

WHEN I DO COUNT THE CLOCK

Wm. Shakespeare (Sonnet XII)

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p

Soprano

When I do count the clock that tells the time,

Alto

p

And see the

Baritone

p

And see the brave day

Piano

p legatissimo

6

mp

When I be - hold the vi - o - let *mf* past prime,

brave day sunk in hid - e - ous night; *mp*

And sa - ble curls, *mf*

sunk in hid - e - ous night; *mp* When I be - hold the vi - o - let past prime, And

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mf And sa - ble curls *f* all sil - ver'd o'er All sil - ver'd o'er With

And sa - ble curls, All, All sil - ver'd - o'er With

sa - ble curls, And sa - ble curls All sil - ver'd o'er With

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white, With white;

white, With white;

white, With white, All sil - ver'd o'er With white;

p

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p

When lof - ty trees I see bar-ren of leaves, _____

p

Which erst from heat did can-o - py _____ the herd, _____

p

Which erst _____ did can- o - py the herd,

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mp *mf* *f*

And _____ sum-mer's green all gird - ed up.. Borne on the bier

mp *mf* *f*

And _____ sum - mer's green all gird - ed up in sheaves, Borne on the

mp *mf* *f*

And _____ sum-mer's green, All gird - ed up, All gird - ed up in sheaves

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Borne on the bier With white, With white, With white, With white,

bier With white, With white,

Borne on the bier With white, With white,

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p Then of thy beau- ty do I ques- tion make,

p Borne on the bier with white *pp* And bris- tly beard, *p* That thou...

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mf Since sweets_ and beau - ties

p That thou a - mong the wastes of time__ must go, *mf* Since sweets_ and beau - ties

a - mong the wastes of time__ must go, *mf* Since sweets_ and

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do them-selves for- sake And die _____ as fast as they see oth - ers grow;_

do them-selves for - sake And die _____ as fast as they see oth - ers grow;_

beau - ties do them-selves__ for- sake And die _____ as fast as they see oth - ers grow;_

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p

And no-thing 'gainst Time's _____ scythe Can make_ de - fence

p

And no-thing 'gainst Time's _____ scythe Can make_ de - fence

p

And no-thing 'gainst Time's _____ scythe Can make_ de - fence Save _

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molto diminuendo e rallentando

f

Save _ breed, _____ To brave _ him when _ he takes thee hence.

f

Save _ breed, _____ To brave him when he takes thee hence.

breed, _____ to brave him when he takes thee hence.

in tempore damni