

TIFFANDRA'S GRIMOIRE OF SPELLS,  
POTIONS, AND OTHER SUCH MAGICKS:  
*A Pracktical Guide to Witchcraft for the  
21st Century Practitioner*

OR

TIFFANY'S  
SPELLBOOK

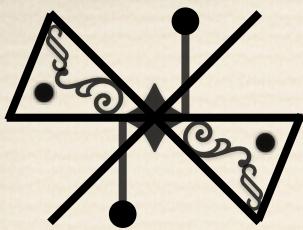
Spells for  
soprano voice and piano

with text by various authors  
and  
music by Eyan L. Snyder

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# Foreword

*While this book still has no voice,  
its magicks shall unsounded be.  
So through my will and through my words,  
let this book sing out through me!*

There, that's better! Your first glimpse of magick for the evening.

Now, some of you may be confused at this point, and honestly, understandably so. But if all of a sudden you've begun hearing music: then there's no need for alarm! Allow me to explain...

A few words, carefully chosen, imbued with the power, to color my musings: All that you're hearing and all you will hear is just summoned illusion, a spell!

And this arcane trick is hardly a drop in the veritable ocean of possibilities that magick has to offer; and yet in our modern world many believe that the study of magick has become... passé.

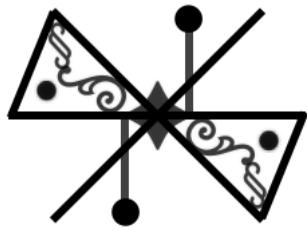
But, magick, *real magick*, will thrive as long as humanity exists; its uses, innumerable, its scope, is unfathomable, and I, for one, believe that we have more need of it today than we have ever had before.

That is why I'm composing this volume, to share with you magicks designed for our age. And so, I give to you: "Tiffandra's Grimoire of Spells, Potions, and other such Magicks: *A Practical Guide to Witchcraft for the 21st Century Practitioner*." Or, if all that weighs too heavily on your shortterm memory... You may call it "*Tiffany's Spellbook*" for short. Goodness knows everyone else does!

But, before we read a smattering of my volume's various offerings: one small charm, to help us on our way...

*To those in attendance, I share forth my learnings,  
and for those who are eager, let me answer their yearnings,  
and for those whom experience leaves feeling more skeptical,  
to all magick's delights, make an open receptacle!*

Now, let the pages turn, and let us begin!



# Foreword

(spoken, as an incantation)

*While this book still has no voice,  
its magicks shall unsounded be.  
So through my will and through my words,  
let this book sing out through me!*

**Slow, breaking the silence ( $\text{♩}=48$ )**

*mp, freely, as a response*

Piano

*Rédo.*

*Rall.*

**Starting slowly, coda-like ( $\text{♩}=40$ )**

*pppp*

*pp cresc.*

*accel.*

*1.h.*

Pno.

*Rédo.*

**Tempo I ( $\text{♩}=48$ )**

*( $\text{♩}=\text{c.66}$ )*

*poco rall.*

Pno.

*sim.*

*f*

*molto*

*3*

**a tempo ( $\text{♩}=48$ )**

**accel.**

**Pno.**

**Foreword**

*p cresc.*

*Ped.*

**a tempo ( $\text{♩}=48$ )**

**accel.**

**Pno.**

*mf p cresc.*

**a tempo ( $\text{♩}=48$ )**

**accel.**

**Pno.**

*mf p cresc.*

**molto rall.**

**Tiffandra**

**a tempo ( $\text{♩}=48$ )**

***f* warm, freely**

**meno f**

There, that's bet-ter! Your first glimpse of mag ick for the eve-ning. Now,

**Piano**

**f**

## Foreword

12 **Light, genial (♩=60)**

Tiff. some of you may be con-fused at this point, and hon-est-ly, un-der-stand-a bly

Pno. *mp*, *playful*

16 *rall.* **Tempo I (♩=48)**

Tiff. so. But if all of sud-den you've be-gun hear-ing mus-ic:

Pno. *p* *8va* *mp* *warm* *cresc.* *f* *non dim.*

*Ped. ad lib.*

19 *sub. mp* *dim.* *p >* *p recitavo* *mp*

Tiff. then there's no need for a - larm! Al-low me to ex - plain... A

Pno. *p*

(^)

22 Preciously, with rubato ( $\text{♩} = 60$ )

Tiff.

Pno. *mp sempre colla voce*

Tiff. 25 , cresc. rall.

Pno. cresc.

