

# IV. The Poet

I sometimes thought that I could touch the light  
And hold it in the center of my hand  
Or understand how galaxies began  
Like sacred birds unfolding into flight;

At other times I dwelt in darkest night  
With demons who pursued me day by day  
Through boulders that lay fallen in my way  
And caves wherein the world had come apart.

In poems I traced the progress of my heart  
Before I ever knew it in my head  
A rhyme of hope was rising from the dead  
To fly among the gracious galaxies:

And, O, at last the blessed power to see  
Like sacred birds unfolding, we are free.

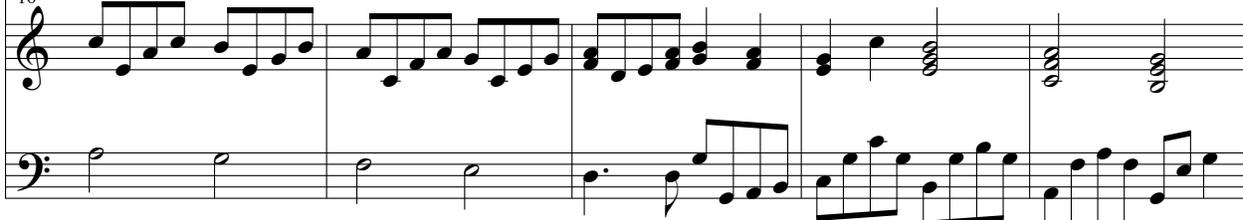
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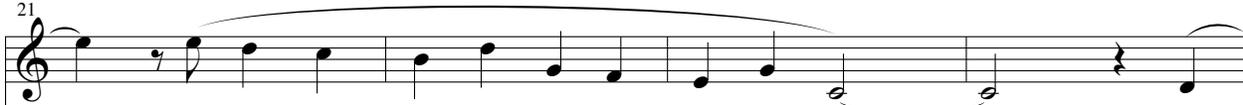
The musical score is written for Tenor and Piano. It begins with a tempo marking of *Allegro* and a quarter note equal to 138 (♩ = 138). The Tenor part starts with a whole rest. The Piano part features a *f* dynamic and includes the instruction *with pedal*. A section starting at measure 6 is marked *con moto*. The score includes repeat signs and a *f* dynamic marking in the Tenor part at measure 11. The Piano part continues with a *mf* dynamic. The lyrics "I some - times / In poems I" are placed above the piano accompaniment at the end of the score.

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T.  thought that I could touch the light And hold it in the cen - ter of my hand  
traced the pro - gress of my heart Be - fore I ev - er knew it in my head

P. 

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T.  Or un - der - stand how gal - ax - ies be - gan Like  
A rhyme of hope was ri - sing from the dead To

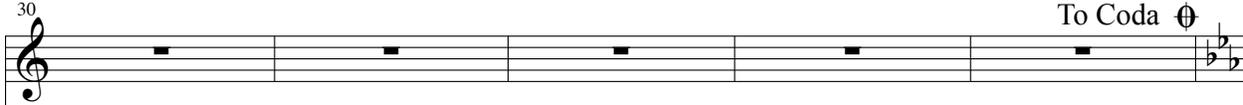
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T.  *rit.* sa - cred birds un - fold - ing in - to flight; *a tempo*  
fly a - mong the gra - cious gal - ax - ies:

P. 

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T.  To Coda ⊕

P.  To Coda ⊕

35 *mf*

T. At o - ther times I dwelt in dark - est night

P. *mf*

39

T. With de - mons who pur - sued me day by day

P. *poco rit.*

43 *f* *poco rit.*

T. Through boul - ders that lay fal - len in — my way

P. *a tempo* *poco rit.*

47 *ff* *rit.* *a tempo* *D.S. al Coda*

T. And caves where - in the world had come — a - part.

P. *rit.* *a tempo* *D.S. al Coda*

51 Coda *f*

T. *f* And, O, O at last

P. *f*

55

T. the bles - sed pow'r to see, Like

P. *legato*

pedal

59

T. sa - cred birds un - - fold - ing, we are

P. *rit.*

63

T. free.

P. *rit.*