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The Valley of Silence

William Sharp

Eric William Barnum

Peacefully, rubato * ♩ = 59

SOPRANO
mf In the sec-ret Val-ley of Si-lence *p* No breath doth

ALTO
mf In the sec-ret Val-ley of Si-lence *p* No breath doth

TENOR
mf In the sec-ret Val-ley of Si-lence *p* No breath doth

BASS
mf In the sec-ret Val-ley of Si-lence *p* No breath doth

PIANO
Peacefully, rubato * ♩ = 59

* Evoke a 'haunting, almost supernatural atmosphere.



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S. *p*
fall; No wind stirs in the branch - es;

A. *p*
fall; No wind stirs in the branch - es;

T. *p*
fall; No wind stirs in the branch - es;

B. *p*
fall; No wind stirs in the branch - es;

10 **Più mosso**

S. *mp* *mf* *f* **rall.**
No_bird doth call: No_bird doth call: As_on a white

A. *mp* *mf* *f*
No bird_ doth call: No bird_ doth call: As on a white

T. *mp* *mf* *f*
No bird, No_bird_ doth call: No_bird doth call: As_on a white

B. *mp* *mf* *f*
No bird, No_bird_ doth call: No_bird doth call: As on a white

Più mosso **rall.**

13 **Tempo I°**

mp *p*

S. wall A breath-less liz - ard is still, So si - lence lies on the

A. wall A breath-less liz - ard is still, So si - lence lies on the

T. wall A breath-less liz - ard is still, So si - lence lies on the

B. wall A breath-less liz - ard is still, So si - lence lies on the

Tempo I°

18 $\text{♩} = 65$

mf

S. val - ley In the heart of the

A. val - ley In the dusk - grown heart

T. val - ley, Breath - less - ly still. In the

B. val - ley, Breath - less - ly still. In the

pp *mf* *mp* *cresc.*

$\text{♩} = 65$

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S. *f*
val - ley An al - ter ris - es white: No rapt priest bends in

A. *f*
of the val - ley An al - ter ris - es white: an al - ter

T. *f*
heart of the val - ley An al - ter ris - es white: An

B. *f*
heart of the val - ley An al - ter ris - es white: An

Broadly ♩ = 59

26 *ff* *mp*

S. awe, in awe Be - fore its light, Be fore its

A. *ff* *mf*
ris - es white: No rapt priest bends in awe

T. *ff* *mf*
al - ter ris - es white: No rapt priest bends in awe Be -

B. *ff* *mf*
al - ter ris - es white: No rapt priest bends in awe Be -

Broadly ♩ = 59

30 *p* $\text{♩} = 65$ *mp*

S. light, _____ But some- times a - flight, a - flight, a -

A. *mp* But some- times a - flight, a - flight, a -

T. *mp* *p* fore its si- lent light: Oo, oo, oo,

B. *mp* *p* (stagger breathe) fore its si- lent light: O

35 *mf* *mp*

S. flight _____ Of breath- less words of prayer, _____ Of

A. *mf* *p* flight, a- flight,

T. oo, oo,

B.

38 *rit.* **Tempo I^o**

S. *p*
 breath - less words of prayer White - wing'd en - close the al - ter,

A. *p* *div.*
 — White wing'd en - close the al - ter,

T. *p* *pp*
 — White wing'd en - close the al - ter, — si - lent

B. *p* *pp*
 — White wing'd en - close the al - ter, — si - lent

rit. **Tempo I^o**

Let go

S. 

42 *cresc. poco a poco*
A. I. 
Ed - dies of prayer, Ed - dies of prayer, Ed -

cresc. poco a poco
A. 
Ed - dies of prayer, Ed - dies of prayer, Ed - dies of

T S. 

cresc. poco a poco
T. I. 
Ed - dies of prayer,

cresc. poco a poco *div.*
T. 
light, si - lent light, si - lent light,

cresc. poco a poco
B. 
light, si - lent light, si - lent light,

Let go


molto rit.

S.S. *f*

S. 47 *mf* Solo: *f* *mf* *f*

Ed - dies of prayer, — Ed - dies of prayer, — Ed - dies of

A.I. *f*

- dies of prayer, Ed - dies of prayer, Ed - dies of prayer.

A. *f*

prayer, Ed - dies of prayer, Ed - dies of prayer, of

T.S. *f* Solo: *f* *mf* *f*

T.I. *f*

Ed - dies of prayer, — Ed - dies of prayer, — Ed - dies of

T. *f*

si - lent light, si - lent light, si - lent

B. *f*

si - lent light, si - lent light, si - lent

molto rit.

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S.S. 

S. 

A.I. 

A. 

T.S. 

T.I. 

T. 

B. 

Hold Back ♩ = 49 **Tempo I°**

mf *pp* *pp* *tutti* *pp*

fall;

Hold Back ♩ = 49 **Tempo I°**

