

3 Jovial Songs of Christina Rossetti

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I The Queen of Hearts

Presto ♩ = 180

fast boogie - no pedal

f

5 *mf* amused bafflement.

How comes it Flo - ra, that, when - e-ver

sub. p *mf* *p*

9 we Play cards to - ge - ther, you in - va - ri - a - bly, How -

tr *mf* *p*

13 e - ver the pack parts, Still hold the Queen of Hearts.

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Musical score for measures 17-20. The system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a trill in the right hand at measure 17, marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The vocal line begins at measure 18 with the lyrics "I've scanned you". The piano accompaniment continues with a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, marked with a mezzo-forte (*f*) dynamic.

I've scanned you

21

Musical score for measures 21-24. The system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins at measure 21 with the lyrics "with a scru-ti-ni-zing gaze,". The piano accompaniment continues with a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, marked with a mezzo-forte (*f*) dynamic. The lyrics "Re-solved to" appear at the end of measure 24.

with a scru-ti-ni-zing gaze, Re-solved to

25

Musical score for measures 25-29. The system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins at measure 25 with the lyrics "fa-thom these your se-cret ways: But, sift them as I will, Your ways are se-". The piano accompaniment continues with a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, marked with a mezzo-forte (*f*) dynamic.

fa-thom these your se-cret ways: But, sift them as I will, Your ways are se-

30

Musical score for measures 30-33. The system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins at measure 30 with the lyrics "-cret still. I cut and shuf-fle; cut and". The piano accompaniment continues with a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The lyrics "I cut and shuf-fle; cut and" appear at the end of measure 33.

-cret still. I cut and shuf-fle; cut and

35

3

shuf- fle; shuf- fle, cut, a - gain But all my

39

cut- ting, shuf- fling, proves in vain: Vain hope, vain fore- thought too; That Queen still falls

44

rit. Andante ♩ = 90

to you I

49

dropped her once, pre pense; but, ere the deal Was dealt, your in - stinct seemed the loss to

54

feel "There should be one card more", You said, and searched the

59

accel.

floor

f *sub. p*

63

Presto ♩ = 180

It baffles me

f *sub. p*

68

decisively *f*

to puzzle out the clue, Which must be skill or craft, or

72

lucky in you _____ Un - less, in-deed, it be

This system contains measures 72 through 75. The vocal line begins with a half note 'lucky' followed by a half note 'in', then a half note 'you' with a long horizontal line indicating a sustained note. This is followed by a half note 'Un', a quarter note 'less', a half note 'in-deed', and a half note 'it' with a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and quarter notes in the left hand, with accents on the eighth notes.

76

Na - tu - ral af - - fi - - ni - - ty. _____

This system contains measures 76 through 79. The vocal line starts with a triplet of eighth notes for 'Na - tu - ral', followed by a half note 'af', a half note 'fi', and a half note 'ni' with a long horizontal line. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as the previous system, ending with a final chord in measure 79.

80

f

This system contains measures 80 through 83. The vocal line consists of four measures of whole rests. The piano accompaniment begins in measure 80 with a forte (*f*) dynamic, featuring a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and quarter notes in the left hand. The system concludes with a final chord in measure 83.

II Farm Walk

Allegro ♩ = 118

f *meccanico*

mf

Ped. _____

88 *read the mood from the text*
many vocal colours - go over the top *mf* ♩ = 115

The year stood at its E - qui - nox and

mp

92 ♩ = 110

bluff the North was blow - ing A bleat of

96

lambs came from the flocks, Green har - dy things were grow - ing;

I met a maid with shin-ing locks Where mil-ky kine were low - ing. She



103 wore a ker-chief on her neck, Her bare arm showed its dim - - - - - ple,



106 Her a-pron spread with - out a speck her air wa frank and sim- ple.



110 *mf* She milked in - to a woo - den pail and sang a coun-try dit -



113 - - - - - ty, An in-no - cent fond lo-ver's tale That was not



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wise or wit - - - ty, Pa-the-ti-cal-ly rus-ti-cal Too point-less

