
A
T
B

Yet
Yet

57

S
A
T
B

come to me in dreams, that I may live My ve - ry life a - gain though
come to me in dreams, that I may live My ve - ry life a - gain though

60

S cold in death: Come back to me in dreams, that I may give

A cold in death: Come back to me in dreams, that I may give

T cold in death: Come back to me in dreams, that I may give

B cold in death: Come back to me in dreams, that I may give



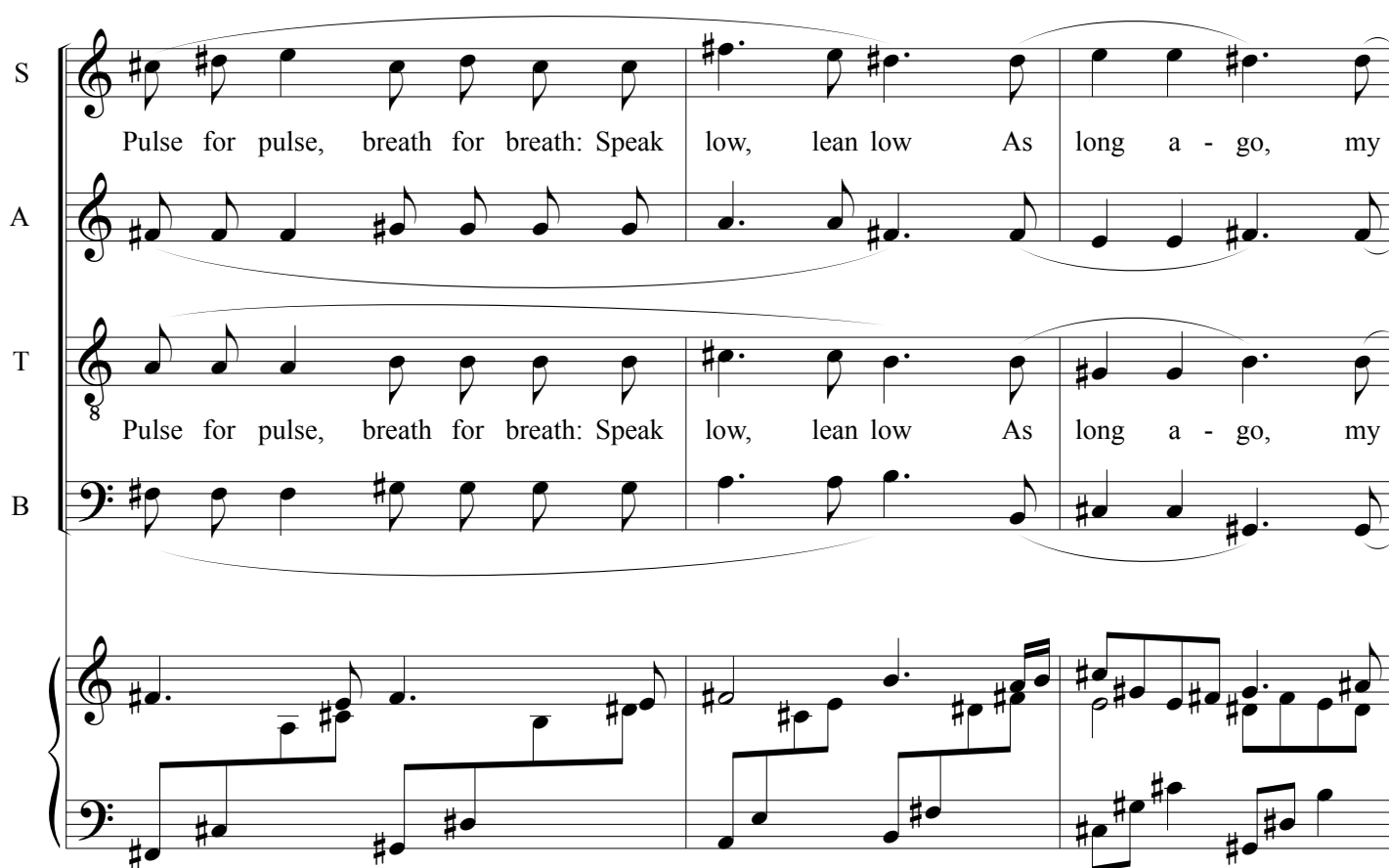
63

S Pulse for pulse, breath for breath: Speak low, lean low As long a - go, my

A Pulse for pulse, breath for breath: Speak low, lean low As long a - go, my

T Pulse for pulse, breath for breath: Speak low, lean low As long a - go, my

B Pulse for pulse, breath for breath: Speak low, lean low As long a - go, my



66

S love, how long how long a - go.

