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The Midnight Lamp

For 2 Sopranos and 2 Mezzo-Sopranos

2017

Text from *Hyperion* by John Keats

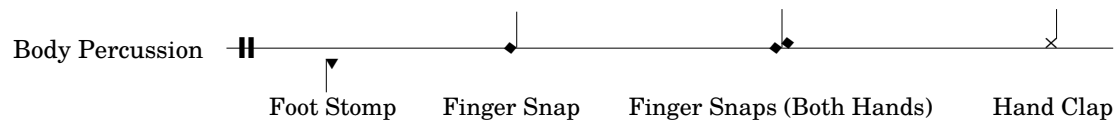
Vocal Score (without rehearsal piano)

Duration: 10 minutes.

For 2 Sopranos and 2 Mezzo-sopranos.

For readability, this version of the score omits the rehearsal piano reduction. A separate version of the score with rehearsal piano is available.

This piece uses body percussion, which is notated for each performer on a single staff line above their vocal line, using this notation:



It is highly recommended, unless performing from memory, that Soprano 1 and 2 share a music stand, and Mezzo-soprano 1 and 2 share a music stand. The body percussion lines for those pairs of performers are identical throughout most of the piece. Since it's impossible to clap two hands together and turn pages at once, this arrangement should make it possible to turn pages with only one performer having to stop clapping briefly while turning the page.

Another possible approach is to substitute clapping a hand against a leg in place of clapping two hands together, freeing the other hand for page turning.

The foot stomps should sound as deep and resonant as is practical.

The text of this piece consists of fragments from John Keats' unfinished poem, *Hyperion*, and a number of non-textual syllables. The non-textual syllables are indicated in italics:

ah, na, ta, la, da, ma, ya - rhymes with English 'saw'

ee, ni, mi, li, ti, si - rhymes with English 'see'

ey, ne, le, de - rhymes with English 'grey'

oh, lo, no, mo - rhymes with English 'row'

oo, nu, lu, su, tu - rhymes with English 'you'

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Andante ♩=92

(Body Percussion) *pp e misterioso*

Soprano 1 *gliss.*
ah ah oh

(Body Percussion) *pp e misterioso*

Soprano 2
ah ee na na na na na na

(Body Percussion) *pp e misterioso*

Mezzo-soprano 1 *gliss.*
ah ah na na na ah

(Body Percussion) *pp e misterioso*

Mezzo-soprano 2 *gliss.*
ah ee mm

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S1 *gliss.*
ee ah ah

S2 *p, in rilievo*
ee O the mid

MS1 *gliss.*
oh na na na ah ah

MS2
ey ah na na na na na ee ee

9

S1
na na na ee na na na ah

S2
- - night lamp, calm lux - ur

MS1
ah na na na ah ah

MS2
oh oh ni ni ni ee ni ni ni ee

13

S1
oh gliss. mm na na na ah

S2
- i - ance of bliss - ful light,

MS1
ah na na na oh oh

MS2
ne ne ne ee na na na ah na na na ee

17 **B**

S1 *p, in rilievo*
In - - - - - cense,

S2 *pp e misterioso*
na na na na na na ah na na na na ah

MS1
na na ah na na na na ah ah

MS2 *gliss.*
ee



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S1
breath'd a - loft the gaze of ma - ny

S2
na na na oh ne ne ne ne ne ne mm

MS1 *gliss.*
na na na na na na ah ah

MS2 *gliss.*
na na na oh ee oh

C

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S1 *pp e misterioso*
cen - tu - ries, ah

S2 *p, in rilievo*
na na na na na na ah Wis -

MS1
na na na ah na na na ah oo -

MS2
ah na na na na na na mm

28

S1
ah na na na ah na na na na ah

S2
- dom long since fled up - on the dusk

MS1
na na na oo ah

MS2
oh oh oh

D

33

S1 *gliss.* *gliss.*
ah na na na na ah oh

S2
de - mense of night.

