

**BUT BE CONTENTED***(from the "Book of Sonnets" - for Leslie)*

( 2/♩ ) ♩ = 104 ( 3/♩ ) *p* ( 2/♩ )

Soprano  
Alto  
Baritone  
Piano

But be con - tent - ed when that fell ar - rest  
But be con - tent - ed when that fell ar - rest  
But be con - tent - ed when that fell ar - rest

5 ( 3/♩ ) *mf* ( 2/♩ )

With - out all bail shall car-ry me a - way,  
With - out all bail shall car-ry me a-way, Car - ry me a - way,  
With - out all bail shall car-ry me a - way, Car - ry me a -

## Gray: But be contented p. 2

9 (3/4) *f*

My life hath in this line, My life hath in this line some in - te -

My life hath in this line, My life hath in this line some in - te -

way, My life hath in this line, My life hath in this line some in - te -

13 (2/4) (3/4) *mp*

rest Which for me - mor - ial still with thee shall stay.

rest Which for me - mor - ial still with thee shall stay.

rest Which for me - mor - ial still with thee shall stay.

*p* *mp*

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( 2/p )

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*p*

When thou re - view - est this, thou dost re - new

*p*

When thou re - view - est this, thou dost re - new

*p*

When thou re - view - est this, thou dost re - new

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( 3/p )

*mf*

The ve - ry part was con-ce-crate to thee:

*mf*

The ve - ry part was con-se-crate to thee, Con - se - crate to thee:

*mf*

The ve - ry part was con-se-crate to thee: Con - ce - crate to

( 2/p )

## Gray: But be contented p. 4

( 3/8 )

24 *f*

The earth can have but earth, The earth can have but earth, which is his

The earth can have but earth, The earth can have but earth, which is his

thee: The earth can have but earth, The earth can have but earth, which is his

( 2/8 ) ( 3/8 )

28 *mp*

due; My spir't is thine, The bet-ter part of me.

due; *mp* My spir't is thine, The bet-ter part of me.

due; *mp* My spir't is thine, The bet-ter part of me.

*p* *mp*

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( 2/♩ )

( 3/♩ )

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*p* So then thou hast but lost the dregs of life, *mf* The

*p* So then thou hast but lost the dregs of life, *mf* The prey of worms, my

*p* So then thou hast but lost the dregs of life, *mf* The prey of

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( 2/♩ ) ( 3/♩ ) ( 2/♩ ) *dim.*

prey of worms, my bo-dy be-ing dead, *f* The cow-ard con-quest of a wret- ch's knife, *dim.*

bo -dy be-ing dead, *f* The cow-ard con - quest of a wret- ch's knife, *dim.* *p*

worms, my bo-dy be-ing dead, The cow-ard con-quest of a wret- ch's knife, Too

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*p* (3/♩) (2/♩) (3/♩) (2/♩) *rall.*

Too base of thee to be re-mem-ber-ed,

*p* *rall.*

Too base of thee to be mem-ber-ed,

*rall.*

base of thee to be re-mem-ber-ed,

*p* *mp* *rall.*

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*p* (3/♩) ♩=96 (2/♩) (3/♩) (2/♩)

The worth of that, is that which it con-tains,

*p*

And that is this, and this with thee re-mains,

*p*

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( 3/8 ) ( 2/8 ) ( 3/8 )

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*mp rall.*

And this with thee re - mains.

*p*

The worth of that, \_ is that which it con - tains,

*mp rall.*

And this with thee re - mains.

*p*

*mp rall.*

And \_ that is this, and this with thee re - mains.

*mf* *dim.* *rall.* *mp a tempo*

( 2/8 ) ( 3/8 )

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*dim.* *f* *accelerando* *molto rall. e dim.* *ppp*

Tempore terram