A

T

B

70

S

A

T

B

74

74

S

A

T

B

78

78

S

A

T

B

Yet come to me Yet come to me in

79

82

S
dreams, in dreams, that I may live My ve-ry life My ve - ry life a -

A

T
8
dreams, in dreams, that I may live My ve-ry life My ve - ry life a -

B



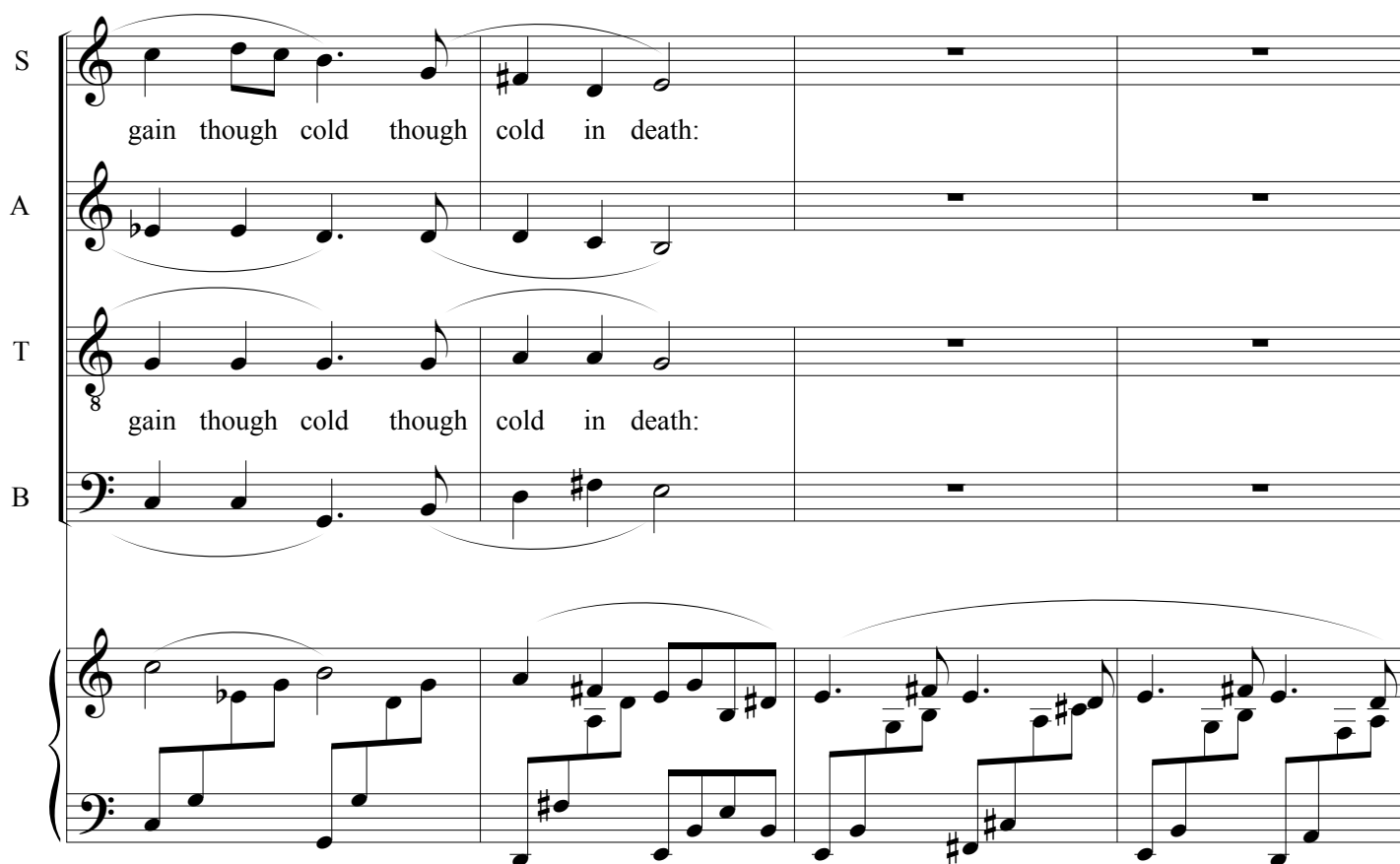
86

S
gain though cold though cold in death:

A

T
8
gain though cold though cold in death:

