

TO MUSIQUE, TO BECALME HIS FEVER

Three Short Songs for Mezzo-Soprano, Piano, and Violin

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1. Charm me asleep, and melt me so
With thy Delicious Numbers:
That being ravisht hence I goe
 Away in easy slumbers.
 Ease my sick head,
 And make my bed,
Thou Power that canst sever
 From me this ill:
 And quickly still:
 Though thou not kill
 My Fever

2. Thou sweetly canst convert the same
 From a consuming fire,
Into a gentle-licking flame,
 And make it thus expire.
 Then make me weep
 My paines asleep;
And give me such reposes,
 That I, poore, I,
 May think, thereby,
 I live and die
 ‘Mongst Roses

3. Fall on me like a silent dew,
Or like those Maiden showers,
Which, by the peepe of day, doe strew
 A Batp time o’re the flowers.
 Melt, melt my paines,
 With thy soft straines;
 That having ease me given,
 With full delight,
 I leave this light;
 And take my flight
 For Heaven.

Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

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Jaclyn Breeze (BMI)

I.

Longingly (♩ = 120)

mf

Mezzo-Soprano

Violin

Piano

Charm me a -

mp *p* *n*

mp *p*

ped. ped. ped. ped. same pedal throughout

6

Mzs.

Vln.

Pno.

sleep, and melt me so With thy De - li - cious Num-bers;

mp

11

Mzs.

Vln.

Pno.

That being rav - isht hence I goe A-way in eas - ie

mp *mf* *n*

mf

16 18 *f*

Mzs. slum-bers. Ease my sick head, and make my bed,

Vln. *mp* *f*

Pno. *f*

20 *mf* *f*

Mzs. Thou Pow - er that canst se-ver From me this ill: and quick - ly still:

Vln. *mf* *f*

Pno. *mf* *f*

24 *mf* *p* no rit.

Mzs. Though thou not kill My Fe - ver.

Vln. *mf* *p* no rit.

Pno. *mf* *p* no rit.

II.

Lightly (♩ = 144)

mp

Mezzo-Soprano

Violin

Piano

Thou sweet - ly can con -

mf *mf* *p*

ped. ped. ped. same pedal throughout

7

Mzs.

Vln.

Pno.

vert. the same From a con - sum - ing fire, In - to a gen - tle

p

12

16

Mzs.

Vln.

Pno.

lick - ing flame, And make_ it thus_ ex - pire. Then make me weep

mf *mf*

17

Mzs. *mp* *f*
My paines a - sleep, And give me such re - pos-es, That I, poore, I,

Vln. *mp* *f*

Pno. *f*

21

Mzs. *mp*
May think, there - by I live and die 'Mongst Ros-es.

Vln. *mp*

Pno. *mp* *mf* *p*

25

Mzs.

Vln. *mp* *mf* *pp*

Pno. *mp* *pp*

III.

With Comfort (♩ = 132)

mp

Mezzo-Soprano

Violin

Piano

Fall on me like a si - lent dew,

p *p* *p*

ped. ped. ped. ped. ped. ped. ped.

7

Mzs.

Vln.

Pno.

Or like those Maid - en showers, Which, by the peepe of day, doe strew A

mp *mf* *mp* *mp*

ped. ped. same pedal throughout

13

15

Mzs.

Vln.

Pno.

Bap - time o're the flowers. Melt, melt my paines,

mf *p* *mp* *p*

17 *mp* *f*

Mzs. With thy soft straines; That hav - ing ease me giv-en, With full de-light, I leave this light; And

Vln. *p* *f*

Pno. *f*

21 *mf* *mp*

Mzs. take my flight For Heav - en.

Vln. *mp* *p* *n*

Pno. *mp* *p*