

The Mystic Trumpeter

from Book XXXII (From Noon to Starry Night) Leaves of Grass
Walt Whitman

Hark, some wild trumpeter, some strange musician,
Hovering unseen in air, (vibrates capricious tunes to-night.)

I hear thee trumpeter, listening alert I catch thy notes,
Now pouring, whirling like a tempest around me,
Now low, subdued, now in the distance lost.

Blow trumpeter free and clear, I follow thee,
While at thy liquid prelude, glad, serene,
The fretting world, the streets, the noisy hours of day withdraw,
A holy calm descends like dew upon me,
I walk in cool refreshing night the walks of Paradise,
I scent the grass, the moist air and the roses;
Thy song expands my numb'd imbonded spirit, thou freest, launchest me,
Floating and basking upon heaven's lake.

Now trumpeter for thy close,
Vouchsafe a higher strain than any yet,
Sing to my soul, renew its languishing faith and hope,
Rouse up my slow belief, give me some vision of the future,
Give me for once its prophecy and joy.

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SSA with Piano and Two Trumpets in C

William Cutter

Majestically ♩ = 108

Trumpet 1&2

f

Piano

f

R.H.

5

mf

mf

simile

8

f

Hark, hark, hark, wild trum - pet -

f

Hark, hark, some wild trum - pet - er,

f

Hark hark, some wild

10

er, some strange mu-si-cian— Hov-er-ing un-seen in

hark,—— strange mu-si-cian Hov-er-ing un-seen in

trum-pet-er, mu-si-cian Hov-er-ing un-seen in

12

air. I hear thee trum-pet-er,—— list-'ning a-

air. I hear thee trum-pet-er,—— list-'ning a-

air. I hear thee trum-pet-er,—— list-'ning a-

15

fp *fp*

fp *fp* *f*

lert I catch thy notes, Now pour - ing whirl-ing like a temp-est— a-

lert I catch thy notes, Now pour - ing whirl-ing like a temp-est— a-

lert I catch thy notes, Now pour - ing whirl-ing like a temp-est— a-

18

mf *mp*

round me,

round me,

round me,

mf

21

mf

f

24

p

p

p

sub - dued,

Now low, now

27

mf

lost, lost,

mf

lost, lost,

mf

lost, lost,

in the dis-tance

in the dis-tance

mp

cresc.

30

mf

1. mf

f

lost. Blow trum-pet-er free and clear, I

f

lost. Blow trum - pet,

f

lost. Blow

f

f

32

fol-low thee. I fol-low thee, Blow trum-pet-er free and clear, I fol-low thee, I - trum - pet, Blow trum-pet-er free and clear I fol-low

mf

34

mf

While at___ thy___ li-quad pre-lude, glad,___ se-rene,___ fol-low thee, While at___ thy___ li-quad pre-lude, glad,___ thee, fol-low thee, While at___ thy___ li-quad pre-lude

mf

37

mute

p

mp

se-rene The fret-ting world. the

mp

glad, se-rene, The fret-ting world

40

2. mp

streets, the noi-sy hours of day with-draw,

the noi-sy hours of day with-draw,

p

43 *f*

mp

A ho - ly calm des - cends like

mp

A ho - ly calm des - cends like

mp

A ho - ly calm des -

46

p

dew I walk in

dew up - on me, I walk in

cends like dew up - on me I walk in

49

cool re - fresh - ing night the walks of

cool re - fresh - ing night the walks of

cool re - fresh - ing night the walks of

52

mf
Par - a - dise. I scent the grass, the moist air

mf
Par - a - dise. I scent the grass, the moist

mf
Par - a - dise. I scent the grass, the

mf
R.H.

55

and the ro - ses; Thy song ex -

air and the ro - ses; Thy song ex -

moist air and the ro - ses; Thy song ex -

mf

mf

mf

mp

58

(mute)

mp

mf

f

pands my numb'd im - bond - ed spir - it, thou

pands my numb'd im - bond - ed spir - it, thou

pands my numb'd im - bond - ed spir - it, thou

f

f

61

freest, launch - est me, Float - ing and bask - ing u - pon hea -

freest, launch - est me, Float - ing and bask - ing u - pon hea -

freest, launch - est me, Float - ing, Float - ing and

64

ven's lake. Float - ing and bask - ing,

ven's lake. Float - ing and bask - ing,

bask - ing u - pon hea - ven's lake. Float -

67

Float - ing, Float-ing and bask-ing in hea - ven's lake.

Float - ing, Float - ing and bask-ing in hea - ven's lake.

ing and bask - ing, Float-ing and bask-ing in hea - ven's lake.

f

70

1. norm *f*

2. norm *f*

f

73

ff

sfz

76

fp

f

Now trum-pet - er for thy close.

f

Now trum-pet - er for thy close.

f

Now trum-pet - er for thy close.

ff

simile

78

mf

Vouch-safe a high - er strain than an - y yet.—

mf

Vouch-safe a high - er strain than an - y yet. Sing

Vouch-safe a high - er strain than an - y yet.—

sfz

81

mp

mf

Sing

to my soul, re - new it's lan - guish - ing faith—

mf

Sing to my soul, re - new it's

f

84

simile

to my soul, re - new it's lan - guish - ing faith_____

- and hope.

lan - guish - ing faith_____ and hope.

p

87

- and hope.

Rouse up my

Rouse up my

Rouse up my

f

f

mf

f

90 *a2*
mf

slow be-lief, give me some vi-sion of the

slow be-lief, give me some vi-sion of the

slow be-lief, give me some vi-sion of the

93 *mf* *mf*

fu-ture. Give me for once its

fu-ture. Give me for once its

fu-ture. Give me for once its