MS1 *mm.* ah ah ee

MS2
na na na na ah ee na na na na na ah na na na

37

S1 *poco a poco cresc.*
na na na na na na ah na na na na na na na

S2 *poco a poco cresc.*
ne ne ne ne ne ne ee ne ne ee

MS1 *poco a poco cresc.* *gliss.*
no no oh na na ah

MS2 *poco a poco cresc.*
na ah na na ah na na na na ah ah na na na ee ne

40

S1
na na ah na na ah

S2
ne ne ne ne ne ne ee

MS1
na na na na na na ah na na na na na na

MS2
ne ne ne ne ee ne ne ee ne ne

42

S1
na na na na na na na ah na na na na na na ah

S2
ee ne ne ne ee ah

MS1
na na na na na ah na

MS2
ne ne ne ne ne ne ee na na na ah ah

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S1 *fe spiritoso*
na na na ah na na na na ah la la la na na

S2 *fe spiritoso*
ah ne ne ne ne ne ey ne

MS1 *fe spiritoso*
na na ah na na na na na na

MS2 *fe spiritoso*
ah ne ne ne ne ne ne ey ne ne



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S1
na ah na na ta ta ta la na la la na ma la

S2
ne ne ne no oh no no no no lo no lo no ne le ne le ne ne

MS1
ah na ah na na na na na na na la lo no lo no mo nu

MS2
ne ne ne ne ne ey ne ne ne ne ne ne ne no

49

S1 *dim. poco a poco*
 ni mi ta la na no mu ne da mo lu nu tu su ni mi ma na ma lu ma na

S2 *dim. poco a poco*
 na ti mi su ma si mi lo mo no no no lo no lo li ni ni mi

MS1 *dim. poco a poco*
 nu lu tu mi si mi la mo te ta na la ta na la na te le nu mu su

MS2 *dim. poco a poco*
 no no lo no mo no lu ne le lo no tu lu su lu mi ni ni mi mo lo

52

S1 **F**
 ah ah ah ah oh oh ni ni ni ah ah ah ah ah ah

S2
 li mi su nu nu oo ah ah ah ah ah oh oh oh oh

MS1
 na na na mi ni mi ni mi ni le ne le te na na ah ah ah ah

MS2
 lo no lo la na ta la ma no lo mo no na na nu nu

55

(dim. poco a poco)

S1
ah ah ah_ ah ah oo oo oo oo ah_ ah_ oo oo oo_

S2
(dim. poco a poco)
oh oh ee ee ah ah oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh

MS1
(dim. poco a poco)
ah ah ah ah_ ah ah ah_ ah ah ah ee_ ah ah ah

MS2
(dim. poco a poco)
oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo ah_ ah ah ah_

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G

S1
p e delicato *mp* *p*
oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo Names_ na na na ah ah ah ah ta ta

S2
p e delicato *mp*
oh oh oh oh oh oh oh_oh oh oh oh oh oh oh Deeds_

MS1
p e delicato
ah ah ah ah_ ah ah oh_ oh oh_ oh_ oh oh oh_ oh oh ah ah ah_ ah_

MS2
p e delicato
ah ah ah oh oh oh oo_oo oo_ oo_ oo_oo oo oo oo ee ee ee_ ee_

62

S1
mp *p*
 ah ah ah ah Names ah oh oh oh oh Gray leg - ends

S2
mp *mp* *p*
 ah ah Names Deeds ah Names oh oh

MS1
 ah ah ah ah ah ah ah oh oh oh oh oo

MS2
 ee ee ee ee ee ee ee ee ee oo oo oo oo oh oh

65

S1
mp *p*
 la la la Deeds ah ah ah

S2
mp *p* *mp*
 oh Names oh ee ee ee ee Gray le - gends

MS1
 oo oo oo oo ah ah ah ah ah ah na na na

MS2
 oh oh oh oh oh ee ee ee ee ee ee ee

H

68

S1
mf
 ah oh oh oh oh mo Ma - je - sties

S2
p *mp* *p*
 no no no oh Names oh lo no oh oh oh oh

MS1
 ah na na na ah oh lo oh oh oh oh oo oo oo

MS2
mp *p*
 Di - re e-vents oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh



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S1
p
 oo oo oo oo lo no lo no lo no oh oo oo oh oh oh oh oh na na na

S2
 oo oo oo oo oo oo lu oo oo oo ee ee mi mi ee ee ee mi na

MS1
mp *p*
 oo oo oo oo A - go-nies no no no no no oh no no

MS2
mp *p* *mp*
 Re - bel - lions ee ee mi mi mi Sov - ran - voi - ces

I

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S1
ma ma ma ah ah ah na na na na na na ah ah oo oo

S2
ma oh oh oh oh oh na ah ah ah oh oh oh oh

MS1
mp mo Ma - je-sties *p* na ma ah ah ah na na na

MS2
p *mp*
mi ee ee ee Names Deeds

79

S1
mf Old and sa - cred thrones *mp* oh oh oh oh

S2
mp oh oh lo na ma da na ma da ee mi ni oo ah ah ee ee

MS1
mp ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah Sov - - ran

MS2
mp oo oo oo oo ee ee ee ee oo mi oo oo oh oh oh

J

82

S1
mf *mp* *p*
 ah na na oh oh lo no lo no oh oh oh Deeds na na

S2
mf *p*
 ee mi ee no oh oh oh oh ee mi ah ah ah

MS1
mf *p* *mp* *p*
 voi - ces oh lo oh oh ah Names ah

MS2
mf *p*
 oh oh oh oh oo oo oo oo ee mi ee ee ee



85

S1
mp *p*
 na na na na no no na na na na na na na Names na ma na ma

S2
mf *p* *mp*
 Ma - je - sties oo oo oo oo oo oo oo Grey le

MS1
mp *p*
 ah ah ah oh oh ah ah ah ah Deeds ee

MS2
mf *p*
 oo oo ee ee mi Re-bel - lions oh oh oh ah ah ah ah

K

89

S1 *mp* *mf* *f*
na ma na ma na ma na lo no lo Tall oaks, branch

S2 *mf*
- gends oh oh ah ah oh oh oh

MS1 *f* *mf*
ee ee A - go - nies! ah ah ah ah

MS2 *mf*
oo lu ey ey ah ah ah oh oh oh oh

94

S1 *cresc. poco a poco*
charm'd, by the ear - - nest stars

S2 *cresc. poco a poco*
oh oh oh ah ah oh ah oh oh

MS1 *cresc. poco a poco*
oh oh ah no no no oh oh ah oh ah ah

MS2 *cresc. poco a poco*
ah ah oh ah ah oh oh ah

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(cresc. poco a poco)

S1
oh_ oh_ oh_ oh_ oh_ ah_ no no no no no no Strange

S2
oh_ oh_ ah_ oh_ oh_ oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo

MS1
ah_ oo_ oo_ oo oo_ ah_ ah_ oh_ oh_ oh_ oh_ oh_ oh_ oh_

MS2
f
Old and sa - cred thrones! oh_

100

L

ff feroce

S1
lore! ah Deeds! ah! ah Names! ah Names! ah

S2
oo no no no oh oh! Names! ah! Strange lore! ee ee Ag - o - nies! ee ee

MS1
oh oh oh oh! ah Deeds! ah! ah Names! ah Names! ah

MS2
oh_ oh_ oh_ oh_ oh! oh! Names! ah! Strange lore! ee ee Ag - o - nies! ee ee

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S1
na na na ah ah ya Names! ah ah ah

S2
ee ee ee Deeds! ee ee ee mi

MS1
na na na ah ah ya Names! ah ah ah

MS2
ee ee ee Deeds! ee ee ee mi

M

106

S1
ee ah ah ah la na na na ah la la la oh na na ah

S2
mi ee ee ni ee ee li ni ee oh lo no oh no lo ee ee

MS1
ee ah na ah lo no la la na la na

MS2
mi ee ee ee ni ni li ni li ee ah ah na no oh ne ee

N

110

S1 *cresc.*
na na na ah ah ta la ah! na na na ta

S2 *cresc.*
ee oh oh lo lo so te si ni! sa ta sa!

