

THE FIRST PRAYER,

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Andante con espress.

p

The piano introduction is in G major, 4/4 time, and consists of four measures. The right hand features a melodic line with a trill on the second measure and a fermata on the final note. The left hand provides a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth notes and chords.

3. Speak, and tell me, thou, O Time, From a coming of the Word,

The vocal line consists of four measures. The melody is in G major and features a trill on the second measure and a fermata on the final note. The lyrics are: "Speak, and tell me, thou, O Time, From a coming of the Word,"

1. Tell me, O ye stars of night In the ages ye have seen,

p

The piano accompaniment for the first vocal line consists of four measures. The right hand features a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth notes and chords. The left hand provides a simple bass line. The dynamics are marked *p*.

Aught more holy, more sub-lime, From the heart of any clime, Hast thou

The vocal line consists of four measures. The melody is in G major and features a trill on the second measure and a fermata on the final note. The lyrics are: "Aught more holy, more sub-lime, From the heart of any clime, Hast thou"

Aught more gentle mild and bright, Aught more dear to angels' sight, Hath there

p *f* *pp*

The piano accompaniment for the second vocal line consists of four measures. The right hand features a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth notes and chords. The left hand provides a simple bass line. The dynamics are marked *p*, *f*, and *pp*.

heard, hast thou heard, Than the voice ascend - ing there, Than that



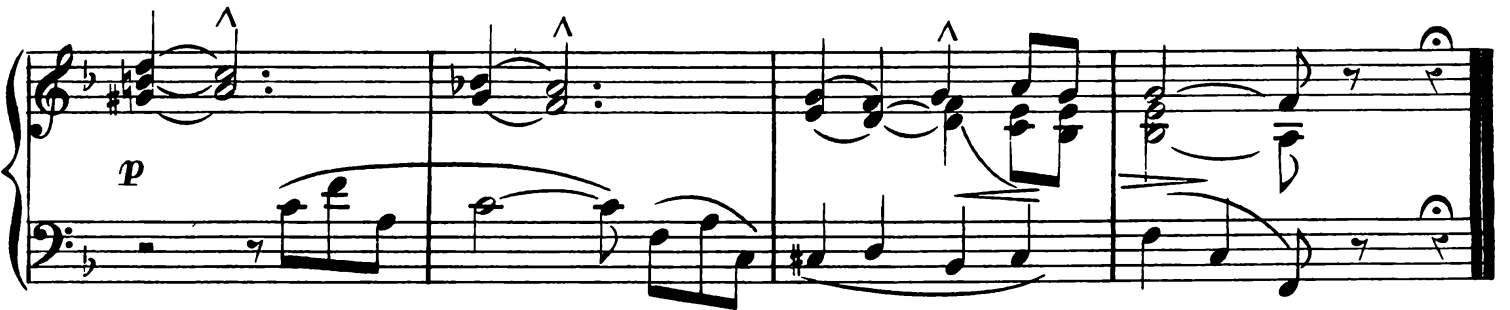
been, hath there been, Or more in - no - cent and fair, Than an



low - ly in - fants prayer? Than that low - ly in - fants prayer?



in - fants ear - liest prayer? Than an in - fants ear - liest prayer?



2.

Tell me, O ye flowers that meet
 By the valley or the stream,
 Have ye incense half so sweet,
 Fragrance in your rich retreat,
 That ye deem, that ye deem
 Half so dear to Heaven's care
 : As an infant's quiet prayer? :