

The shepherd's Song

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Allegretto

Voice

Piano

me

con
Red.

3

p

Down the dust - y road to - geth - er Home - ward pass the hur - rying sheep,

5

cresc. ----- *rit.* , *rit.* ,

Stu - pid with the sum - mer wea - ther, Too much grass and too much sleep,

a tempo

cresc. ----- *rit.* *rit.*

allargando

7 *mf* *p* **T** *rit.*

I, theirshep - herd, sing to thee That sum - mer is a joy to me.

mf *colla voce*

Red. *Red.*

9 *p*

Down the shore rolled waves all crea - my

a tempo

11 *cresc.* **T** *rit.*

With the flecked surf yes - ter - hight; I swam far out in star - light drea - my,

cresc. *rit.*

13

a tempo

T
rit.

allargando

mf

p

In mo-ving wa - ters cool and bright, I, the shep - herd, sing to thee: I

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is for the voice, and the lower staff is for the piano. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The vocal line begins at measure 13 with the lyrics "In mo-ving wa - ters cool and bright, I, the shep - herd, sing to thee: I". The piano accompaniment features a flowing eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more rhythmic bass line in the left hand. Performance markings include "a tempo", "T rit.", "allargando", "mf", and "p". The piano part includes "rit." and "red." markings.

15

rit.
love the strong life of the sea.

colla voce

cresc.

17

p
And up-on the hill-side grow-ing

dim.

p

19

p
Where the fat sheep dozed in shade, *p* Bright red

21

cresc.
pop-pies I found blow-ing, Drow-sy,

cresc.

23

tall and loose - ly made, I, the

f

cresc.

f

25

shep - herd, sing to thee. How fair the bright red pop - pies

largamente

colla voce

dim.

Red.

27

be.

a tempo

p

dim.

pp

To the red - tiled home - stead ben - ding Winds the road, so white and long

31 *cresc.* *rit.* **a tempo** *cresc.* *rit.*

Day and work are near their end - ing Sleep and dreams will end my song,

33 **allargando** *poco rit.* **T** *f* *lento*

I, the shep - herd, sing to thee; In the dream-time an - swer, an - swer

mf *colla voce* *f* *lento*

Red. *Red.* *Red.*

35

T rit.

T molto rit. pp

me, _____ In the dream - time an - swer, an - swer

a tempo

p

pp colla voce

37

me. _____

ppp

Red. _____ Red. _____