B



90

Measures 90-93 of the musical score. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) enter in measure 92 with the lyrics "Come back to me in dreams, that I may". The piano accompaniment features a continuous eighth-note arpeggiated pattern in the right hand and a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

S
A
T
B

Come back to me in dreams, that I may

94

Measures 94-97 of the musical score. The vocal parts continue with the lyrics "give Pulse for pulse, breath for breath: Speak low, lean low As long a go, my love, how". The piano accompaniment maintains the same arpeggiated pattern. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

S
A
T
B

give Pulse for pulse, breath for breath: Speak low, lean low As long a go, my love, how

98

S long a - go. my love, how long how long a - go. my

A long a - go. my love, how long how long a - go. my

T long a - go. my love, how long how long a - go. my

B long a - go. my love, how long how long a - go. my

101

S love, how long a - go. how long my love, a - go. how long a - go.

A love, how long a - go. how long my love, a - go. how long a - go.

T love, how long a - go. how long my love, a - go. how long a - go.

B love, how long a - go. how long my love, a - go. how long a - go.

105

Score for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B), and Piano (P).

Measures 105-108:

- Soprano (S): Rests in measures 105-107; sings "long a -" in measure 108.
- Alto (A): Rests in measures 105-107; sings a half note (F#4) in measure 108.
- Tenor (T): Rests in measures 105-107; sings "long a -" in measure 108.
- Bass (B): Rests in measures 105-107; sings a half note (F#3) in measure 108.
- Piano (P): Accompaniment throughout.

109

Score for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B), and Piano (P).

Measures 109-112:

- Soprano (S): Sings "go." in measure 109, rests in measure 110, sings "long a - go." in measure 111, and "long a -" in measure 112.
- Alto (A): Rests in measures 109-110; sings a half note (F#4) in measure 111 and a half note (F#4) in measure 112.
- Tenor (T): Rests in measures 109-110; sings a half note (Bb3) in measure 111 and a half note (Bb3) in measure 112.
- Bass (B): Rests in measures 109-110; sings a half note (F#3) in measure 111 and a half note (F#3) in measure 112.
- Piano (P): Accompaniment throughout.

113

Score for measures 113-116. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are shown with lyrics "go." in measures 113 and 114. The piano accompaniment is shown below the vocal staves.

The score for measures 113-116 features four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. In measures 113 and 114, the vocalists sing "go." on a half note. The piano accompaniment consists of a flowing eighth-note melody in the right hand and a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand. Measures 115 and 116 continue the piano accompaniment with similar rhythmic patterns.

117

Score for measures 117-120. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are shown with lyrics "long a - go." in measures 117 and 118. The piano accompaniment is shown below the vocal staves.

The score for measures 117-120 features four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. In measures 117 and 118, the vocalists sing "long a - go." on a half note. The piano accompaniment consists of a flowing eighth-note melody in the right hand and a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand. Measures 119 and 120 continue the piano accompaniment with similar rhythmic patterns.

121

Score for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B), and Piano (P).

Measures 121-124:

- Soprano (S):** go. long a - go. long a -
- Alto (A):** (melodic line)
- Tenor (T):** go. long a - go. long a -
- Bass (B):** (melodic line)
- Piano (P):** (accompaniment)

125

Score for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B), and Piano (P).

Measures 125-128:

- Soprano (S):** go. (then rests)
- Alto (A):** (melodic line, then rests)
- Tenor (T):** go. (then rests)
- Bass (B):** (melodic line, then rests)
- Piano (P):** (accompaniment)

129

S

A

T

B

133

S

A

T

B

As long a - go, As long a -

As long a - go, As long a -

As long a - go, As long a -

137

S go, As long a - go, my love, As

A go, As long a - go, my love, As

T go, As long a - go, my love, As

B go, As long a - go, my love, As

141

S long a - go,

A long a - go, my love, As long a - go,

T long a - go, my love, As long a - go,

B long a - go, my love, As long a - go,

142

145

S

A

T

B

149

Ca 8'

The image displays a musical score for a vocal quartet (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano. The score is divided into two systems. The first system begins at measure 145 and ends at measure 149. The vocal staves (S, A, T, B) are shown with whole rests in measures 145, 146, 147, and 148, and a half rest in measure 149. The piano accompaniment features a continuous eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a similar pattern in the left hand, with some notes beamed together. The second system begins at measure 149 and ends at measure 150. The vocal staves have whole rests in measures 149 and 150. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern. The score is written in treble and bass clefs, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo or mood is indicated as 'Ca 8' (Crescendo 8).