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Arr. for Piano

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The Texts

Llibre de Meravelles

Ací em pariren i ací estic.
I com que em passen certes coses,
Ací les cante, ací les dic.

Ací em pariren, ací estic.
Ací treballe i done besos.
Ací agonitza i ací em ric.

Ací defense unes collites.
Deu veirtats i quatre mites.

Ací em pariren i ací estic,
Pobre de béns i ric de dies,
Pobre de versos, d'afanys ric.

Cant d'amor i les parelles
que viuen, beuen i se'n van
Cante un amor de contraban.

Cant d'amor, cante els amants.

No sé tampoc si aço són cants.

Dic les coses que vénen, van,
tornen un dia, altres se'n van,

l'esperança de contraban.

L'amant

"Anem al llit", et propose, besant-te,
bruna, la pell, els pits, el coll, la boca.
"Anem al llit", et mussite, i t'agafe
en un grapat, tendral, amorosíssima,
els teur cabells, el mugró de l'orella,
amb gran amor i por de soledat.
I amb tarannà de qui ja no pot més,
ni resistir ni resistir-se més,
ets ja dempeus, dintre del meu abraç,
tot assentint, amant: "Anem al llit."

Book of Wonders

Here I was born and here I am.
And as certain things have happened to me,
Here I sing them, here I say them.

Here I was born and here I am.
Here I work and I give kisses.
Here I agonize and here I laugh.

Here I defend some harvests
Ten truths and four myths.

Here I was born and here I am,
poor of wealth and rich in experience,
Poor in verse, rich in anticipation.

Song of love and lovers
who live, drink and leave.
I sing a contraband love.

Song of love, I sing the lovers.

I do not know if these too are songs.

I say things that are coming, going,
returning one day, going away another,

The contraband hope.

The Lover

"Let's go to bed", I propose, kissing you,
dusky, the skin, the breasts, the mouth.
"Let's go to bed", I murmur, taking hold of you
in a handful, tender, so lovingly,
your hair, your earlobe,
with great love and fear of loneliness.
And with the nature of one who can yet,
neither resist nor restrain himself further,
already you are standing, inside my embrace,
all consent, lover: "Let's go to bed."

Dit de lat mort al votant de les quatre del mati

Portes la nit, portes el dia,
portes la clau que obri totes les portes...

Fundacions de la Ràbia

Lentament edifique i dolorosament
aquest cant, que és un cant, més que d l'amor, de ràbia,
d'una ràbia que funda les dinasties bíbliques,
d'una ràbia que crea, més que els versos, els pobles.
És la ràbia d'un poble o la ràbia d'uns pobles
creuats de banda a banda pel senyal de la guerra,
una vida precària, un amor calndestí,
les paraules ocultes cautament als calaixos,
tot allò no fou possible i és possible,
i hauria estat possible, però no fou possible,
com si únicament ara l'aigua arribàs a l'atic.
No ens podíem besar i no era ocultament,
i si no ens sorprenia la Moral d'uniforme
i si era a la platja la Moral a cavall.
Hòmens d'orde vigilen de reüll el que escrius,
els hòmens que s'han fet grossos en la postguerra.

Hem pecat per això, perquè no se'ns deixava
existir plenament, amar-nos plenament
amb aquell impudor que la vida demana,
aquell amor capaç de fondre tots els ploms,
rebentar les preilles, deixar el món a fosques.

The Finger of Death about Four in the Morning

Bring on the night, bring on the day,
bring out the key that opens all the doors...

Foundations of Rage

Slowly and grievously I build
this song, which is a song, more than of love, of rage,
of a rage that founds Biblical dynasties,
of a rage that creates, more than verses, peoples.
It is the rage of a people or the rage of some peoples
crossed from side to side by the mark of war,
a precarious life, a clandestine love,
the words cautiously hidden in drawers,
all that was not possible and is possible,
and all that would have been possible, but wasn't possible,
As if only now water got into the attic.
We could not kiss if it wasn't in secret,
and if uniformed Morality didn't surprise us
and if it was at the beach Morality on horseback.
Men of authority watch sideways what you write,
the men who grew so large in the Post War period.

