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Why were you born when the snow was falling?
You should have come to the cuckoo's calling,
Or when grapes are green in the cluster,
Or, at least, when lithe swallows muster
For their far off flying,
From summer dying.

Why did you die when the lambs were cropping?
You should have died at the apples' dropping,
When the grasshopper comes to trouble,
And the wheatfields are sodden stubble,
And all winds go sighing
For sweet things dying.

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MOLTO MODERATO
ED ESPRESSIVO

The piano introduction is in G major, 12/8 time, and 4/4 meter. It features a melody in the right hand with eighth and sixteenth notes, and a harmonic accompaniment in the left hand. Dynamics include *mp*, *mf*, and *pp*. The piece is marked *MOLTO MODERATO ED ESPRESSIVO*.

VOICE

The first line of the song is: "Why were you born when the snow was fall - ing?". The vocal line is in G major, 12/8 time, and 4/4 meter. The piano accompaniment is in G major, 12/8 time, and 4/4 meter. Dynamics include *pp* and *a tempo*.

The second line of the song is: "You should have come to the cu - ckoo's call - ing,.....". The vocal line is in G major, 12/8 time, and 4/4 meter. The piano accompaniment is in G major, 12/8 time, and 4/4 meter. Dynamics include *accel.*

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con moto

Or when grapes are green in the cluster, Or, at

poco rit. f

con moto

rall.

least, when lithe swallows muster For their

mP

rall.

poco rall.

far off fly - ing, From summer dying.....

poco rall.

pp

pp

a tempo

a tempo

mp

poco rit.

pp

pp

Why did you die when the lambs were cropping?

a tempo

You should have died at the ap - ples dropp - ing,.....

pp

mp accel.

poco rit. *can moto*

When the grasshopper comes to trouble, And the

poco rit. *f* *mp con moto*

rall. *pp*

wheatfields are sodden stubble,..... And all winds go sigh-ing For

rall. e dim. *pp* *pp*

poco rall.

sweet things dy-ing.....

poco rall. *pp*

allargando

f

Why were you born when the snow was fall - ing?

f allargando

pp

meno mosso

Why did you die when the lambs.....

pp

meno mosso

pp

..... the lambs were cropping.....

pp

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