"Three Poems by D. H. Lawrence"

"Running Barefoot"

"Silence"

"Moonrise"

Music by

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for

Soprano

with piano accompaniment

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"Running Barefoot"

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And the sight of their white playing in the grass Is winsome as a robin's song, so fluttering;
Or like two butterflies that settle on a glass Cup for a moment, soft little wing-beats uttering.

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And I could feel her feet in either hand
Cool as syringa buds in morning hours,
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"Silence"

Since I lost you, I am silence-haunted; Sounds wave their little wings A moment, then in weariness settle on the flood that soundless swings. Whether the people in the street Like pattering ripples go by, Or whether the theatre sighs and sighs With a loud hoarse sigh: Or the wind shakes a ravel of light Over the dead-black river, Or last night's echoings Make the daybreak shiver: I feel the silence waiting To sip them all up again, In its last completeness drinking Down the noise of men.

"Moonrise"

And who has seen the moon, who has not seen Her rise from out the chamber of the deep, Flushed and grand and naked, as from the chamber Of finished bridegroom, seen her rise and throw Confession of delight upon the wave, Littering the waves with her own superscription Of bliss, till all her lambent beauty shakes towards us Spread out and known at last, and we are sure That beauty is a thing beyond the grave, That perfect bright experience never falls To nothingness, and time will dim the moon Sooner than our full consummation here In this odd life will tarnish or pass away.

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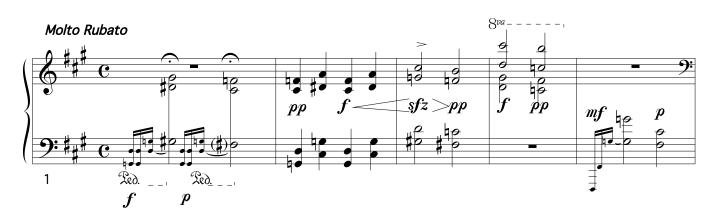


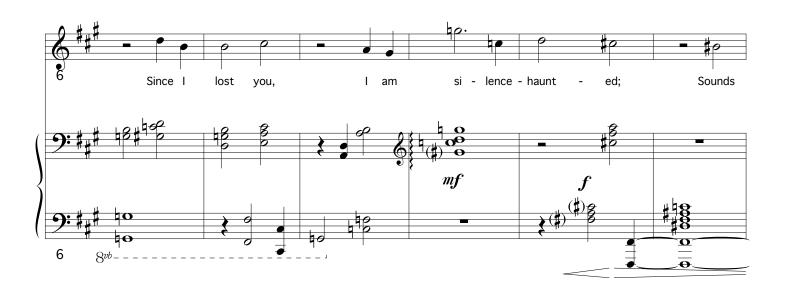


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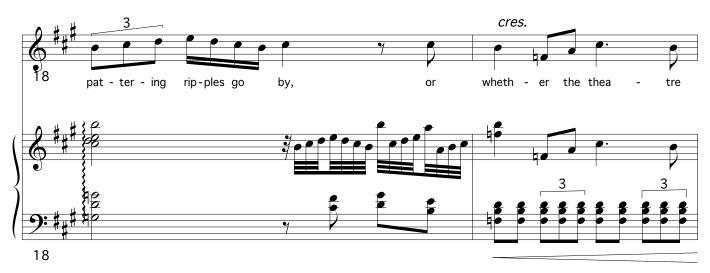
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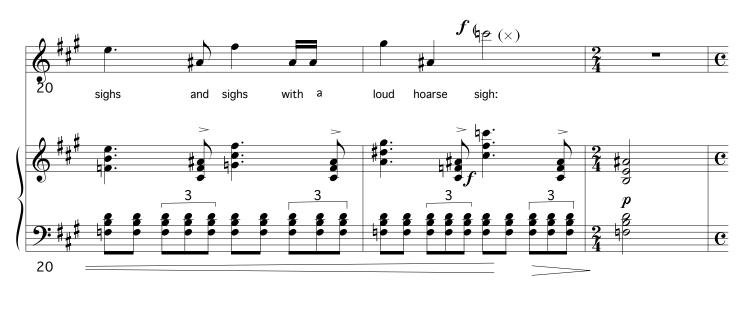
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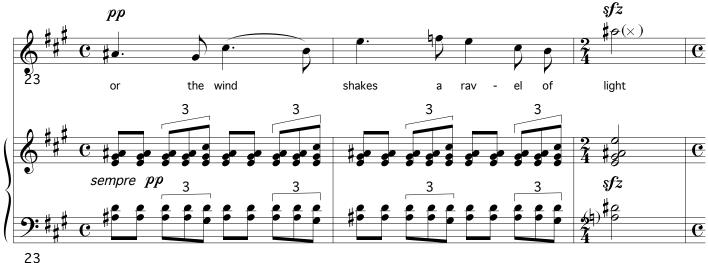


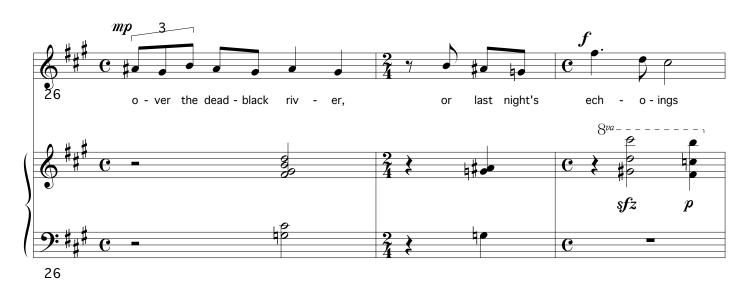














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