We have sinned for this, because they wouldn't let us
exist fully, love each other fully,
with the shamelessness that life requires,
that love able to melt all fuses,
exploding lightbulbs, leaving the world in darkness.

-Estelles, Trans. Jan Reinhart

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I. LLIBRE de MERAVELLES

(Book of Wonders)

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Allegro Moderato ♩ = 92

1 *pp* *ad lib.* 5-7" 5-7"

4 5-7" *rall.* *mf* A - cíem pa

9 **A Tempo** *mp* *ff* repeat *ad lib.*

ri-ren i a - cí es - tic. I com que em pa - ssen cer - tes

12 *f* *mp* *f*

co - ses, a - cí les can - te, a-ci les dic.

15

mp
A - cí em pa - ri - ren, a - cí es-

6 6 6 5 5 5 5

f

8va

19

mf **21** *declamatory*

tic. A - cí tre - ba - lle i do - ne

pp *mf*

22

mp

be - sos. A - ci a go - ni - tze i a - ci em ric a - ci de

25

fen - se u - nes co - lli - tes. de - u veir

p

6 6 6 6

27

tats i qua - tre mi - tes

f *sp*

30

a - cí em pa-

f

35

ri - ren i a cí es - tic, pobre de bens i ric de di-es po-bre de

fp *f*

39

ver - sos d'a-fan ys ric.

p *f* *p*

8^{va}

43

ff

47

♩ = ♩ (meno mosso ♩ = 46)

46

mf

Cant d'a - mor i les pa re - -

p

50

lles que vi - - - uen be - uen i se'n van

p

54

decresc. poco a poco

can - te un a - more de con tra ban la es - per -

57

an - ça de con - tra - ban.

pp

II. L'AMANT (The Lover)

1 **Adagio**

p dolce

a - nem al

p

f

p

6

llit et pro - pose be - san - te a - nem al llit

pp

p

f

8^{vb}

11 *p poco espress.*

bru - na la pell, — els pits — el coll — la bo - ca.

8^{va} — — — — —

16 *f* *f* *molto espressivo*

17

19 *f espress. molto dolce*

a - nem al llit, — et mu - ssi - te, i'ta

22 *rit.* *mp poco vib.*

ga - fe en un gra - pat, — ten - - dral — a - mo ro

pp

26

26

si - ssima els teus ca - bells el mu - gro del'o - re - lla,

mf

30

30

molto legato

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

33

33

This musical score is for measures 33-35 of a piece in B-flat major, 3/4 time. The piano part features a continuous eighth-note triplet accompaniment in the left hand and a melodic line in the right hand. The voice part enters in measure 33 with a half note 'a' and a half note 'm' in measure 34, followed by a melodic phrase in measure 35. Dynamics include piano (p) and markings for 'poco espress.' and 'molto espressivo e leggero'.

33

p *poco espress.*

amb gran a -

p *molto espressivo e leggero*

36

36

cresc.

mor amb gran a - mor amb

39

mp

gran a - - mor amb gran a - -

pp

42

mor

8vb

45

p *decresc. poco a poco*

i por de

p *decresc. e morendo*

48

so - - le - - dat. de so - le - dat. so - le -

53

55

Più mosso

mp cresc. poco a poco espress.

dat.

I amb ta-ran - ná de qui ja no pot

60

65

f molto espress.

mes ni re - si - stir ni re - sis - tir - se més, ets ja dem

66

ff legato

pe - us din - tredelme-u a - braç a - mant a - mant

*molto espress.**ff*

70

p

a-nem al llit

pp

III. DIT de la MORT

(The Finger of Death)

1 **Slow. With Great Conviction.** 3

p cresc *p dolce*

Por- tes__ la nit Por tes__ la nit portes el

8

di - a__ por- tes__ el di - a__

11 13 *molto dolce mp*

Por - tes la clau

pp *8va*

15

mf *f* *pp*

la clau que o - bri to - tes

(8)

3 3

pp

19

to - tes to - tes to - - tes

cresc.

