

The physics of rebirth

composed for Stephanie Lamprea

♩ = 130

like a madrigal and a bit sneaky
slightly over enunciate the first consonants

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1 *pp* *mf*

bon - y tufts of down the bon - y tufts of down The

5 [*mf*] *poco accent* *mf possible*

cracked red barn births a clutch of baby chicks [s/] chicks [t/] [ks] the

10 as b.1 *pp* *f*

bon - y tufts of down the bon - y tufts of down And

♩ = 150

13 [*f*] *mf*

this is his chore, to scoop and spread feed for scratch-ing

♩ = 180
spoken, fed up

♩ = 150

♩ = 180
whispered (voiceless)

17 *mf* *f* *mf*

scoop and spread scoop and spread and pluck-ing scoop and spread scoop and spread

♩ = 130

f *sub mp* *sub f* *mp* *f* *p*

rit. *molto vib.* *senza vib.*

20 Bored, may - be - he wres - tles three chicks

A tempo

f *mf*

23 in - to his hand bon - y tufts of down He's

[*mf*] *sub mp* *mf*

26 think - ing of red capes and Su - per - man's phone booth, the

f *mp* *mf*

still, senza vib

30 com - ics of the big ci - ty, as he walks to the bag of feed

♩ = 180 | ♩ = 130

spoken like a fed up child | spoken (now adult!) with creepy wide eyes

35 scoop and spread scoop and spread to bu - ry them voiceless [chicks] ks the

38 as b.1 *pp* *mf* *f* trailing off/ imprecise

bon - y tufts of down He urg - es the new-ly caved chi (/I) [icks]

43

to use their app - et - ite to

46

esc - ape per - haps he bel - ieves they will

48 as b.1 *pp* *mp*

bon - y tufts of down Then he goes fish - ing

52 *sub mf* *f*

♩ = 180 whispered (voiceless) ♩ = 130

scoop and spread scoop and spread The twigh - light comes

54 *ff* *f* *mf* strained/breathless as little vib. as possible

and the oth-ers go on cluck ing The corn goes on will-ow-ing

♩ = 180
whispered (voiceless)

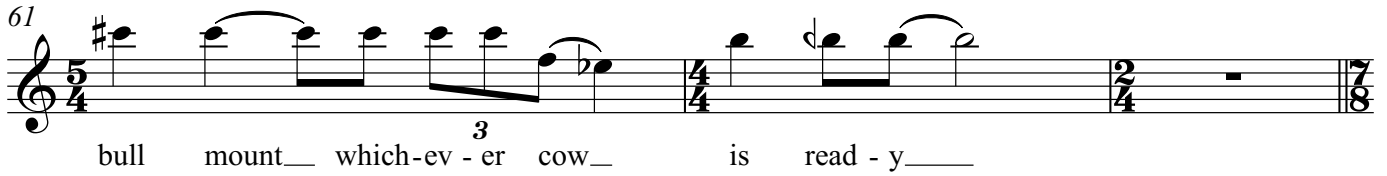
♩ = 130
poco rubato

57 *sub mf*



bon - y tufts of bon-y tufts To - morn-ow__ he'll__ watch the

61



bull mount__ which-ev - er cow__ is read - y__

♩ = 80
calm

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64 *mp* free rhythm whispered (voiceless) *mp* lowest note half-voiced and breaking

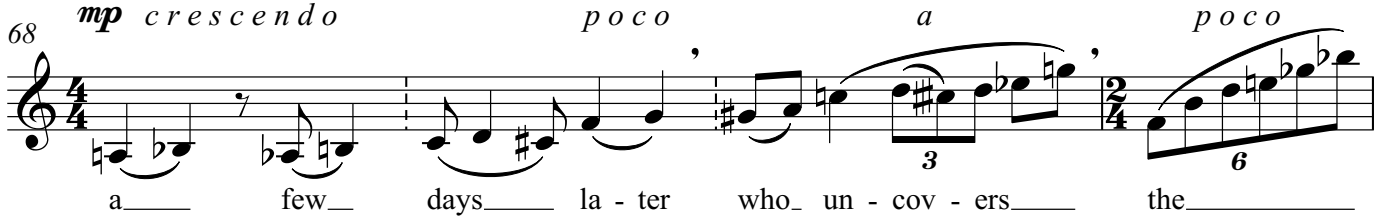


It__ will__ be__ scoop and spread his__ moth - er__ bon - y tufts__

♩ = 80
building in tension - poco rubato

accel. *molto rit.*

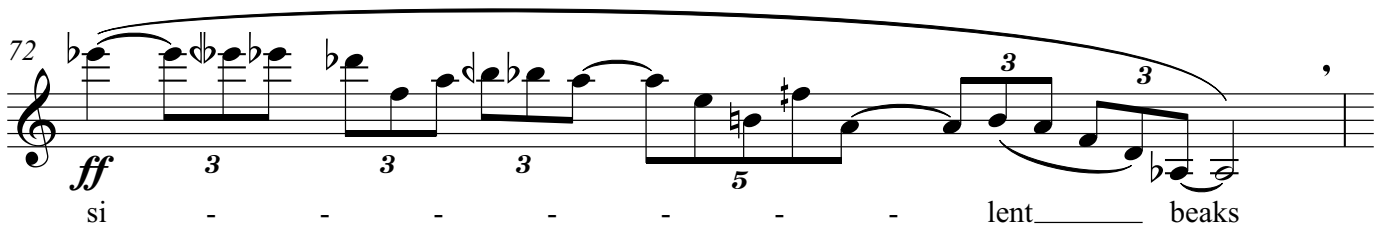
68 *mp crescendo* *poco* *a* *poco*



a__ few__ days__ la - ter who_ un - cov - ers__ the__

♩ = 110
rhythmic phrasing quite accurate with some room for rubato - still pushing forwards

72 *ff*

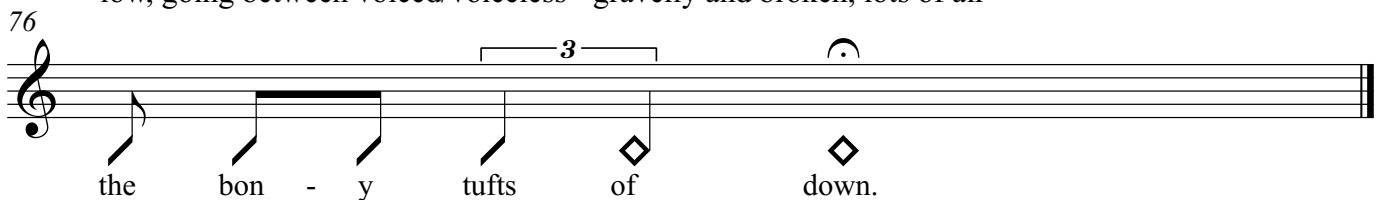


si - - - - - lent__ beaks

♩ = 80

low, going between voiced/voiceless - gravelly and broken, lots of air

76



the bon - y tufts of down.