

III. The Nature Of Friendship

from the song cycle "In the Rear View Mirror, Now"

Mark Abel

1 $\text{♩} = 80$

Soprano

Piano

Organ

Organ 3

mp *p*

8vb

6 $\text{♩} = 120$

S.

Pno.

Org.

mp

(8)

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10 *grimly*

S. I have _____ a few. _____

Pno.

Org.

(8).....

14 *almost offhand* *with irony*

S. Once thought I _____ had man-y more. So luck - y, _____ as Strei-sand once

Pno. *a bit stronger*

3

Org.

(8).....

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18

S. *sang,* _____ *that I*

Pno. *stronger still*

Org.

(8)-----

20

S. *need - ed* _____ *oth-er peo - ple.*

Pno.

Org.

(8)-----

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22 **Pull back** ♩ = 56 *poignantly*

S. It was an il-lu - sion.

Pno. *p*

Org. Chiff

26 ♩ = 46 ♩ = 90

S.

Pno. *rit.* *mp*

Org. Nano *rit.* Organ 5

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30 *almost self-pitying*

S. For other peo ple _____ don't need me, _____ it seems. _____

Pno.

Org.

(8)-----

34 *more declarative*

S. Those who've dis-ap-peared or slipped a-way slow - ly

Pno. *a bit stronger*

Org. Chiff Organ 3

8vb

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S. *may now* *num - ber* *in the hun - dreds.*

Pno.

Org.

(8)

39

$\text{♩} = 80$

S. *Andrea* *Ariadne* *Tom*

Pno. *gentle thrusts*

Org. *Copula Maj*

(8)

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41 $\text{♩} = 75$ *questioningly*

S. Dan Sondra William Marissa But

Pno.

Org. Nano Organ 5

(8)... 8^{vb}

44 $\text{♩} = 60$ $\text{♩} = 100$ *a laundry list*

S. why___ did_ we do those things — the

Pno. *stronger, steady*

Org. Organ 3

(8)... 8^{vb}

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S.  phone calls, the let - ters, the lunch - es, the match - mak - ing,

Pno. 

Org.  Chiff

(8).....

52

S.  the of - fer - ing of the shoul - der, the bor - row - ing, the re - *stronger*

Pno. 

Org. 

(8).....

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♩ = 102

54

S. turn - - - ing, the

Pno. *mf*

Org. *mf* Principal

(8)-----

57

S. shar-ing_ of most pain - ful truths_ and e - piph - a - nies,

Pno.

Org.

(8)-----

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60 ♩ = 104

S. the tears, the hugs, the ca-thar - ses. _____

Pno.

Org.

(8)

63 *stronger still*

S. (the cath - ar - ses) _____

Pno. *f*

Org. Chiff

(dry)

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65

S. 

Pno. 


Org. 

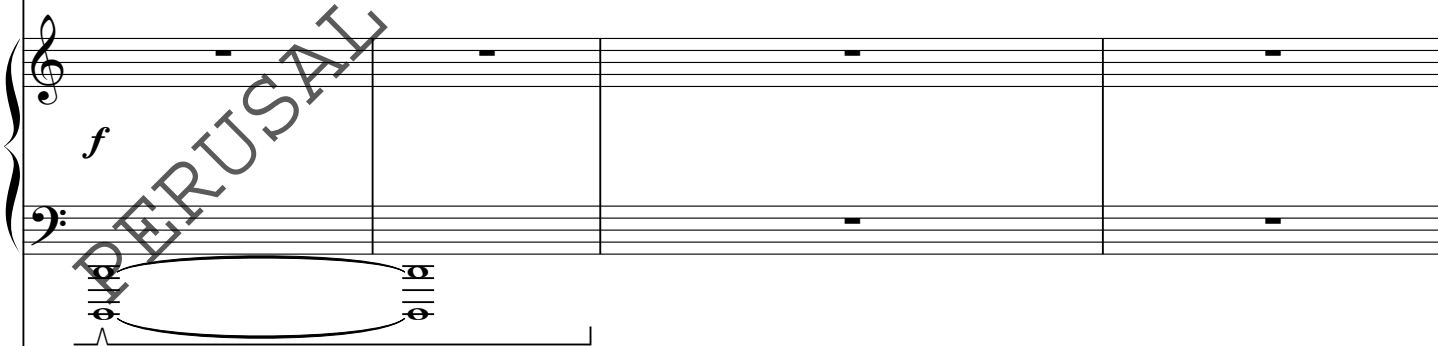
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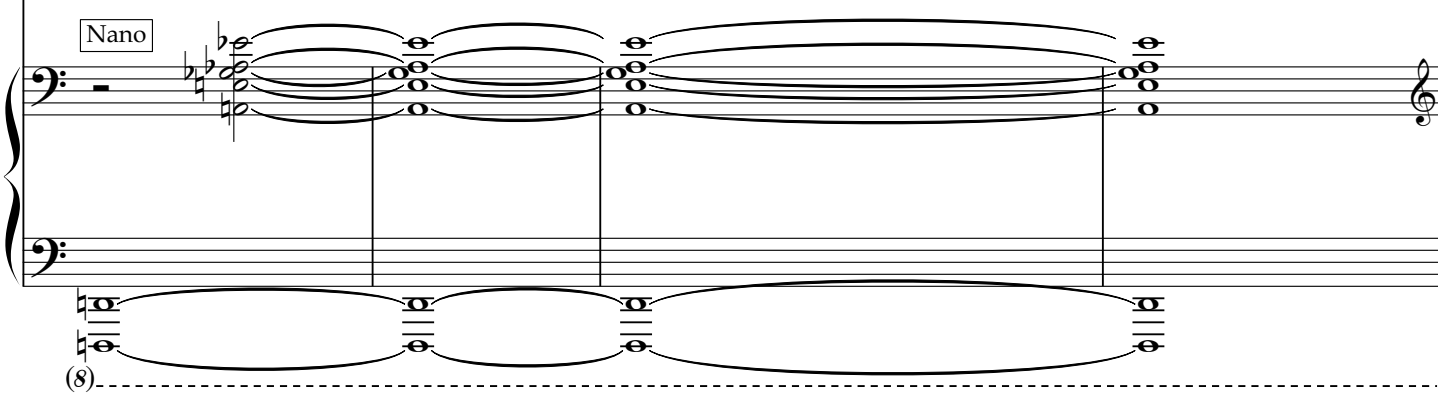
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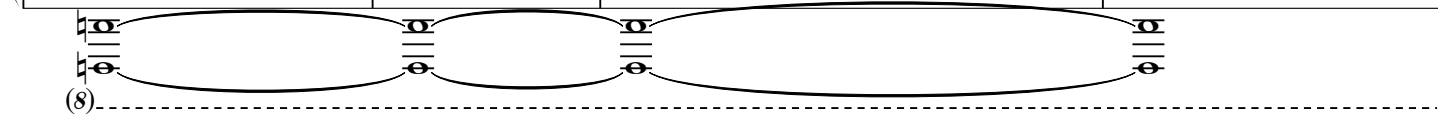
8vb

