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with Trevor Shaw and the Inversion Ensemble

Music by Jeffrey Derus

The musical score is presented in two systems. The first system includes parts for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Piano. The Soprano part begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 68 and a dynamic of *p*. The lyrics "I will be" are written under the notes. The Alto, Tenor, and Bass parts are mostly silent in this system, with the Alto part starting in the second measure. The Piano part is marked "For Rehearsal Only" and begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 68. The second system continues the vocal parts, with dynamics of *mp* and lyrics "I will be" for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The Piano part continues with accompaniment. A large "PLEASE DO NOT COPY" watermark is overlaid diagonally across the score.

5 *mf*

S. I will be

A. I will be

T. I will be

B. I will be

Pno.

8 *f* rit.

S. the glad - dest thing Un -

A. the glad - dest thing Un -

T. the glad - dest thing Un -

B. the glad - dest thing Un -

Pno. rit.

11 $\text{♩} = 72$

S. der the sun!

A. - der the sun!

T. der the sun! - - - (n)

B. der the sun! - - - (n)

Pno.

14 $\text{♩} = 72$

S. I will touch a

A. I will touch a

T. I will touch

B. I will touch

Pno.

17

S. hun - dred flo - wers And

A. hun - dred flo - wers And

T. hun - dred flo wers And

B. hun - dred flo - wers And

Pno.

20

S. not pick one.

A. not pick one.

T. not pick one. I

B. not pick one. I

Pno.

23 $\text{♩} = 72$
mf

S. I will look at cliffs and

A. I will look at cliffs and

T. will look look at at

B. will look at

Pno.

26 *rit.* *mp*

S. clouds With

A. clouds With

T. cliffs and clouds With

B. cliffs and clouds With

Pno. *rit.*

28 $\text{♩} = 52$

S. qui - - et eyes,

A. qui - - et eyes,

T. qui - - et eyes,

B. qui - - et eyes,

Pno.

30 $\text{♩} = 52$

S. Watch the wind ³ bow down the grass,

A. Watch the wind bow down the grass,

T. Watch the wind bow down the grass,

B. Watch the wind bow down the grass,

Pno.

33 $\text{♩} = 48$ *mp* **rit.**

S. And the grass rise, rise.

A. And the grass rise, rise.

T. And the grass rise, rise.

B. And the grass rise, rise.

Pno.

36 $\text{♩} = 48$ *pp* $\text{♩} = 48$ *p*

S. I will be, I

A. I will be,

T. I will be,

B. I will be,

Pno.

S. will be, I will *mp*

S II will be, I will *mp*

A. will be, will *p* *mp*

A II will be, will *p* *mp*

T. I will be, I will *p* *mp*

B. will be, will *p* *mp*

Pno.

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41

S. *mf* be, I will be,

S II *mf* be, I will

A. *mf* be, I will

A II *mf* be, I will

T. *mf* be, I will

B. *mf* be, I will

Pno.

10

♩ = 64 rit.

44

S. *mf* *f*
 be... And when lights,

A. *mf* *f*
 be... And when lights,

T. *mf* *f*
 be... And when lights,

B. *mf* *f*
 be... And when lights,

Pno. *mf* *f*

♩ = 78

47

S. *mf*
 And when lights be - gin to

A. *mf*
 And when lights be - gin to

T. *mf*
 And when lights be - gin to

B. *mf*
 And when lights be - gin to

Pno. *mf*

50

S. show Up

A. show Up

T. show Up

B. show Up from

Pno.

53

S. from the town,

A. from the town,

T. from the town,

B. the town, Up from

Pno.

56

S. Up from the town,

A. Up from the town,

T. Up from the town,

B. the town,

Pno.

59

mf $\text{♩} = 48$

S. I will mark which must be

A. I will mark which must be

T. I will mark which must be

B. I will mark which must be

Pno. $\text{♩} = 48$

62

S. *mf*
mine, I will mark which

A. *mf*
mine, I will mark which

T. *mf*
mine, I will mark which

B. *mf*
mine, I will mark which

Pno.

65

S. *Solo* *f* must be mine, // *And then* *mp*

A. *f* must be mine, // *Solo or All Alto I mp*

T. *f* must be mine, //

B. *f* must be mine, //

Pno.

J = 48

68

S. *pp* (da) *p* I will be

A. start down! *pp* (da) I will be

T. 8

B.

Pno. = 68

71

S. *p* I will be

A. *p* I will be

T. 8

B.

Pno.

74 *mp* *mf*

S. I will be I will be

A. I will be I will be

T. I will be

B. I will be

Pno.

77 $\text{♩} = 68$ *f*

S. will be the

A. the

T. *mf* will be the

B. I will be the

Pno.

16

80

$\text{♩} = 48$

rit.
mp

S. glad - dest thing un

A. glad - - dest thing un

T. glad - - dest thing un

B. glad - - dest thing un

Pno.

83

f

S. der the sun!

A. - der the the sun! sun!

T. - der the sun!

B. - der the sun!

Pno.