Tiff. 28 a tempo ( $\text{♩} = 60$ )

Pno. *sum-mon-ed il - lu - sion, a spell!* *Slowly at slower ( $\text{♩} = 56$ )*

Pno. *f* *mp* *p wistful*

## Foreword

**pushing forward**

*p excitedly*

Tiff.

And this ar-cane trick is hard-ly a drop\_

Pno.

*mp*

*Ped.*

**Free, a tempo (♩ = 60)**

*mp*

Tiff.

— in the ver-i-ta-ble o-cean of pos-si-bil-i-ties that mag-ick has to of-fer; and

Pno.

*mf*

*mp somber*

9

9

9

9

36

Tiff.

yet in our mo-dern world ma - ny be - lieve that the stu - dy of

Pno.

*8va*

*p a little mournful*

Tiff.

*ad lib.*

Pno.

# Foreword

9

( $\bullet=\bullet$ )

38 **Tempo I, free ( $\bullet=48$ )**

Tiff. (searching for a word to convey her disappointment)

mag - ick has be - come... pas - sé. But

Pno. (8) ***p*** — allow fo fade completely  
not roll (when possible)

**Pushing forward, little by little**

40 **poco cresc.** ***molto***

Tiff. mag - ick, real mag - ick will

Pno. ***pp*** ***p***

**Declared, driven ( $\bullet=96$ )**

42 ***f*** ***mp*** excited

Tiff. thrive as long as hu-man-i - ty ex - - ist; its

Pno. ***f*** ***meno f***

## Foreword

**allarg.** - - - - - **a tempo** ( $\bullet=96$ ) **allarg.**

44

Tiff.

us - es,      in - num - er - a - ble,      its      scope,      is      un - fa - thom-a - ble,      and

Pno.

**Freely, espresso (♩=84)**

46

Tiff.

Pno.

I, for ever believe that we have more need of it to -

dim.

Perusal only

### **With sudden optimism ( $\mu=72$ )**

Tiff. *Fant.* *With sudden spasm (ff.)*

49

Tiff. *day than we have ev - er had be - fore.* That's

Pno. *8va* *pp cresc.* *p*

*Led. ad lib.*

# Foreword

JJ

53

Tiff. why I'm com-pos-ing this vo-lume, to share with you mag-icks de -

Pno.

poco rall.

56

Tiff. signed for our age. And so, I give to you: "Tif -

Pno.

*8va*

Quick (♩=100)  
accel.

59

Tiff. fan-dra's Grim-iore of Spells, Po-tions and Oth-er Such Mag - icks: \_\_\_\_\_ A

Pno.

*p cresc. molto*

## Foreword

A little slower ( $\text{♩} = 92$ )rall. Emphatically ( $\text{♩} = 80$ ) rall.

63

Tiff. *f* *meno f*

Prack-ti-cal Guide to Witch-craft for the Twen-ty-First-Cen-tu-ry Prac-

Pno. *ff* *mp*

( $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ )  
a tempo ( $\text{♩} = 80$ )

66 *f* *p diplomatic*  
Tiff. *ti - tion - er.*" Dr, if all that weighs too heav-i - ly on your

Pno. *f* *p leggiero*

( $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ )  
poco rall. As before ( $\text{♩} = 80$ )  
Tiff. *mp magnanimous*  
short - term me-mo- ry... You may call it *Tif-fan-y's Spell-book*" for

Pno. *mp simple*

## Foreword

13

71 *recitavo, affably*

Tiff. short. Good-ness knows ev'-ry-one else does! But, be -

Pno. *mp*  
*p playfully*

*sus.* *8vb*

*Suspended (♩=84)**poco rall.**a tempo (♩=84)**Freely (♩=60)*

74 fore we read a smart-tening of my vo-lume's var-ious of - fer-ings: one small

Tiff. *8va* (not necessarily colla voce)

Pno. *mp* *meno f* *sim.*

*a tempo (♩=84) Espressivo with rubato (♩=138)**p simple, but with intention*

76 Tiff. charm, to help us on our way... To those in at - ten - dance, I

Pno. *p* *pp* *p cresc.* *ped.* *Sempre con Ped.*

## Foreword

allarg.

a tempo ( $\text{♩}=138$ )

allarg..

80

Tiff. share forth my learn - ings, and for those who are

Pno. *mp* *p echo* *mp*

( ) ^)

a tempo  
( $\text{♩}=138$ )

84 *mf* allarg. *mf*

Tiff. ea - ger, let me n - esser their yearn - ings, and for

Pno. *mf* *mp*

( )

a tempo ( $\text{♩}=138$ ) molto allarg. cresc.