68 $\text{♩} = 66$

S. 
as the music suggests
"All that's been swept out with the gar - bage,"

Pno. 
f

Org. 
Nano

44 

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S. $\text{♩} = 60$ (spoken) $\text{♩} = 120$

mut-tered Schi-golch in Lu-lu's Lon-don gar-ret. "Babs" didn't know SQUAT!

Pno.

Org. Forte Combo

(8)

76

S. rit.

Pno. almost sprightly

Org. Chiff

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80 $\text{♩} = 86$

almost accusingly

S. And if you ask,

Pno.

Org.

82

these peo - ple

have their ex - cus - es,

S. $\text{these peo - ple have their ex - cus - es,}$

Pno.

Org.

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84

S. *sure.* The bland and e - va - sive:___

Pno.

Org.

(8)

86

S. *almost sing-song* We moved___ a - way,___ my job changed,

Pno. *stronger*

Org.

(8)

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89

S. I got mar - ried and had a kid.

Pno.

Org. Forte Combo

♩ = 76

S. But, if you can get a few

Pno. *f* *ff* *mf*

Org. Nano

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94 $\text{♩} = 66$ $\text{♩} = 76$
calming down a bit

S. — drinks in - to them: —

Pno.

Org.

(8) - | 8^{vb} - - - - - |

97 $\text{♩} = 165$ *with irony and distance*

S. He was too for - ward, too

Pno. *with a rocking motion*

Org. Organ 5 Organ 3

(dry) *Red.* - - - - - |

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100

S. back - ward, too need - y, he's_ stuck

Pno.

Org.

103

S. and re - fus - es to move on, (dry)

Pno.

Org. Chiff

50

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105

S.  I wrote a book_____ and I don't have

Pno. 

Org. 

108

S.  time_____ an - y - more._____ Et - cet - er - a_____ $\text{♩} = 56$

Pno.  *f*

Org.  Nano

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111 **molto rit.**

S.

Pno. *espressivo*

Org.

114 $\text{♩} = 70$

S.

Pno. *mp*

Org. Organ 5 *8vb*

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exhausted

S. We did those things all of us! We

Pno.

Org. Nano

(8)

118

$\text{♩} = 70$

S. need - ed sup - port. Pla-ton-ic love's a most wel-come nar

Pno. *mf*

Org. Copula Maj Organ 3

(8) *8vb*

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121

S. *your conclusion*
cot- ic. Int-erests dove - tailed _____ for a

Pno. *mp*
Red.

Org. *Principal*

124

S. *quietly*
while; _____ quid pro quo. Don't

Pno. *quietly*

Org. *Organ 5*
8th

♩ = 55

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127 $\text{♩} = 70$ $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ *a final spasm*

S. $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$
kid your-self.. They'd have kicked you _____ off the Ti-tan-ic's

Pno.

Org. (8).....
(8)..... 8vb.....

$\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ $\text{♩} = 52$ *rit.* $\text{♩} = 40$
plaintively

S. $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$
life - boat___ if it came_ to that.

Pno.

Org. Nano
(8).....