

The Cat and the Moon

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For my sister Diane

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Piano

mf percussive

Andante (♩ = c. 100)

8va

*Reo. **

Str

con sordini

mp

*Reo. **

Pno

8va

*Reo. **

Sopr

The cat went here and there And the moon spun round like a

Str

Pno

p unmeasured

8va

Reo.

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10

a little slower *rall.* *a tempo*

Sopr. top, And the near-est kin of the moon, The creep-ing cat, looked

Str. *mp*

Pno. *mp*

Poco più mosso (♩ = c. 104)

15

Sopr. up. *mf* Black Min-na-loushe stared at the moon, For,

Str. *p non vibrato*

Pno. *p*

21

Sopr. wan-der and wail as he would, The pure cold light in the sky

Str.

Pno. *p* *unmeasured* *morendo*

25

Sopr

Troub-led his an - i - mal blood.

Str

pp *8va* pizz. *mf* pizz.

Pno

mp *mf*

30

Sopr

mf Min-na-loushe runs in the grass Lift-ing his

Str

Pno

mf

35

Sopr

del - i - cate feet. Do you dance, Min-na-loushe, do you dance? When two close

Str

arco

Pno

p

40

Sopr *kin - dred meet, what bet - ter than [to] call_ a dance? **mp** May - be the moon may learn,*

Str ***p***

Pno ***mp***

45 *rall.* *a tempo*

Sopr *Tired of that court - ly fash - ion, A new dance turn. **p** Min - na - loushe*

Str

Pno ***p***

50 *rall.* *a tempo* *rall.* *a tempo*

Sopr *creeps through the grass From moon - lit place to place, **mp** The sa - cred moon o -*

Str ***mp***

Pno

55

Soprano: ver - head *mf* Has tak - en a

String: *mf*

Piano: *p* *mf*

Reed: *Reo.* *

57

Soprano: new phase. Does Min - na - loushe know that his

String: *mf*

Piano: *pizz.*

Reed: *Reo.* *

60

Soprano: pu - pils Will pass from change to change, And

String: *mf*

Piano: *pizz.*

Reed: *Reo.* *

63

Sopr *that from round to cres-cent, From cres-cent to round*

Str

Pno

Red.

66

Sopr *they range?*

Str

Pno

poco rall.

*Red. * Red. * Red. **

69

Sopr *p Min - na-loushe creeps through the grass A-lone, im-por-tant and wise,*

Str

Pno *f p*

Poco Meno Mosso (♩ = c. 96)

76 *rall.* *a tempo*

Soprano: And lifts to the chang-ing moon His chang - ing eyes.

Str: *pp*

Pno: *pp* *p*

83 *pp non vibrato*

Str: *pp non vibrato*

Pno: *pp* *p*

88 *rall.*

Str: *rall.*

Pno: *rall.*