

THE BARGAIN

FOUR POEMS FOR LOW VOICE AND PIANO



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This is a set of four separate poems to be performed either individually or as a cycle; in this case the order of the songs should be as published, namely:

1. Splendidis Longum Valedico Nugis
2. The Bargain
3. My Sheep Are Thoughts
4. Why Fear to Die?

For this cycle the texts by Philip Sidney (1554-1586) were selected due to their mystical nature, and should be performed not so much as a treatise, or defense from the opinion of the orator, but towards that of a discourse with the self in the light of a conclusion without resolution, or vice-versa. Tempi should be regarded as suggestions and treated with gentle freedom.

Splendidis Longum Valedico Nugis

LEAVE me, O Love, which reachest but to dust;
And thou, my mind, aspire to higher things;
Grow rich in that which never taketh rust:
Whatever fades, but fading pleasure brings.
Draw in thy beams, and humble all thy might
To that sweet yoke where lasting freedoms be;
Which breaks the clouds and opens forth the light,
That doth both shine and give us sight to see.
O take fast hold! let that light be thy guide
In this small course which birth draws out to death,
And think how evil becometh him to slide,
Who seeketh Heaven, and comes of heavenly breath.
Then farewell, world! thy uttermost I see:
Eternal Love, maintain thy life in me.

The Bargain

MY true loue hath my hart, and I haue his,
By iust exchange one for another gi'une.
I hold his deare, and myne he cannot misse:
There neuer was a better bargaine driu'ne.
His hart in me keepes me and him in one,
My hart in him, his thoughts and senses
guides:
He loues my hart, for once it was his owne:
I cherish his because in me it bides.
His hart his would reveiued from my sight:
My hart was wounded, with his wounded hart,
For as from me, on him his hurt did light,
So still me thought in me his hurt did smart:
Moth equall hurt, in this change sought out
blisse;
My true loue hath my hart, and I haue his.

My Sheep are Thoughts

My sheep are thoughts, which I both guide and
serve;
Their pasture is fair hills of fruitless love.
On barren sweets they feed, and feeding sterve.
I wail their lot, but will not other prove.
Their sheep-hook is wanhope, which all upholds;
My weeds desire, cut out in endless folds;
What wool my sheep will bear, whiles thus they
live,
In you it is, you must the judgment give.

Why Fear to Die?

Since Nature's works be good, and death doth
serve
As Nature's work, why should we fear to die?
Since fear is vain but when it may preserve,
Why should we fear that which we cannot fly?
Fear is more pain that is the pain it fears,
Disarming human minds of native might;
While each conceit an ougly figure bears,
Which were not evil, well view'd in reason's light
Our only eyes, which dimmed with passions be,
And scarce discern the dawn of coming day,
Let them be clear'd, and now begin to see
Our life is but a step in dusty way:
Then let us hold the bliss of peaceful mind,
Since this we feel, great loss we cannot find.



SPLENDIDIS LONGUM VALEDICO NUGIS

PHILIP SIDNEY

3
D.K.L.M

Adagio ma non troppo

6

11

16

rea - ches but to dust; And thou, my mind a - spire to high - er things;

19

Grow rich in that which ne-vertake-eth rust; — What-ev-er fades but fa-ding plea-sure brings.

23

mf con forza

Draw in thy beams, and hum-ble all thy might, to that sweet yoke where last-ing free-doms be;

mf pesante *f*

27

Which breaks the clouds, and o-pens forth the light, that

29

riten...

doth both shine and gives us sight to see.

dim. *riten...*

31

a tempo

O take fast hold; let that light be thy guide In this small course which

p *pp* *dim.*

34

birth draws out to death, And think how e - vil be - com - eth him to slide, —

37

Who seek - eth hea - ven and comes of hea - ven - ly breath. Then fare - well world; thy

l.v. (ped. II)

40

ut - ter - most I see; E - ter - nal love, main - tain thy life in me —

riten... a tempo
sub. pp

The Bargain

Philip Sidney

D.K.L.M

Andante

My true love hath my hart, and I haue his,

The first system of the musical score, measures 1 and 2. It features a vocal line in bass clef and a piano accompaniment in treble and bass clefs. The time signature is 5/4. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'Andante'. The lyrics are 'My true love hath my hart, and I haue his,'. The piano part has a dynamic marking 'p' (piano) at the end of measure 2.

by iust ex - change_ one for an - oth - er gi - 'une. I hold his deare,

The second system of the musical score, measures 3 and 4. It continues the vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are 'by iust ex - change_ one for an - oth - er gi - 'une. I hold his deare,'. The piano part has a dynamic marking 'p' (piano) at the end of measure 4.

and myne he can - not misse: there ne - ver_ was a bet - ter bar - gaine dri - u'ne._

The third system of the musical score, measures 5 and 6. It continues the vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are 'and myne he can - not misse: there ne - ver_ was a bet - ter bar - gaine dri - u'ne._'. The piano part has a dynamic marking 'pp' (pianissimo) at the end of measure 6.

8

His hart in__ me, keepes me_____ and him in one,

sub. p come tuono

This musical system covers measures 8 and 9. The vocal line is in bass clef with a 7-measure rest at the start of measure 8. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with eighth-note runs and a left hand with sustained chords. The lyrics are "His hart in__ me, keepes me_____ and him in one,".

10

My hart in__him, his thoughts and sen - ses__ guides:

8^{vb}

This musical system covers measures 10 and 11. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "My hart in__him, his thoughts and sen - ses__ guides:". The piano accompaniment features a right hand with eighth-note runs and a left hand with sustained chords. A dynamic marking of *8^{vb}* is present at the start of measure 10.

