

The Water Mill

Four Poems by Vaughan Williams

Allegretto tranquillo *pp*

Voice

There is a mill, an

Piano

scappre

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an - cient one, Brown with rain, and dry with sun, The mil - ler's

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house is joined with it And in Ju - ly the swal - lows

flit To and fro, in and out, Round the win-dows, all a -

- bout; The mill wheel whirrs and the

wa - ters roar Out of the dark arch by the door The wil - lows

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toss their sil - ver heads, And the phlox - es in the gar - - den

The musical score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written in a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "toss their sil - ver heads, And the phlox - es in the gar - - den". The piano accompaniment is written in two staves (treble and bass clefs) and features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some chords and accidentals (B-flat and F-sharp) in the right hand.

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beds Turn red, turn gray, With the time of

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day, And smell sweet in the rain, then die a -

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- way. The mil-ler's cat is a tab-by, she Is as

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lean as a health - y cat can be, She plays in the

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loft, where the sun - beams stroke The sack's fat backs, and bee - tles

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choke In the flour - y dust. The wheel goes round And the

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mil - ler's wife sleeps fast and sound.

poco Marcato

There is a clock in - side the house, Ve - ry tall and ve - ry bright, It strikes the

The musical score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written in a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The piano accompaniment is written in two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp and a 3/4 time signature. The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the bass and a more melodic line in the treble, often using chords and grace notes.

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hour when sha-dows drowse Or show-ers make the win-dows white; Loud and

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sweet, in rain and sun, The clock strikes and the work is

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done. The mil - ler's wife and his

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eld - est girl Clean and cook while the mills wheels whirl. The chil - dren

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take their meat to school, And at dusk they play by the twi - lit

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pool; Bare - foot, bare - head, Till the day is

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dead, And their mo - ther calls them in to bed. The

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sup - per stands on the clean-scrubbed board, And the mil - ler drinks like a

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poco animato

thirst - y lord; The young men come for his daugh - ter's

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poco allarg.

sake, But she nev - er knows which one to take: She drives her nee - dle and spins her

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stuff, While the moon shines gold, and the lamp

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shines buff.