

Wm. Shakespeare (Sonnet XLVIII)

HOW CAREFUL WAS I*(from "Book of Sonnets" - for Leslie)*

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mp

Soprano
How care - ful *p* was I ___ when_ I took ___ my way,

Alto
How care - ful was I ___ when_ I took ___ my

Baritone

Piano
mp

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Each tri - fle un - der ___ tru - est bars ___ to thrust,

way..

p

Each tri - fle un - der ___ tru - est bars ___ to

Gray: How careful was I p.2

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That to my use it might un - us - ed stay From

That to my use it might un - us - ed

thrust..

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hands of false-hood, in sure wards of trust. *mp* But

stay.. *mp* But

..From hands of false - hood, in sure wards of trust. But

mp

Gray: How careful was I p.3

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thou, to whom my jew - els trif - les are,

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23 *mf*

mf Most worth - y com - fort, now my great - est grief,

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Gray: How careful was I p.4

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Thou best of dear - est, and mine on - ly care,

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molto dim.
Art left the prey of ev' - ry vul - gar thief.

molto dim.
Art left the prey of Ev - ry vul - gar thief.

molto dim.
Art left the prey of ev' - ry vul - gar thief.

mp

Gray: How careful was I p.5

36 *mp*

Thee have I not lock'd up in an - y chest, Save

p

Thee have I not lock'd up in an - y

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where _____ thou art not, _____ though _____ I _____ feel thou art, With - in

chest...

p

..Save where _____ thou art not, though _____ I feel thou

Gray: How careful was I p.6

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the gen - tle clo - sure of my brest, From whence at
 With - in the gen - tle clo - sure of my brest..

art.. ..From

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plea - sure_ thou mayst come and part, *mf* And ev - en thence
 whence_ at plea - sure_ thou mayst come and part, *mf* And ev - en thence

cresc.

Gray: How careful was I p.7

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cresc. thou wilt be stol'n, I fear, *dim.* For truth proves

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f *dim.* *piano e dolce*

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thiev- ish For a prize so dear. *dim.*

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thiev - ish For a prize so dear. *dim.*

molto dim. e rit. *velox in tempore*