

Silent Noon

Dante Gabriel Rossetti
(1828-1882)

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

Largo sostenuto

58-60 =

mf *mp?*

Your hands lie

mp *sonore*

o - pen in the long fresh grass, The fin - ger -

points look through like ros - y blooms: Your eyes smile

pp *soft*

peace. The pas - ture gleams and glooms 'Neath bil - low - ing

mf *cresc.*

15

mp ————— *mf*

skies , that scat - ter and a - mass.

19

Poco più mosso

pp

23

p

mp

All round our nest, far as the eye can pass, Are

27

p

mp ————— *mf* ————— *lean*

gold - en king - cup fields with sil - ver edge, Where the

31

pp *Rit.*

cow - pars - ley skirts the haw - thorn hedge.

35

pp poco rall.

'Tis vis - i - ble si - lence, still as the

poco rall. *più p*

39

hour - glass.

a tempo

cresc.

44 Quasi Recitative

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Deep in the sun-searched growths the drag - on - fly Hangs

pp

una corda

48

like a blue thread loos - ened from the sky:

51

So _____ this winged

Tempo I

55

hour is dropt to us from a -

58

bove.

poco rall.

Powerful Emotions

61 *mf*

Oh, clasp we to our hearts, for death - less

a tempo
mf sonore

64 *f*

dower, This close-com - pan - ioned in - ar - tic - u - late hour, When

pp

pp

Red. *

68 *Rit.* *Soft* *pp*

two - fold si - lence was the song, the

72 *P*

song of love.