

HOW OFT WHEN THOU, MY MUSIC, MUSIC PLAY'ST

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

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Wm. Shakespeare (CXXVIII)

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5

Soprano

Alto

Baritone

Piano

mf

10

15

mf How_ oft_ when_ thou, _ my_ Mu- sic, _ Mu- sic_ play'st_

mf How_ oft_ when_ thou, _ my_ Mu- sic, _ Mu- sic_ play'st_

mf How_ oft_ when_ thou, _ mu Mu- sic_ Mu- sic_ play'st_

Gray: How oft when Thou p. 2

20

How oft when thou, mu - sic Play'st

25

mf

30

Whose mo - tion_ sounds with

Whose mo - tion_ sounds with

 Up - on that bless- ed wood

Gray: How oft when Thou p. 3

35

thy sweet fin - gers, When thou gent - ly sway'st,

thy sweet fin - gers, When thou gent - ly sway'st, Sway'st

40

Sway'st the wi - ry con - cord that mine ear con-founds

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Gray: How oft when Thou p. 4

45 *mf* 50

How_ oft_ when_ thou, my_ Mu- sic_

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How_ oft_ when_ thou, my Mu- sic_

55 60

Mu- sic_ play'st_ mu- sic_ play'st_

Mu- sic_ play'st_ mu- sic_ play'st_

Mu- sic_ play'st_ *f* mu- sic_ play'st_ Do I en - vy those jacks That nim - ble_ leap_

Gray: How oft when Thou p. 5

65

65

f Whilst my poor

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To kiss The ten - der in - ward _____ of thy hand, _____

70

lips, Which should_ that har - vest_ reap, At the wood's bold- ness_ By thee_ Blush- ing_ stand_

lips, Which should_ that har - vest_ reap, At the wood's bold- ness_ By thee_ Blush- ing_ stand_

75

Gray: How oft when Thou p. 6

80

mf

How_ oft_ when_ thou,_ my_ Mu- sic_

How_ oft_ when_ thou,_ my_ Mu- sic_

How_ oft_ when_ thou,_ mu Mu- sic_

85

90

Gray: How oft when Thou p. 7

95

To be so tick - led they would_ change their state and_ sit- u - a - tion_ Danc

To be so tick - led they would_ change their state and_ sit- u - a - tion_ Danc - ing_ danc

With those danc- ing_ danc - ing_ danc

100

105

- ing_ chips,_ O'er whom thy fing - ers walk with gen- tle_ gait,_

- ing_ chips,_ O'er whom thy fing - ers walk with gen- tle_ gait,_

- ing_ chips,_ O'er whom thy fing - ers walk with gen - tle_ gait,_

Gray: How oft when Thou p. 8

110

Mak - ing dead wood more blest than liv -

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Mak - ing dead wood more blest than liv -

115

120

- ing_ lips. _ Since_ sau - cy_ jacks_ so_ hap - py_

- ing_ lips. _ Since_ sau - cy_ jacks_ so_ hap - py_

- ing_ lips. _

Gray: How oft when Thou p. 9

are in this, _

are in this, _

Give_ them_ thy_ fin - gers, _

p 130

Me thy lips _ to kiss.

p

My thy lips _ to kiss.

p

My thy lips to kiss.

pp

ff

In tempus ludus.