12

He loues my__ hart, for__ once it was his owne:~

(8)

This musical system covers measures 12 and 13. The vocal line includes a triplet in measure 13 with the lyrics "He loues my__ hart, for__ once it was his owne:~". The piano accompaniment features a right hand with sustained chords and a left hand with eighth-note runs. A dynamic marking of *(8)* is present at the start of measure 12.

16

17

17

My_ hart was wound - ed with his wound - ed hart,

ff

8^{vb}

18

For_ as from me, on_ him his wound did light,

p dim. 3 l.v.

19 **allargando****Lento**

So_still me thought in_ me his hurt did smart: Both e - quall hurt, in this change

l.v. 5/4 l.v.

21

sought our blisse:_____ Mytrue loue hath my hart and I haue his._____

l.v. l.v.

My Sheep are Thoughts

Philip Sidney

D.K.L.M

Grave

My sheep are_ thoughts,

The first system of the musical score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The vocal line begins with a half rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B, ending with a whole note C. The piano accompaniment starts with a half rest, then a quarter note G in the bass and a quarter note A in the treble. The next measure features a half note G in the bass and a half note A in the treble, with a sixteenth-note triplet (G-A-B) in the treble. The final measure consists of a half note G in the bass and a half note A in the treble, with a sixteenth-note triplet (G-A-B) in the treble.

which I both guide_____ and

The second system continues in G major and 4/4 time. The vocal line has a half rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a half note B, and a whole note C. The piano accompaniment begins with a half rest, then a quarter note G in the bass and a quarter note A in the treble. The next measure features a half note G in the bass and a half note A in the treble, with a sixteenth-note triplet (G-A-B) in the treble. The final measure consists of a half note G in the bass and a half note A in the treble, with a sixteenth-note triplet (G-A-B) in the treble.

serve: Their pas - sture is

The third system continues in G major and 4/4 time. The vocal line has a half rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a half note B, and a whole note C. The piano accompaniment begins with a half rest, then a quarter note G in the bass and a quarter note A in the treble. The next measure features a half note G in the bass and a half note A in the treble, with a sixteenth-note triplet (G-A-B) in the treble. The final measure consists of a half note G in the bass and a half note A in the treble, with a sixteenth-note triplet (G-A-B) in the treble.

5

Measure 5 of the musical score. The vocal line (bass clef) contains the lyrics "fair hills of fruit - less". The piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs) features a 6/8 time signature. The right hand has a sixteenth-note triplet (labeled "6") and a quarter-note triplet (labeled "3"). The left hand has a quarter-note triplet (labeled "3") and a quarter-note triplet (labeled "3").

6

Measure 6 of the musical score. The vocal line (bass clef) contains the lyrics "love. On bar - ren___". The piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs) features a 5/4 time signature. The right hand has a sixteenth-note triplet (labeled "6") and a quarter-note triplet (labeled "3"). The left hand has a quarter-note triplet (labeled "3") and a quarter-note triplet (labeled "3").

7

Measure 7 of the musical score. The vocal line (bass clef) contains the lyrics "sweets they feed, and feed - ing". The piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs) features a 5/4 time signature. The right hand has a sixteenth-note triplet (labeled "3") and a quarter-note triplet (labeled "3"). The left hand has a quarter-note triplet (labeled "3") and a quarter-note triplet (labeled "3"). The measure ends with a double bar line and a "8vb" marking.

8

sterve. I wail their lot but will not o - ther prove;

f *mp*

11

My sheep hook is___ wan - hope, which all up -

ff

13

holds; My___ weeds___ de - sire, cut___ out in end - less

15

folds: what_ wool my sheep shall bear, Whilesthus they

17

live in you it is, you must the judge - ment

l.v.

l.v.

19

give..

mp

sub. pp

mor.

Why Fear to Die?

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D.K.L.M

Allegretto

5

10

14

Na - ture's works_____ be good, and death doth serve_ as Na - ture's work_____

Since

18

— why should we fear to die? why

23

*poco piu mosso**mp*

should we fear to die? Since

27

fear is vainbutwhenit may pre-serve, Why shouldwe fearthatwhichwe can-not fly?

16

31 *ten.*

Why should we fear that which we can - not fly?_____

f *ten.*

35

mf

Why should we fear that which we can - not fly?_____

39

accel. *Con moto* ($\text{♩} = 112$) *f*

Fear is more

cresc. *ff*

8^{vb}

43

pain than is the pain it fears

p

48

Dis-ar-ming hu - - - man minds of na-tive might

p

53

While each con - ceit an oug - ly fi-gure bears

più f

p

58 *molto ten.*

Which were not e - vil when

molto ten.

62 **rall.** *mp* **Tempo primo**

viewed in rea - son's light Our on - ly eyes, which dimmed with

65

pas - sions be And scarce dis - cern the dawn of com - ing day Let

dim.

8^{vb}

69

them be clear'd and now be - gin to see Our

73

accel.

Con moto (♩ = 116)

life is but a step in dus - ty way

77

p

Then let us hold the

82

bliss of peace - ful mind

87

Since this we feel _____ Great

92

loss _____ we can - - - not find _____

poco accel.
cresc.

f **piu mosso**

97

rall.
dim. *mor.*

l.v.

sub. mp dim.
l.v.

ppp

8vb

8vb

F.L.D.