

# WHEN I DO COUNT THE CLOCK

Wm. Shakespeare (Sonnet XII)

(from "A Book of Sonnets" -- for Leslie)

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*p*

Soprano

When I do count the clock that tells the time,

Alto

*p*

And see the

Baritone

*p*

And see the brave day

Piano

*p legatissimo*

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*mp*

When I be - hold the vi - o - let *mf* past prime,

brave day sunk in hid - e - ous night; *mp*

And sa - ble curls, *mf*

sunk in hid - e - ous night; *mp* When I be - hold the vi - o - let past prime, And

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And sa - ble curls all sil - ver'd o'er All sil - ver'd o'er With  
 And sa - ble curls, All, All sil - ver'd - o'er With  
 sa - ble curls, And sa - ble curls All sil - ver'd o'er With

*mf* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f*

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white, With white;  
 white, With white;  
 white, With white, All sil - ver'd o'er With white;

*p* *p*

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*p*

When lof - ty trees I see bar-ren of leaves, \_\_\_\_\_

*p*

Which erst from heat did can-o - py \_\_\_\_\_ the herd, \_\_\_\_\_

*p*

Which erst \_\_\_\_\_ did can- o - py the herd,

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*mp* *mf* *f*

And \_\_\_\_\_ sum-mer's green all gird - ed up.. Borne on the bier

*mp* *mf* *f*

And \_\_\_\_\_ sum - mer's green all gird - ed up in sheaves, Borne on the

*mp* *mf* *f*

And \_\_\_\_\_ sum-mer's green, All gird - ed up, All gird - ed up in sheaves

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Borne on the bier With white, With white,  
 bier With white, With white,  
 Borne on the bier With white, With white,

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*p* Then of thy beau- ty do I ques- tion make,  
 Borne on the bier with white And bris- tly beard, *pp* That thou...

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*mf* Since sweets\_ and beau - ties

*p* That thou a - mong the wastes of time\_\_ must go, *mf* Since sweets\_ and beau - ties

a - mong the wastes of time\_\_ must go, *mf* Since sweets\_ and

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do them-selves for- sake And die \_\_\_\_\_ as fast as they see oth - ers grow;\_

do them-selves for - sake And die \_\_\_\_\_ as fast as they see oth - ers grow;\_

beau - ties do them-selves\_\_ for- sake And die \_\_\_\_\_ as fast as they see oth - ers grow;\_

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*p*

And no-thing 'gainst Time's \_\_\_\_\_ scythe Can make\_ de - fence

*p*

And no-thing 'gainst Time's \_\_\_\_\_ scythe Can make\_ de - fence

*p*

And no-thing 'gainst Time's \_\_\_\_\_ scythe Can make\_ de - fence Save \_

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*f* *molto diminuendo e rallentando*

Save \_ breed, \_\_\_\_\_ To brave \_ him when \_ he takes thee hence.

Save \_ breed, \_\_\_\_\_ To brave him when he takes thee hence.

breed, \_\_\_\_\_ to brave him when he takes thee hence.

*in tempore damni*