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The Universal

WALT WHITMAN
1819-1892
excerpts from *The Universal*

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Warm and Rich (♩ = 62)
mp

TENOR 1
Come, said the Muse, Come, said the Muse, Come, _____
mf

TENOR 2
Come, said the Muse, Come, said the Muse, Come, _____
mf

BASS 1
Come, said the Muse, Come, said the Muse, Come, _____
mf

BASS 2
Come, said the Muse, Come, said the Muse, Come, _____
mf

Piano
(for rehearsal only)

2

poco rall. *mp* **a tempo** *p*

6

f Sing me a song, _____ Sing, Sing me the U - ni -

f Sing me a song, _____ Sing, Sing U - ni -

f Sing me a song, _____ Sing, Sing U - ni -

f Sing me a song no po - et yet has chant - ed Sing, Sing U - ni -

f

piu mosso *mp*

10

mp - ver - sal. In this broad Earth of ours, _____ A -

mp ver - sal. In this broad Earth of ours, _____ A -

mp ver - sal. In this broad Earth of ours, _____ A -

mp ver - sal. In this broad Earth of ours, _____ A -

mp In this

13 **poco rall. - a tempo** *mp*

mid the mea-sure-less gross-ness and the slag, En-closed and safe, with-in its cen-tral

mid the mea - sure-less slag, En-closed and safe, with-in its

mid the mea - sure-less slag, En-closed and safe with-in its

mid the mea - sure-less slag, En-closed and safe with-in its

18 **rall. - tempo primo; flowing** *p* *mp*

heart, Nest-les the seed Per-fec-tion. By e-very life a share, or more or less, the seed Per-fec-tion,

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heart, Nest-les the seed Per-fec-tion. the seed Per-fec-tion,

heart, Nest-les the seed Per-fec-tion. the seed Per-fec-tion,

24

mp

None_ born but it is born, By e-very life a share, or more or less, con- ceal'd or

mp

None_ born but it is born, By e-very life a share, or more or less, con- ceal'd or

seed Per - fec - tion, seed Per - fec - tion, seed Per -

seed Per - fec - tion, seed Per - fec - tion, seed Per -

29

mp *rall.* *mf* *a tempo*

un- con- ceal'd, the seed_ is wait ing. O blest eyes!_____

mp *mf*

un- con- ceal'd, the seed, is wait ing. O blest eyes!_____

mp *mf*

fec - tion, the seed, the seed_ is wait - ing. O blest eyes!_____

mp *mf* *a tempo*

fec - tion, the seed, O__blest

35

O hap - py hearts! That see, That know_ the guid - ing thread so fine, A
 O hap - py hearts! That see, That know_ the thread so fine,
 O hap - py hearts! That see, That know_ the thread so fine,
 eyes! O hap - py hearts! That see, That know_ the thread so fine,

40

rall. *mf* **a tempo**

long the might - y la - by - rinth! Give me, O God to sing that thought!
 la - by - rinth! Give me, O God, sing that thought!
 la - by - rinth! Give me, O God, sing that thought!
 la - by - rinth! Give, me, O God to sing that thought!

45 *f*, *mf* — *p* **piu mosso; poco agitato**

Give,— Give him or her I love,— give him, or

Give,— Give him or her I love,— this quench less faith in Thy en-semble, this

Give,— Give him or her I love,— give him, or

Give,— Give him or her I love,— this quench less faith in Thy en-semble, this

poco rall. . . broadly

50 *f* — *mf*

give her,— O God give Health,— peace,— Health,— peace,—

quench - less faith in Thy en sem - ble, give Health— peace,— Health,— peace, sal -

give her,— O God, give Health,— peace, sal -

quench - less faith in Thy en sem - ble, give Health,— peace, sal -

54 **rall.** *mp* **Tempo I°** *p*

sal - va - tion u - ni - ver - sal. Come, said the Muse, Come, said the Muse,

- va - tion u - ni - ver - sal. Come, said the Muse, Come, said the Muse,

va - tion u - ni - ver - sal. Come, said the Muse, Come, said the Muse,

va - tion u - ni - ver - sal. O Come, O Come, said the Muse,

60 **poco rall.** *mp* **a tempo** *p* *mp*

Is it a dream? Nay, but the lack of it a dream, Is it a

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65 *mf* **biting** **rall.**

dream?__ Nay, And fail - ing it, life's love and wealth, and all the world a dream.

dream? Nay, And fail - ing it, life's love and wealth, and all the world a dream.

dream? Nay, And fail - ing life's love, wealth, and_ all the world a dream.

dream? Nay, And fail - ing love, wealth, and all the world a dream.

71 **a tempo** *mp* **rall.** **ff**

Sing a song, Sing a song, Sing a song, Sing a song!

Sing a song, Sing a song, Sing a song, Sing a song!

Sing, Come, sing a song, Come, sing a Song, Come, sing a song! oo, -

Sing, Come, sing a song, Sing a song! oo, -

a tempo **rall.**

a tempo

76 *pp*

oo oo oo

pp

oo oo oo

oo

a tempo

82 **a tempo** *mp* **rit.**

oo Come, Sing me the U - ni - ver - sal.

oo Come, Sing me the U - ni - ver - sal.

oo Come, Sing U - ni - ver - sal.

oo Come, Sing U - ni - ver - sal.