

The Piper

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Two-part Chorus, Piano, and Soprano Recorder or C-Instrument*

William Blake (1757-1827)

Cynthia Gray

Ranges: Part I Part II



Moderately ♩ = 80

Recorder

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Duration: approx. 2:00

*Soprano Recorder/C-Instrument part is on page 11.

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I

II

val - leys wild, pip - ing songs of pleas - ant glee, On a cloud I

14 *mf*

I "Pipe a

II saw a child, and he laugh - ing said to me:

17

I song a - bout a lamb!"

II So I piped with mer - ry cheer.

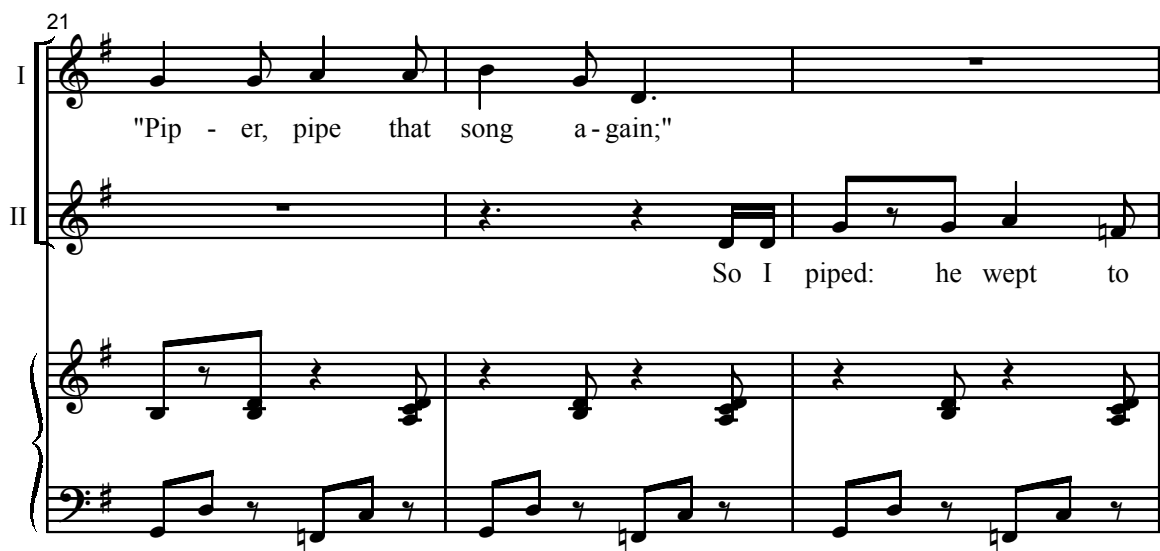
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I

II

"Pip - er, pipe that song a - gain;"

So I piped: he wept to



24

Recorder

mf

I

II

hear.



28

mf

I "Drop thy pipe, thy hap - py pipe; sing thy

II

mp

31

I songs of hap - py cheer."

II *mf*

So I sung the

34

I

II same a - gain, while he wept with joy to hear. La la

The musical score is for a voice and piano piece. It consists of four systems of staves. The first system (measures 28-30) features a vocal line (I) with lyrics "Drop thy pipe, thy hap - py pipe; sing thy" and a piano accompaniment (II) with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The second system (measures 31-33) continues the vocal line with lyrics "songs of hap - py cheer." and "So I sung the", with the piano accompaniment also marked *mf*. The third system (measures 34-36) shows the vocal line with lyrics "same a - gain, while he wept with joy to hear. La la" and the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4.

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I

La la la la la la. La la la la la

II

la la la la la. La la la la la la.



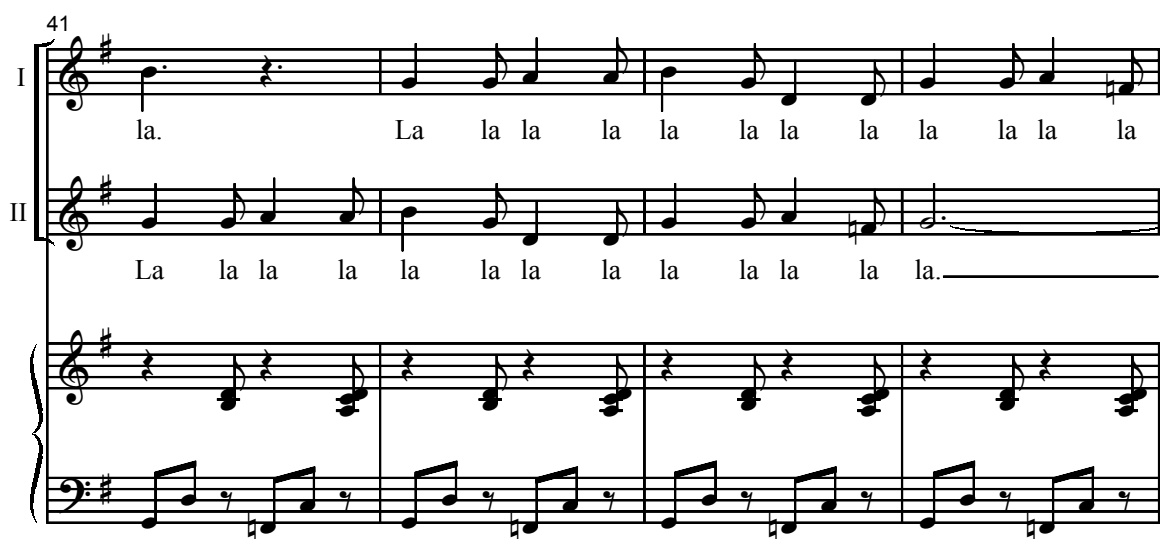
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I

