

The Bed of Dreams

1. This Bed

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Fairly fast ♩=80

Soprano

Piano

ff *f* *ff* *f*

Ped.

3

f

This bed is the bed of dreams,

ff *mf* *f*

Ped.

5

mf

they all start from this bed,

mf *mp*

8va

8^{vb} (half ped. occasionally)

Ped.

7 *f* *mf*

a white hole swallowing the collapsing

8

star. They pulverise memory, compound my tensions in a

10 *ff* *mf*

night-mare play. This bed flies over the re-

ff *f* (non cresc) *mp*

Chromatic cluster

Ped sim

12 *f*

a - li-ties of day, it ig - nores the world's ex - plo - ding

14 *mf* *mp* *p*

cries, bed- sides of sighs, of soft ex - pi - ries, the

16 *rit.* *ppp* *A tempo* ♩=80 *mp*

mol - ten cra - ters_ of birth. This bed and me, we

rit. *ppp* *A tempo* ♩=80 *p*

19

ho-ver-craft, we swish our skirts a-cross too nu-mer-ous, too pre-dic - ta-ble

8va

tr

21

ag - on - ies. And you think I should care for them?

mf *ff*

mf *ff*

Ped.

23

E-ven this bed sobs, gut-ters groan with tears,

f *mf*

8va

mf *mp*

Ped.

8vb

26

mp

5

the world a flash flood, cars el-bow-ing brid-ges.

(8).....

28

rit.

mf

f

ff

And to mor-row will bear down hea-vi-er, will bend the earth's back.

rit......

sub
mf

sub
Ped.

30

Slower ♩=60

pp

3

We lie in wait for it, watch-ing the sky,

Slower ♩=60

pp *legato*

Ped.

32

ne-ver know-ing what we must mud-dle through,

33

this night's throw of the di-a-ze pam dice. As if, this bed and

pp

8^{va}

8^{vb}

Ped.

35

me, we were life's bur-den. And down be-low us,—

ppp

pp

8^{va}

8^{vb}

Hold pedal to end. Half-pedal occasionally to reduce some of the resonance.

38

suf-fer-ers ma-king moan,—

gl.

8^{va}

8^{vb}

I hope you will sleep, eve-ry last one,

qui - et and deep as the ma - ny dead,

with ne-ver a swift or lit - tle owl to wake you.

rit.