

for Betsy Ferraro
September

Poem by Carlos Wilcox (1794-1827)

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Lento (♩ = 48)

Piano

p

Ped. 3 Ped. 3 Ped. 3 Ped. 3

5 *mp*

The sul - try sum - mer past, Sep - tem - ber comes,

Piano

Ped. 3 Ped. 3 Ped. 3 Ped. 3

9

Soft twi - light of the slow de - clin - ing

Ped. Ped. 3 Ped. 3 Ped. 3

12

year. All mild - ness, sooth - ing lone - li - ness and peace;

Piano

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

16

The fad - ing sea - son ere the fall - ing come. More so - ber than the bux - om

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

21

bloom - ing May And there - fore less the fa - vour - ite of the world, But dear - est

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

26

month of all to pen-sive minds. 'Tis now far spent;

p

pp

Ped. 3 Ped. 3 * 3 Ped. Ped.

31

and the me-rid-i-an sun, Most sweet-ly smil-ing with a-

mp

ppp

pp

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

35

tem-per'd beams Sheds gent-ly down a mild and

ppp

pp

Ped. Ped. *

Allegretto (♩ = 48)

38 *ten.* *3* *accel.* *mf*
grate - ful warmth. Be - neath its yel - low

p *6* *3* *mp*
Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

40
lus - ter groves and woods, check - er'd by one night's

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

42
frost with var - ious hues, While yet no wind has

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

44

swept a leaf a - way, Shine doubt - ly

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

46

rich. *mp* It were a sad de - light

p

Ped. Ped. Ped.

49

Rit. *Poco adagio* (♩ = 44)

Down the smooth stream to glide, and see it tinged Up - on each brink

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

53

Allegretto (♩ = 46)

Rit.

with all the gor - geous hues, The yel - low, red or

56

pur - ple of the trees That sing - ly or in

58

tufts, or for - ests thick, A - dorn the

60

shores; To see, per - haps, the side of some high

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

63

mount Re - flect - ed far be - low with its bright

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. * Ped. *

66

col - ors In - ter - mix'd with spots of dark - er green; Yes, it were

Rit. , A tempo (♩ = 46)

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

70

Poco adagio (♩ = 44)

Rit.

sweet - ly sad To wan - der in the o - pen fields, and hear, E'en at this hour,

P

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

74

The noon - day hard - ly past, The lull - ing in - sects of the sum - mer's night;

pp

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.*

77

Lento (♩ = 48)

Rit.

To hear, where late - ly buzz - ing

p *ppp* *ppp* *pp* *ppp*

Ped. *Ped.*

80

mp

swarms were heard, A lone - ly bee long rov - ing here and there

p *ppp* *pp* *pp*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

84

to find a sing - le flow - er but all in vain.

ppp *pp* *p* *Accel.*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

Allegretto (♩ = 48)

87

mf

Then ris - ing quick, and with a loud - er hum,

mp

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

89

In wide - ning cir - cles round and round his head

91

Straight by the lis - t'ner fly - ing clear a - way,

93

Rit. a tempo ♩ = 48
As if to bid the fields a last a - dieu.

96 *Rall.* Largo (♩ = 50) *Rit.* Lento (♩ = 48)

pp

Ped.

Ped.

Ped.

100 *Rit.* Lento (♩ = 48) *mp*

The sul - try sum - mer past,

p

Ped.

Ped.

Ped.

Ped.

Ped.

105

Sep - tem - ber comes, Soft twi - light of the slow

pp *p*

Ped.

Ped.

Ped.

Ped.

109

Rit.

de - clin - ing year. To hear with - in the wood - land's

113

sun - ny side Late full of mu - sic noth - ing, save per - haps, The sound of

118

nut - shells by the squir - rel dropp'd From some tall beech fast Fall - ing

122

Grave (♩ = 46)

through the leaves. The sul - try sum - mer past, Sep - tem - ber

p

pp

Ped. *Ped.* *3* *Ped.* *3* *Ped.* *3* *Ped.* *3*

126

Rit.

comes.

pppp

Ped. *3*