

NOCTURNE

R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Andante con Moto

Voice

Pianoforte

molto ppp

5 *pppp*

Whis-pers of heaven - ly death — mur - mur'd I hear, Lab -

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- ial gos-sip of night — si - bi - lant chor - - - als,

13 *cantando*

Foot - steps gent - ly as - cen - ding, mys - ti - cal

cantabile

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breez - es waft - ed soft and low, Rip-ples of

un - seen riv - ers, _____ tides of a cur - rent _____ flow - ing, for -

- ev - - - - er

flow - ing, (Or is it the plash - ing of tears? the mea-sure-less wa-ters

of hu - man tears?) _____ I see,

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just see sky - ward, great cloud _____ mas - ses;

43

Mourn - ful - ly, slow - ly they roll, Si - lent - ly swell -

47

- ing and mix - ing, With at times _____ a half - dimm'd

ppp *Orda*

51

sad-den'd far - off star, Ap - pear - ing and dis - ap - pear - ing.

Poco meno mosso

*ppp*do

cando

(Some par tur - i - tion ra - ther, Some sol - emn im -

-mor - tal birth_____ On the fron - tiers to eyes im - pen - e - tra - ble,

Some soul_____ is pass - ing o - ver.)

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