

CANST THOU, O CRUEL!

(First Movement from "Book of Sonnets" - for Leslie)

Wm. Shakespeare (Sonnet CXLIX)

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Soprano

Alto

Baritone

Piano

f

Canst thou, O cruel! Say I love thee not? When I a-gainst my-

Detailed description: This system contains the first six measures of the piece. It features four staves: Soprano, Alto, Baritone, and Piano. The Soprano and Alto parts are mostly rests. The Baritone part begins with a half rest followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The Piano accompaniment starts with a forte (f) dynamic, featuring a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. A triplet of eighth notes appears in the piano part at measure 6.

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f

Canst thou, O cruel! Say I love thee

self, A-gainst my- self with thee par-take? Canst thou, O cruel! Say I love thee

Detailed description: This system contains measures 7 through 12. The vocal parts continue with the lyrics. The Baritone part has a half rest at the start of measure 7. The Piano accompaniment continues with the forte (f) dynamic, featuring a triplet of eighth notes in the bass line at measure 7. The system concludes with a final chord in the piano part.

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ff Canst thou, O

not? When I a-against my - self, A-against my - self with thee par-take? *ff* Canst thou, O

not? When I a-against my - self, A-against my - self with thee par-take? *ff* Canst thou, O

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cruel! Say I love thee not? When I a-against my - self, A-against my -

cruel! Say I love thee not? When I a-against my - self, A-against my -

cruel! Say I love thee not? When I a-against my - self, A-against my -

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self with thee par-take? Do I not think On

self with thee par-take? Do I not think On

self withthee par-take? Do I not think On

f

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thee? When I for - got Am of my - self? All

thee? When I for - got Am of my - self? All

thee? When I for - got Am of my - self? All

f *mf*

f *mf*

f *mf*

Gray: Canst Thou p. 4

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dim.

ty - rant, All ty - rant for thy sake?

dim.

ty - rant, All ty - rant for thy sake?

dim.

ty - rant, All ty - rant for thy sake? For thy sake?

mf

dim.

3 3

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mp dolce

Who hat - eth thee that I do call my friend? On whom frown'st thou

mp

Gray: Canst Thou p. 5

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mp dolce

Who hat - eth thee that I do call _____ my friend?

mp dolce

Who hat - eth thee ___ that I do ___ call my friend?

That I do fawn up-on?

dolce

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On whom frown'st thou That I do fawn up - on? _____

On ___ whom ___ frown'st ___ thou ___ That I do fawn up - on? _____

mp

Nay, if ___ thou lou'r'st_ on me_ Do

mp

Gray: Canst Thou p. 6

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mp *cresc.*

Nay, if thou lou'rst on me Do I not spend re-

mp *cresc.*

Nay, if thou lou'rst on me, Do I not spend re-venge up-on my self, Nay, if thou lou'rst

cresc.

I not spend re-venge up-on my self With pre-sent moan? Up-

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dim. *dolce*

venge up-on my-self With pre-sent moan? What mer-it do I in my-self re-

dim.

on me, Do I not spend re-venge up-on my-self With pre-sent moan?

dim. *dolce*

on my-self With pre-sent moan? What mer-it do I in my-self re-

dolce

Gray: Canst Thou p. 7

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spect that is_ so proud_ thy ser-vice to de- spise? *mf* When all of my best_ doth wor - ship

When all of my best_ doth wor - ship thy *mf* de-lect?

spect that is_ so proud_ thy ser-vice to de- spise? When all of my best

cresc.

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thy de - lect? *f* When all of my best_ doth wor - ship.. *cresc.* Com-mand - ed by the mo-tion of thine eyes? *ff* But,

When all of my best_ doth wor - ship thy de-lect, *f* Com-mand - ed by.. *cresc.* thine eyes? *ff* But,

doth wor - ship thy de-lect, Com-mand - ed by the mo - tion of thine eyes? But,

cresc. *ff*

Gray: Canst Thou p. 8

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love, Hate on, For now, I know thy mind; Those that can

love, Hate on, For now, I know thy mind; Those that can

love, Hate on, For now, I know thy mind; Those that can

molto dim. mf

molto dim. mf

molto dim. mf

molto dim. mf

mf

3

85

see thou lov'st, And I am blind.

see thou lov'st, And I am blind.

see thou lov'st, And I am blind.

p

molto rit. e dim.

p

molto rit. e dim.

p

molto rit. e dim.

pp

ppp

mortis tempore notitiae