

ART SONG TRANSPOSITIONS

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Vagabond

No. 1 from *Songs of Travel* | Poet: Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)

in C minor



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Allegro moderato, alla marcia

p ma sempre marcato

sempre pesante il basso

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand features a series of chords with triplet accents on the first three notes of each chord. The left hand plays a steady, heavy accompaniment of chords.

risoluto

6 Give to me the life I love, Let the lave go by me,

This system contains the first line of the vocal melody and its piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a rest for two measures, then enters with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with chords, including some with triplet accents.

10 Give the jol - ly heaven a - bove, And the by - way nigh me.

This system contains the second line of the vocal melody and its piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.

13 Bed in the bush with stars to see, Bread I dip in the

This system contains the third line of the vocal melody and its piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.

16 *f*

ri - - - ver There's the life for a man like

19 *p*

me, There's the life for ev - er.

pp *colla voce* *pp*

23 *pp*

27 *pp*

Let the blow fall soon or late, Let what will be o'er me;

30 *pp*

Give the face of earth a - round, And the road be - fore me.

33

Wealth I seek not, hope nor love, Nor a friend to

36

know me; All I seek, the heaven a -

f

39

-bove, And the road be -

p

pp

colla voce

42

-low me. Or let au - tumn fall on

Animando *mf robustamente*

46

me Where a - field I lin - - ger,

49

Si - lenc - ing the bird on tree, Bit - ing the blue

poco f

52

fin - ger. White as meal the fros - ty field -

meno f

55

Warm the fire - side ha - ven - Not to

f ancora animando

Tempo primo

58

au - tumn will I yield, Not to win - - - ter

ff

61

e - ven!

dim.

parlante

pp

65

Let the blow fall soon or late, Let what will be o'er me;

pp ma marcato

68

Give the face of earth a - round, And the road be - fore me.

sempre pp

71

Wealth I ask not, hope nor love, Nor a friend to

sempre pp

ff

74

know me; All I ask, the heaven a -

port.

ff

pp

77

-bove, And the road be - low me.

pp

colla voce

pp

dim.

81