MS1 *cresc.*
ma ah na ah la ah ma ah la ah la ah na! ta sa!

MS2 *cresc.*
ni ni mi ee li mi ee li ey lo oh le ee ni na sa na ta sa na



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S1 *ff*
ya na ta na! na na la la! na la la! ni ni ni mi ni! ni mi ni!

S2 *ff*
la! na na na na! na na na! ya! ah! ni ni ni ni mi ni! ni

MS1 *ff*
ee! ni ni li li! ni li li! na na ma na na!

MS2 *ff*
si! ni! ni! ni ni ni ni ah! na

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S1 *mf*
mi! mi! mi! la na ta na

S2 *mf*
ni ni mi! ni ni mi! ni ni mi! mo oh mo no ne na na ah

MS1 *f*
ma! ma! Names, a go - nies, deeds,

MS2 *f*
na na ma! na na ma! na na ma! Deeds, names, names,

122

S1
ta ya na na la la ah

S2 *mf*
ee ee ne ne oh ne ne ne ne

MS1 *mf*
deeds, names, names! ah le

MS2
a - go - nies, deeds, deeds!

P

127

S1 *mf* *f* *mf*
 li li le le la la la ya — la Re - bel - lions! li li ah —

S2 *f* *mf* *f*
 ni ni Di - re e - vents! ah — li li ee — Ma -

MS1 *f* *mf*
 li li li ee — ee — Re - bel - lions! — li ee — ni li li

MS2 *f* *mf* *f*
 Di - re e - vents! ah — la la la ah — Ma - je - sties! —



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S1 *f* *mf*
 ey ey o — lo Sov - ran voi - ces! — lo oh — le le

S2 *mf* *f*
 - je - sties! — oh — ey — lo no lo la la Ag - o - nies!

MS1 *f*
 le le — Sov - ran — voi - ces! — la la na ah — lo lo le

MS2 *mf* *f*
 o no — lo no lo lo lo lo ee — Ag - o - nies!

133

S1 *f* *cresc.*
 la la Ad - mo ni - tions... na la la la la ah ya ...to the winds

S2 *mf* *f* *cresc.*
 ee ee ee Ad - mo ni - tions to the winds and seas!

MS1 *f* *cresc.*
 la ah Ad - mo - ni - tions... ah la la la ...to the winds and

MS2 *mf* *f* *cresc.*
 ah ey ey ee ne na ...to the winds and seas! ey ey

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S1 *ff con anima*
 and seas! ah! And de - stroy

S2 *ff con anima*
 le le la la la Cre - a - - - tions! oh!

MS1 *ff con anima*
 seas! ah ah! And de - stroy

MS2 *ff con anima*
 ah Cre - a - - - tions!

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S1
ings! ee! And de - stroy -

S2
And cre - a - - tions! oh!

MS1
ings! ee! And de - stroy -

MS2
oh! And cre - a - - tions!



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S1
ings! ah! And de - stroy -

S2
And cre - a - - tions! ah!

MS1
ings! ah! And de - stroy -

MS2
oh! And cre - a - - tions!

Andante poco rubato

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S1
ings!

S2
ah!

MS1
ings!

MS2
ah! *f, urgente*
Hea - ven is par - ted!

152 *f e intensivo*

S1
Hea - - - ven is par - - - ted!

f e intensivo

S2
Hea - - - ven is par - - - ted!

f e intensivo *urgente*

MS1
Hea - - - ven is par - - - ted! And the earth and oc - ean too!

f e intensivo

MS2
Hea - - - ven is par - - - ted!

158

S1 And the earth and o - - - cean too!_

S2 And the earth and o - - - cean too!_

MS1 And the earth and o - - - cean too!_

MS2 And the earth and o - - - cean too!_

164

S1 All the air

S2 All the air

MS1 All the air

MS2 *urgente* All the air is emp - tied!_ All the air

168

S1 is emp - - - - tied!_

S2 is emp - - - - tied!_

MS1 is emp - - - - tied!_

MS2 is emp - - - - tied!_

171 **R** *più intensivo*

S1 O a - - - - - ching time!