la. La la la la la la la la la la

II

La la la la la la la la la la la.



45

rit.

I

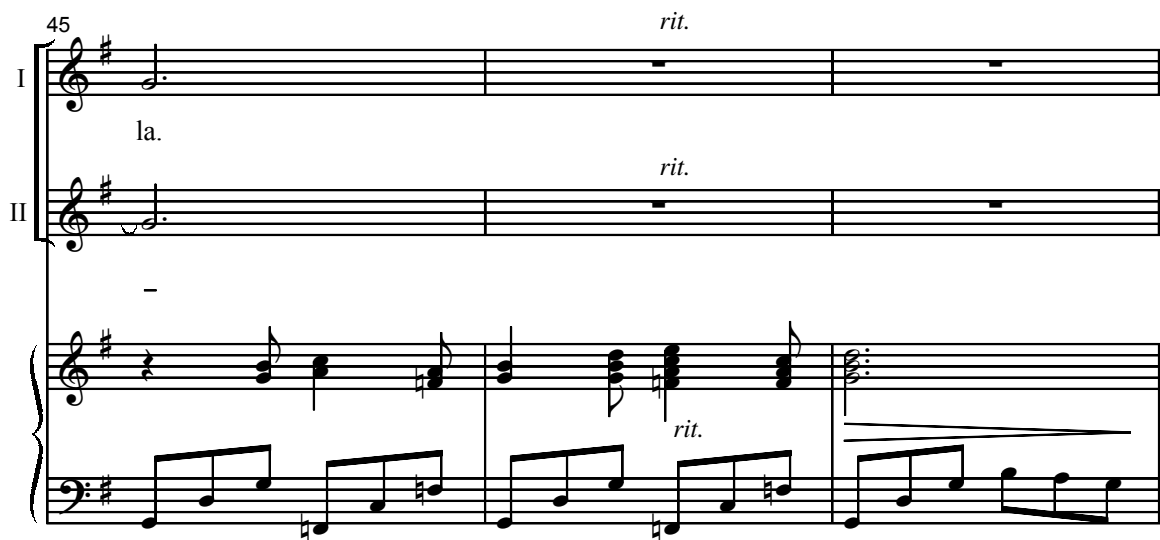
la.

rit.

II

-

rit.



8 Slower and Freer ♩ = 63

48 *mp*

I "Pip-er, sit thee down and write in a book, that all may

II

Slower and Freer ♩ = 63

mp

I

II

51 *dim. e rit.*

read."

mp dim. e rit.

I

II So he van - ish'd from my sight, and I

l.h.

dim. e rit.

Tempo I

mf

54

I He

II pluck'd a hol - low reed. And I made a rur - al

mf

Tempo I

57

I made a rur - al pen, and stain'd the wat - er

II pen, and stain'd the wat - er clear, And

60

I clear, And wrote his hap - py songs ev - 'ry

II wrote my hap - py songs ev' - ry child may joy to

63 Recorder

mf

I child may joy to hear. La la la la la la

II hear. La la la la la la la. La la

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The first staff of music is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. It begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4. A fermata is placed over the next two measures, which contain a half note G4 and a half note A4. The tempo marking 'mod.to' is written above the staff. The dynamic marking 'mf' is written below the staff.

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Measure 5: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes: F#4 (quarter), G#4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G#4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter).

9  Musical notation for measures 9-14. Measure 9: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), quarter note G4. Measure 10: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), quarter rest. Measure 11: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), whole rest, with the number '14' written above the staff. Measure 12: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), quarter rest. Measure 13: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), eighth notes G4 and A4. Measure 14: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), eighth notes B4 and A4. The dynamic marking *mf* is placed below the staff at the beginning of measure 13.

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The musical notation shows a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, followed by a quarter rest. A repeat sign is placed at the end of the staff.

46 *rit.* *rit.* **4** **2**

56 **Tempo 1**

mf

68

68