

Poem by  
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# The Shepherdess

Music  
R. N. X.

Tranquillo

She

Detailed description: This system contains the first musical system. It features a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo marking 'Tranquillo' is written above the vocal line. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by a series of notes leading to the word 'She' at the end of the system. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in both hands.

walks the lady of my de-light A shep-herd-ess of

Detailed description: This system contains the second musical system. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'walks the lady of my de-light A shep-herd-ess of'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and melodic fragments.

sheep, Her flocks are thoughts, she keeps them white; rit

Detailed description: This system contains the third musical system. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'sheep, Her flocks are thoughts, she keeps them white; rit'. The piano accompaniment continues with harmonic support. The tempo marking 'rit' (ritardando) is written at the end of the system.

she guards them from the steep. she feeds them on the frag-rant

Detailed description: This system contains the fourth musical system. The vocal line concludes with the lyrics 'she guards them from the steep. she feeds them on the frag-rant'. The piano accompaniment provides the final harmonic support.

height and folds... them in for sleep

She roams ma-ter-nal hills and bright, Dark

(tempo giusto)

val-leys safe and deep. In-to that ten-der breast at

rit

night the chast-est stars may peep. She walks the

lady of my de-light      a shep-herd-ess of

*pp rit*      *pp*

Sheep:      she holds her lit-tle

*rit*      *poco piu mosso*

thoughts in sight tho' gay they run and leap, she is so

*pp*      *pp*      *pp*

cir-cum-spect and right;      She has her soul to keep.      She

*rit*      *colla voce.*

walks the lady of my de-light. A shep-herd-ess of

Sheep

Slow arpeggio

*Estinto*