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The promised child

for SATB Choir and Piano

Words
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Music
Julian Philips (2018)

Expectant
(♩ = c.56)

Soprano Solo

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

FARMERS: *mf*

The sum-mers burn too soon.

Piano

mp *p* *mp* *sim.* *p*

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S.

A.

T.

B.

FISHERMEN: *mf*

No

Weeds thrive in the cracks, choke the young corn.

mp *sim.* *pp*

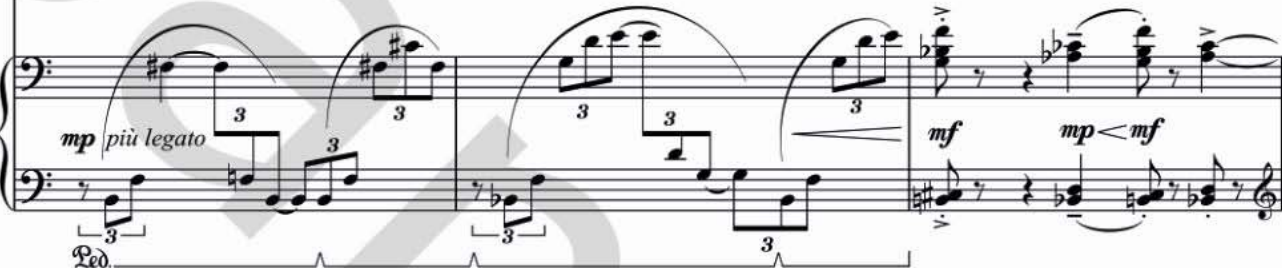
7 **1**

S. 

A. 

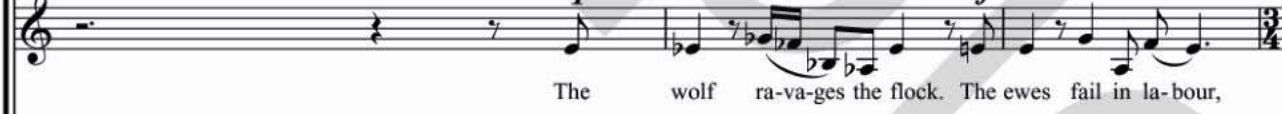
T. 
 tri-dent rules the sea. We risk our shod-dy boats for a creel of sprats.

B. 


mp *più legato* *mf* *mp* *< mf*
 Ped. 

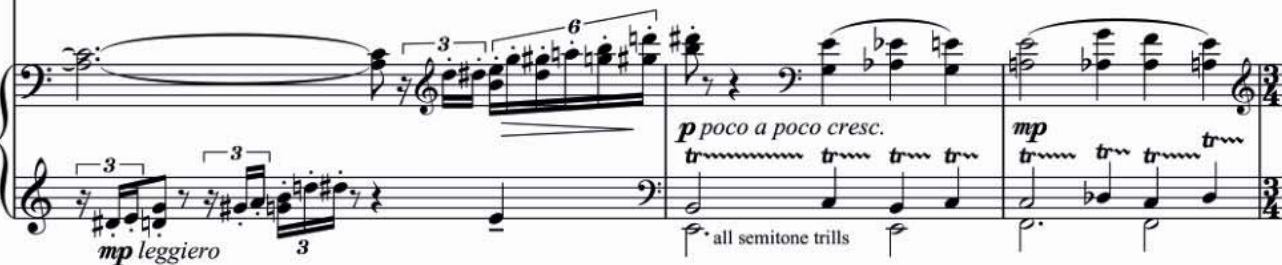
10 **2** *poco rit.* **A tempo**
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S. 

A. 
 SHEPHERDS: *mp* *mf*
 The wolf ra-va-ges the flock. The ewes fail in la-bour,

T. 

B. 


mp *leggero* *p poco a poco cresc.* *mp*
 all semitone trills

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p espressivo

S. Let's sing the world to

f poco marcato

A. The lamb is still born. *p espressivo* Let's sing world to

T. Let's sing the world to

B. Let's sing, to

mf *f* *p*

Red.

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p *p cresc.*

S. come. Let's sing the world fore - told. He

p *p cresc.*

A. come. Let's sing the world fore - told. He

p *p cresc.*

T. come. Let's sing the world fore - told. He

p *p cresc.*

B. come. Let's sing world fore - told. He

mf *p*