

(The Queen of Air and Darkness)

LAST POEMS

III

Her strong enchantments failing,
Her towers of fear in wreck,
Her limbecks dried of poisons
And the knife at her neck,

The Queen of air and darkness
Begins to shrill and cry,
'O young man, O my slayer,
To-morrow you shall die.'

O Queen of air and darkness,
I think 'tis truth you say,
And I shall die to-morrow;
But you will die to-day.

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Sombre (with malice)

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(♩ = 72)

mp her strong enchantments failing, her

pp

pp

Con Ped.

cresc.

f

sf

towers of fear in wreck, her limbs dried of poison and the knife at her

#f cresc.

neck.

f agitato

f

Dim.

agitato

mp

mp cresc.

The Queen of air and darkness begins to shriek and cry, 'O

mp

CRES.

(C# B#)

f cresc. e poco accel.

pp PIU MOSSO

young man, O my slayer, to-morrow you shall die.'

cresc. e poco accel.

f

pp

ped.

TEMPO I
(♩=72) measured and grim

RALL.

mp ♩ + ♩. ♩. ♩. ♩.

O Queen of air and

RALL.

TEMPO I
♩=72

pp

etc. sf

darkness, I think 'tis truth — you say. And I shall die — to —

mf cresc.

(tempo giusto) CRESC. mf CRESC.

Allargando SLOW (♩=48)

mp But you will die — to — day.

ff ACCEL.

ALLEG. SLOW

mp ff sf ACCEL.

cresc. (loco)

Sua
bassa
Ped.

FAST

FAST

sf martellato

senza Ped.

SLOW (♩=60)

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sf sf sf sf sf

Bva bassa
Ped.

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