88 Tiff. those whom ex - per - ience leaves feel - ing more skep - ti - cal, to all

Pno. *mf cresc.* *molto f*

( )

Pno. *mf cresc.* *molto f*

Foreword

15

**Grand, sustained ( $\text{♩}=84$ )**

**Tiff.** *rall.* *ff*

**Pno.** *ff*

*mag - ick's de - lights,* *make an o - pen re -*

*p simply*

**a tempo ( $\text{♩}=84$ )**

**Tiff.** *rall.* *mp (sub.)*

**Pno.** *l.h. d.* *8va*

*( )*

**Tempo ( $\text{♩}=48$ )**

**Tiff.** *p*

*cep - ta - cle!* *Now, let the pa - ges*

**Pno.** *p distant*

*3*

*3*

**pushing forward**  
*still p, cresc.*

**Freely, with motion ( $\text{♩}=60$ )**

**Tiff.** *mf*

*turn, and let us be - gin!* *(turning the pages with a flourish)*

**Pno.**

*(the piano begins next the movement here, under the onset of the voice's final note)*

*attacca*

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(for a purpose both musical and magickal in nature)

# The Elixir of Exactly Eight Hours of Sleep™

*Having trouble falling asleep, but too worried about next-day grogginess to reach for the medicine cabinet? Or perhaps you have a big day planned tomorrow, but it just happens to include operating heavy machinery? Do I have the sleeping draught for you!*

## The Elixir of Exactly Eight Hours of Sleep™<sup>1</sup>

*A half bud of lavender,  
one twelfth of a clove,  
An eighth petal narcissus,<sup>2</sup>  
and a tenth petal rose.*

*A smidgen of rue,  
a half pinch of ash,  
then work in a mortar,  
until finely mashed.*

*Add a single drop water  
and stir thrice around,  
then using a pinhead,  
apply to the crown.*

*Then off into slumber,  
this elixir will guide,  
and in eight hours exactly,  
you, refreshed, will arise.*

### Side effects may include:

*Brief stints of spontaneous astral projection, slight resistance to the usual effects of gravity, and, in some rare cases, polymorphic transformations, which are sometimes accompanied by minor episodes of somnambulism.*

*1 - In my readings, I stumbled upon a potion, intended to produce a powerful slumber: The Elixir of the One Thousand Year Sleep. The recipe was rumored to have been created by Somnus, himself, the roman god of sleep... Who is said to have given it one year of power for each of his one thousand songs!*

*But, to mere mortals, what good is a thousand year sleep? I won't live nearly that long, and certainly don't want to spend the rest of my life magically comatose. So, instead, The Elixir of Exactly Eight Hours of Sleep™ - my precisely one 1.095.750th potency alternative.*

*2 - Narcissus (better known now as Daffodil) is highly toxic to humans, and as such The Elixir of Exactly Eight Hours of Sleep™ should never be ingested under any circumstances. If accidentally ingested, please contact the poison control center or your local apothecary post-haste.*

# The Elixir of Exactly Eight Hours of Sleep™

**Piano**

**Freely, with motion ( $\text{♩}=60$ )**

**Pno.**

**a tempo ( $\text{♩}=60$ )**

**Pno.**

**accel.**

**Tiff.**

**rall.**

**recitativo, playfully ( $\text{♩}=72$ )**

**Pno.**

***p* slyly, salesman-like**

**Hav-ing trou-ble**

***mf* ————— *with growing fervor* ————— *f***

***mp* (sub.)**

*Leo. ad lib.*

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# The Elixir of Exactly Eight Hours of Sleep™

19

**molto accel.**

Tiff. 5 *poco cresc.* *mp pushing forward* *meno f*  
 fall-ing a-sleep, but too con cerned with that next-day grog-gi-ness to

Pno. *poco =* *mp leggiero*  
*Quick (♩=104)*

Tiff. 7 *poco piu f*  
 reach for the med - i - cine cabi - net? Or per - haps you have a

Pno. *p* *mp colla voce*

Tiff. 9 *f grandiose*  
 big day—— planned to - mor - row, but it just

Pno. *f*

## The Elixir of Exactly Eight Hours of Sleep™

In time, a little slower ( $\text{♩}=62$ )

Tiff.

Pno.

Freely ( $\text{♩}=52$ )

Tiff.