S2 *più intensivo* O a - - - - - ching time!

MS1 *urgente, più intensivo* O a - ching time! O a - - - - - ching time!

MS2 *più intensivo* O a - - - - - ching time!

176

S1 O mo - - - - - ments

S2 O mo - - - - - ments

MS1 O mo - - - - - ments

MS2 *urgente* O mo-ments big. as years! O mo - - - - - ments

181

ff *f* *p*

S1 big as years! *G.P.*

S2 big as years! *G.P.*

MS1 big as years! *G.P.*

MS2 big as years! *G.P.*



187 **Tempo primo** (♩=92)

p e dolce

S1 ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah

S2 ah ni ni ni

MS1 ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah

MS2 oh oh oh oh oh oh oh

190

S1
 ah ah ah ni ni ni ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah

S2
p e misterioso
 Let the rose glow in - tense

MS1
 ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah

MS2
p e misterioso
 ni ni ni oh Let the rose glow in - tense

194

S1
 ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah

S2
 and warm the air,

MS1
 ni mi ni mi ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah

MS2
 and warm the air,

S

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S1
 ah ah ah oh_ oh ah_ ah ah ah_ ah oh oh oh oh_ oh

S2
 ah_ ah_

MS1
 mi mi mi ah ah ah ah_ ah ah ah ah_ ah ah ah na na na ah

MS2
p e dolce
 oh oh oh oh mi mi mi oh oh oh oh oh

202

S1
 ah_ ah oh oh oh oh I have *p e affettuoso*

S2
p e dolce
 oh_ oh_ oh oh oh oh oh oh

MS1
 oh na na na oh_ na na na na na oh_ oh I have *p e affettuoso*

MS2
 oh oh_ oh oh oh oh oh oh_ oh oh na na na ah ah ah ah ah

206

S1
heard the cloudy thunder,

S2
oh ah ah oh oh ah ah oh oh na na da oh oh oh

MS1
heard the cloudy thunder,

MS2
ah oh oh oh oh la na na oh oh oh ah oh ah oh oh oh oh

210

S1
I can read a won -

S2
oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh ah ah ah ah ah

MS1
I can read a won -

MS2
na na na oh oh na na na oh oh oh na na na oh oh oh oh oh

U

214

S1 *più calmato*
 - - - drous les - son in thy si

S2
 ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah

MS1 *più calmato*
 - - - drous les - son in thy si

MS2
 oh oh oh oh oh oh na na na oh oh na na na oh oh oh oh



219

S1 **V**
 - - - lent face,

S2 *poco dim.*
 ah na na na ah oh oh oh oh na na na na na na na na na na

MS1
 - - - lent face,

MS2 *poco dim.*
 oh oh oh oh na na na ah ah ah ah na na na oh oh oh

223

S1 *pp*
na na na ah ah ah ah

S2 *pp*
na na na oh oh oh oh

MS1 *pp*
na na na ah ah ah na na na oo na na na oo na na na oo oo

MS2 *pp*
oh oh oh oh oh oh na na

227 **W**

S1
na na na ah ah ah ah na na na na ah ah na na na oo

S2 *p e molto calmato*
Why do I know ye?

MS1
oo oo na na na oo oo oo oo oo oo

MS2
na oh oh oh oh oh ee

231

S1
na na na oh na na na ah ah ah ah

S2
Why have I seen

MS1
ah ah ah oh oh

MS2
oo ah

235

S1
na na na ah na na na na na na ah na na na oh

S2
ye? oo *pp*

MS1
oh oh

MS2
na na na na ah oo oh

X

239

S1 *poco a poco morendo*
na na na oh na na na mm

S2 *poco a poco morendo*
na na na ah oo

MS1 *poco a poco morendo*
oo oh na na na

MS2 *poco a poco morendo*
oh oo

242

S1 *rit.*
mm

S2 oo oo

MS1 oh na na na oo oo

MS2 mm