9 9

molto rall. 23 **Molto Espressivo**

22 *ff* *ff*

les por - tes les por - tes

ff

27

31

35

8va

3

3

3

3

3

IV. FUNDACIONES de la RÀBIA

(Foundations of Rage)

Furioso $\text{♩} = 144$

Measures 1-7. The piece begins with a treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), and 6/8 time signature. The melody is characterized by rapid sixteenth-note runs with accents. The bass line is mostly rests, with some eighth-note accompaniment starting in measure 4.

Measures 8-14. Measure 8 continues the rapid sixteenth-note melody. Measures 9-13 feature a dense, fast-moving bass line marked *ff* (fortissimo). Measure 14 shows the treble line with a few notes and a fermata, while the bass line continues its rapid motion.

Measures 15-21. The treble line features a series of descending and ascending eighth-note patterns. The bass line continues with a fast, rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes.

Measures 22-28. Measures 22-24 show a treble line with rapid sixteenth-note runs and a bass line with a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Measures 25-28 feature a treble line with a series of chords and a bass line marked *p* (piano) with a few notes, leading to a *ff* (fortissimo) section in measure 28.

Measures 29-30. Measure 29 begins with a treble line marked *8va* (octave) and a bass line marked *pesante* (heavy). Measure 30 continues with a treble line of eighth notes and a bass line of chords. A dashed line indicates the end of the page.

39

36

ff

len - ta - ment e - di - fi -

(8)

ff

44

que i do - lo - ro - sa - ment a - quest cant

52

> pp

que es un cant

p

59

més que del'a - more

fp

fp

68

66

ff *f*

de ra - bi-a de u - na ra - bi-a

ff pesante

73

que fun - da les di - nas-ti - es bi - bli - ques d'a - u - na

79

mp *cresc.*

ra - bi - a que cre - - - a mes que els ver -

mf

84

ff

sos, mes que els ver - sos els po - - bles.

ff

92 *decresc.* **98** *pp*

99 *mp* **102** *p* l.h.

es la ra - - bi - a

103 de un po - - ble o la

106 ra - - bi - a de uns pob - - les

109

110

109

110

ff pesante

pp

112

112

mp

cre - uats de ban - da a

ff pesante

pp

115

115

ban - da pel sen - yal de la gue rra u na

ff

f

119

119

vi - da pre - ca - ri - a un a - mor clan - des - ti

ff

f

123

125

mp

les pa - raul - es o cul tes cau-ta-

p

mp

126

ment als ca-lai - xos, tot a-lló que no fou po-si - ble

129

i hau - ri - a es - tat po - si - ble, pe-ró no fou po-si - ble

p

132

com sí ú - ni-ca-ment a - ra l'a-i - gua a - rri - bás la - tic

135 136

ff

no enspo - dí - embe-sar si no e - ra o-

8va

ff

143 147

f

cul - ta - ment Hó - mens de or-dre vi -

(8)

ff

3 3 3 2

8va

149

gi - len de re - ùll el que es - cri - - us, —

(8)

3 3 3

155 *p dolce*

els hó - mens que s'han fet gros - sos

(8)

p

f 3 3 3 *f* 3 3 3 *f* 3 3 3 *f* 3 3 3

160

en la post - guer - ra

(8) *f* *pp* *cresc.* *fp*

165

166

mf *quasi recit.*

hem pe - cat per ai - xo, per - que no se'ns dei-xa- va

ppp *8va* *8vb*

172

p *cresc.*

ex-is - tir ple-na - ment, a mar nos ple - nament amb a - quell im-pu - dor que la

8va *p*

180

vi - da de - ma - na, a - quell a - mor a - mor a - mor a -

p *f*

187 *p cresc.* *gliss.*

mor.

p *f* *p* *f*

p cresc. poco a poco

191 *mf espress.*

a - quell a - mor ca - paç

p *f* *p* *sp*

197

de fon dre tots els ploms

205 *ff*

re - ben - tar les pe

p *ff*

211

ri-lles re-ben-tar les pe - ri - lles

ff

217

dei - xar el món dei - xar el món el món

legato *fp*

223

dei - xar el món dei - xar el món

227

dei - xar el món a fo - sques.

ff *fff*