Pno.

Liquid, like a lullaby ( $\text{♩}=48$ )

Tiff.

Pno.

# The Elixir of Exactly Eight Hours of Sleep™

21

15 *pp* *Slowly, sempre rubato (♩=40)*

Tiff. *T. M.<sup>1</sup>*

Pno. *pp gently, like a music box*  
ad lib.

17 *poco animato*  
*meno p*

Pno.

**Flowing, still with rubato (♩= 8)**

18 *mp*

Tiff. *A half bud of lavender,*

Pno. *mp*

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## The Elixir of Exactly Eight Hours of Sleep™

19

Tiff. 

Pno.

20

Tiff. 

Pno.

21

Tiff. 

Pno.

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**a tempo (♩=48)**

22

Tiff. *p a little ominously*

A smid - gen of rue,

Pno. *mf* — *p hollow*



23

Tiff. *p*

A half inch of ash,

Pno.

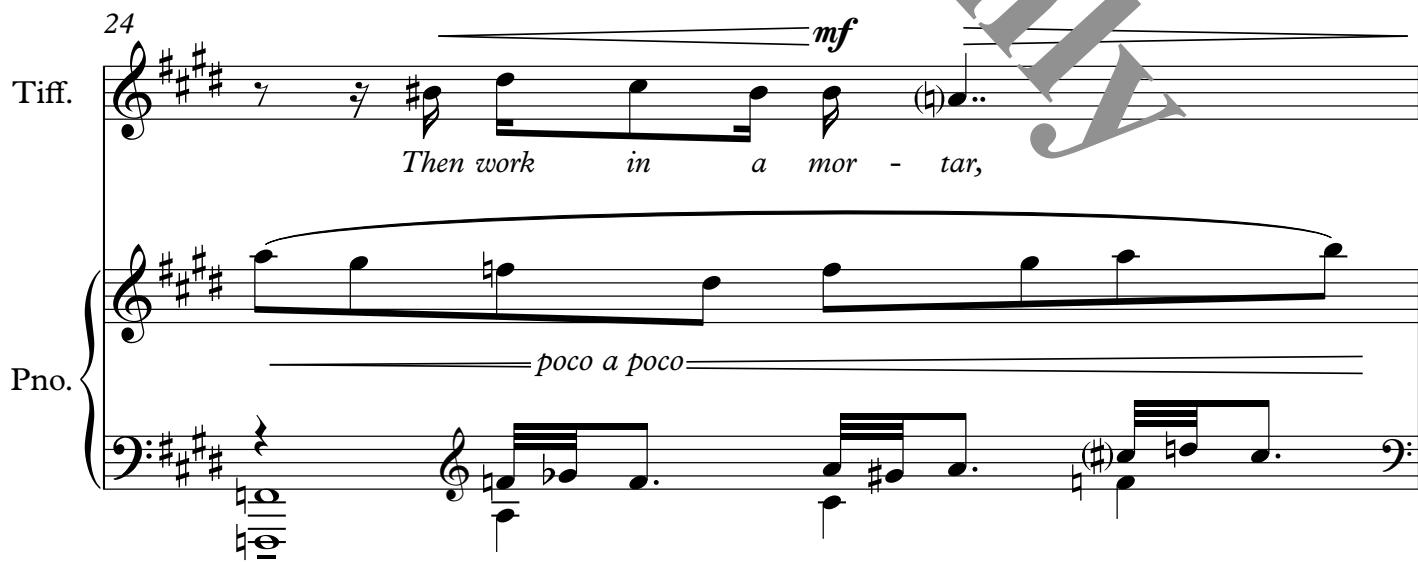


24

Tiff. *mf*

Then work in a mor - tar,

Pno. *poco a poco*



# The Elixir of Exactly Eight Hours of Sleep™

rall.

25                          *mp*

Tiff.                      *Un - til fine - ly mashed.*

Pno.                      *p dolce*

*a tempo (♩=18)*

26                          *sem - p with a sense of mysticism*

Tiff.                      *Add a sing - b drop wa - ter,*

Pno.                      *pp distant, but unrelenting*

27

Tiff.                      *Then stir thrice a- round,*

Pno.

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25

28

Tiff.

*Then us - ing a pin - head,*

Pno.

**molto rall.**

29

Tiff.

*poco cresc.*

*App' to the crown.*

*mp molto , f warmly*

Pno.

*cresc.*

*molto*

**Grand, with a sense of urgency ( $\text{♩}=52$ )**

30

Tiff.

