



NIGHT

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NOTES

Night

A pale enchanted moon is sinking low
Behind the dunes that fringe the shadowy lea,
And there is haunted starlight on the flow
Of immemorial sea.

I am alone and need no more pretend
Laughter or smile to hide a hungry heart;
I walk with solitude as with a friend
Enfolded and apart.

We tread an eerie road across the moor
Where shadows weave upon their ghostly looms,
And winds sing an old lyric that might lure
Sad queens from ancient tombs.

I am a sister to the loveliness
Of cool far hill and long-remembered shore,
Finding in it a sweet forgetfulness
Of all that hurt before.

The world of day, its bitterness and cark,*
No longer have the power to make me weep;
I welcome this communion of the dark
As toilers welcome sleep.

- Lucy Maud Montgomery (1874-1942)

*cark = anxiety

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Misterioso $\text{♩} = 90$

Cello

The Cello part starts with a sustained note followed by a series of eighth notes. The dynamics change from **p** to **mf**, then **mp**, and back to **mf**. The tempo is indicated as $\text{♩} = 90$.

A

Vc. $\text{♩} = 8$

The Double Bass (Vc.) part consists of a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, starting with a dynamic **p**.

S1

S1

The Soprano 1 (S1) part has vocal entries with a dynamic **p**. The lyrics are "A pale en-chant-ed".

S2

S2

The Soprano 2 (S2) part has vocal entries with a dynamic **p**. The lyrics are "A pale".

A

A

The Alto (A) part has vocal entries with dynamics **p**, **mp**, and **p**. The lyrics are "A pale en - chant-ed moon, en - chant-ed".

T

T

The Tenor (T) part has vocal entries with a dynamic **p**. The lyrics are "A pale en-chant-ed moon, A".

B

B

The Bass (B) part has vocal entries with a dynamic **p**. The lyrics are "A pale en-chant-ed moon,".

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Vc.

S1 moon is sink - ing low. Be - hind the dunes that fringe the sha-dow - y lea, _____

S2 moon is sink - ing low. Be - hind the dunes that fringe the sha-dow - y lea, _____

A moon _____ is sink - ing low. Be - hind the dunes that fringe the sha-dow - y lea, _____

T 8 moon is sink - ing low. the dunes that fringe the sha-dow - y lea, _____

B A moon is sink - ing low. Be - hind the dunes that

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Vc.

S1 And there is haunted star-light on the flow of im-mem -

S2 And haunted star-light on the flow of im-mem -

A sha-dow-y lea, _____ And haunted star - light on the flow of

T 8 sha-dow-y lea, And star-light on the flow of im-mem -

B fringe the sha-dow-y lea, And haunted star-light on the flow of im-mem -

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Vc. *mf*

S1 or - ial sea

S2 or - ial sea

A im - mem-or - ial sea **8** **8**

T **8** or - ial sea

B or - ial sea

B 30

Vc. *p* *mp* *mf*

S1 I am a - lone and need no more pre-tend *mf* Laugh-ter or smile to hide a hung-ry heart;

S2 I am a - lone and need no more pre-tend *mf* Laugh-ter or smile to hide a hung-ry heart;

A I am a - lone and need no more pre-tend *mf* Laugh-ter or smile to hide a hung-ry heart;

T **8** I am a - lone and need no more pre-tend *mf* Laugh-ter or smile to hide a hung-ry heart;

B I am a - lone and need no more pre-tend *mf* Laugh-ter or smile to hide a hung-ry heart;

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Vc.

S1

S2

A

T

B

I walk with sol - i - tude as with a friend, En - fold - ed
I walk, I walk with sol - i - tude as with a friend, En - fold -
I walk with sol - i - tude with sol - i - tude as with a friend, En - fold - ed
I walk, I walk with sol - i - tude as with a friend, En - fold - ed
I walk, I walk with sol - i - tude as with a friend, En - fold - ed
I walk, I walk with sol - i - tude as with a friend, En - fold - ed

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Vc.

S1

S2

A

T

B

and a - part. We tread an ee - rie road a-cross the moor
ed and a - part. an ee - rie road a-cross the moor
and a - part. a road a-cross the moor
and a - part. a road a-cross the moor
and a - part. a road a-cross the moor

C **p**