121

for the ci - ty She kept in

125

time with-out a beat As true as church-bell ring - - - ers

129

Un-less she tapped time with her feet, Or squeezed it with her fin - gers

133

Her clear un-stu-died notes were sweet As ma-ny a prac-ticed sing-er's.

tr
mp

136

I stood a min-ute out of sight, Stood si-lent for a min-ute

mp

140

To eye the pail, and crea-my white The froth-ing milk with-in it;

144

To eye the come-ly milk-ing maid Her-self so fresh and cream-my:

mf

10

148

"Good day to you," at last I said; She turned her head to see

152

Meno mosso ♩ = 85

me: "Good day," she said with lifted head; Her eyes looked

155

A tempo ♩ = 105
mp

soft and dream - y, and all the while she milked and milked The

158

grave cow hea-vy la den: I've seen grand ladies slumped and silked, But not a

162

swee - ter mai - den But not a swee-ter fresh er maid Than

166

Andante ♩ = 75

in this home-ly cot - ton Whose plea-sant face and

169

sil-ky braid I have not yet for - got - ten. Se-ven springs have

p

174

passed since then, as I Count with a so - ber sor - row Se-ven springs have come and

12

178

passed me by, And spring sets in

181

Allegro ♩ = 100

to - mor - row I've half a mind to shake my-self Free just for once from

184

accel.

Lon - don To set my work u-pon the shelf And leave it done

188

mf

or un-done To run down by the ear-ly train, Whirl down with

192

Presto ♩ = 120

shriek and whis - tle, And feel the

196

bluff North blow a-gain And spy the scarce blown vio-let banks And watch the lambs leap at their pranks

199

Andante $\text{♩} = 95$

A-las one point in all my plan My ser-i-ous thoughts de-mur to Se-ven

203

years have passed for maid and man sev-en years have passed for her too.

206

Per-haps my rose is o-ver-blown, Not ro-sy or too ro-sy;

210

Per-haps in farm-house of her own Some hus-band keeps her co-

14

213

meno mosso ♩ = 85

largo ♩ = 50

♩ = 85

Musical score for measures 213-215. The vocal line (treble clef) has a half note rest followed by a quarter note G4, then a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a forte (ff) dynamic. The right hand plays a series of eighth notes and sixteenth notes, while the left hand plays a bass line with eighth notes and a half note. The tempo markings 'meno mosso' and 'largo' are indicated above the staff.

216

mp

poco rall.

Musical score for measures 216-218. The vocal line (treble clef) has a half note rest followed by a half note G4, then a half note F#4, then a half note E4, then a half note D4. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic. The right hand plays a series of eighth notes and sixteenth notes, while the left hand plays a bass line with eighth notes and a half note. The tempo marking 'poco rall.' is indicated above the staff.

219

largo ♩ = 60

Musical score for measures 219-221. The vocal line (treble clef) has a half note rest followed by a half note G4, then a half note F#4, then a half note E4, then a half note D4. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a piano (pp) dynamic. The right hand plays a series of eighth notes and sixteenth notes, while the left hand plays a bass line with eighth notes and a half note. The tempo marking 'largo' is indicated above the staff. A box containing '5:16 approx.' is present above the piano part. The time signature changes to 3/4 at the end of the section.

III A Birthday

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Andante ♩ = 100 *f* *ecstatic*

My heart is like a sing-ing bird_ Whose nest is in a wa-tered shoot_

227

My heart_____ is like an_ ap-ple tree Whose boughs are bent with

235

thick-set fruit;—

241 *mp* *calmer, dreamy*

My heart is like a rain - bow shell that pad-dles in a hal - cy-on sea

p *pp*

245

My heart is glad - der than all these Be-cause my

p *pp*

249

love has come to me. Raise me a dais of

mf *ecstatic, decisive* *mp*

254

silk and down; Hang it with vair and pur - ple dyes; Carve it in doves and po - me - gran - ates,

259

And pea-cocks with a hun-dred eyes; Work it in gold and sil - ver grapes, In leaves and sil-ver

264

f

fleur - de - lys; Be - cause the birth day of my life is come

tr

mf *ff* *mf*

270

Molto meno mosso ♩ = 50

mp simply

my love has come to me.

(tr)

p

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