

20



C

Look off, dear love, across the sallow sands,
And mark yon meeting of the sun and sea,
How long they kiss in sight of all the lands,
Ah, longer, longer we.

Now in the sea's red vintage sinks the sun,
As Egypt's pearl dissolved in rosy wine,
And Cleopatra's night drinks all.
'Tis done! Love, lay thine hand in mine.

Come forth, sweet star, and comfort heaven's heart,
Glimmer, ye waves, 'round else unlighted sands,
O night! divorce our sun and sky apart,
Never our lips, never our hands.

—Sidney Lanier

To Miss Alice Mac Farland

Sunset

SIDNEY LANIER*

ALEXANDER RUSSELL

Slowly

Look off, dear love, a-

cross the sal-low sands, And mark yon meet - ing of sun and sea, How

long they kiss in sight of all the lands Ah! long - er, long - er,

* From "Poems of Sidney Lanier"
Copyright, 1884, 1891, by Mary D. Lanier
Published by Charles Scribner's Sons.

15228-4

Copyright MCMX by The John Church Company
International Copyright

long - er wel

faster

ritard.

Adagio

A little faster

Now in the sea's red vin - tage melts the sun,

As E - gypt's pearl dis - solv'd in ro - sy wine! And Cle - o - pa - tra

mf *ordic.*

night drinks all Cle - o - pa - tra night_ drinks all

accel.

poco ritard.

4

Love! 'tis done! Lay thy
 hand in mine! Love, lay thy hand in mine!
Broadly
Tempo I
 Lay thy hand in mine!
 Come forth O stars, and com - fort Heaven's heart! Glim-mer ye waves, 'round

accel. *ritard.* *a tempo* *mf*
p *mf*
gradually accelerando *mf* *mp*

5

else un light-ed sands! O Night di-vorce our sun and sky a - part.

appassionato *molto arusa*

Nev - er our lips! Nev - er our hands Ah!

molto arusa *sempre ff to end*

Ah! Nev - er our lips!

ritard.

molto rit. *rit.*

Nev - er our hands!

MS43-4