*off in - to slum - ber*

Pno.

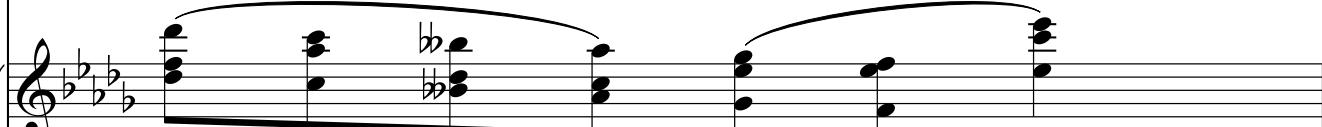
*f grandiose, indulgently*

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**poco rall.**

31

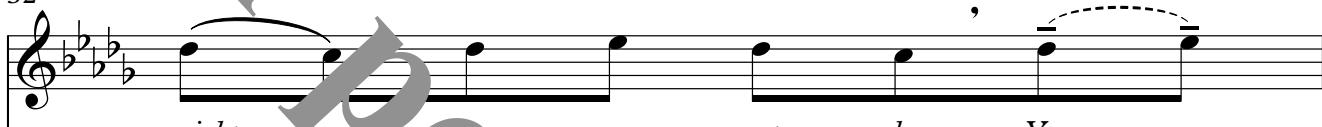
Tiff. 

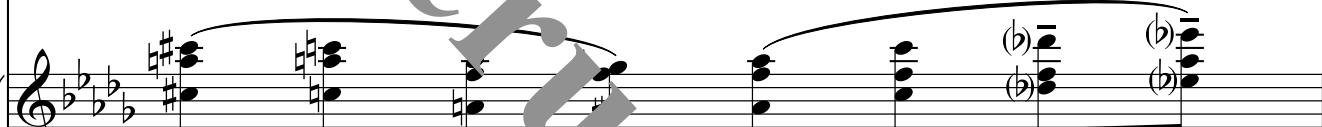
Pno. 

Pno. 

a tempo (♩=52)

32

Tiff. 

Pno. 

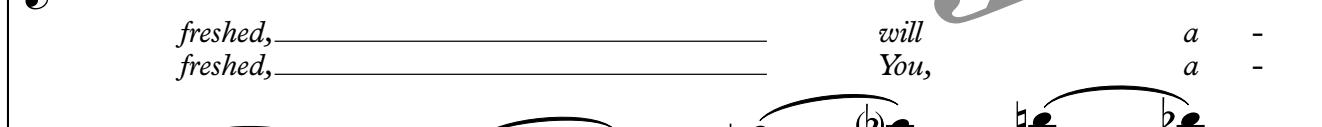
Pno. 

a tempo (♩=52)  
molto rall.

33

ff

Tiff. 

Pno. 

Pno. 

Slowly, with rubato ( $\text{♩}=40$ )

34

Tiff. *rise!*

Pno. *molto*

*poco rall.*

35

Pno. *mp* *p dolce*

*a tempo* ( $\text{♩}=40$ ) *molto rall.*

*Freely, not too fast* ( $\text{♩}=52$ ) *p with a hint of playfulness*

Tiff. *Side ef - effects may in- clude:*

Pno. *p simple* *pp*

## The Elixir of Exactly Eight Hours of Sleep™

Recitativo, doppio tempo ( $\text{d}=52$ )

38 *mp with energy*

Tiff. Brief stints of sponta - neous as-tral pro-jec - tion,

Pno.

*molto accel.*

40 *mp suddenly faded*

Tiff. slight re - sis-tanc to the us - ual ef-fects of

Pno.

*poco meno p*

con *legg.*

*a tempo ( $\text{d}=52$ )*

42 *f*

Tiff. gra - vi - ty and, in some rare ca - ses,

Pno.

*f*

# The Elixir of Exactly Eight Hours of Sleep™

29

**A little faster ( $\text{d}=62$ )**

Tiff. *mf* — *f grand*  
po - ly - mor - phic trans - - - - for -

Pno. *mp*  
*mf*  
*6*  
*6*  
*6*  
*6*  
*Ped.*

Tiff. *p casually*  
ma - hor, which are  
*f dim.*  
*6*  
*6*  
*mp*

Pno. *a tempo ( $\text{d}=52$ )*  
*poco rall.*

Tiff. *pp*  
some-times ac-com-pa-nied by mi - nor e-pi-sodes of so - mnam-bu-li-sm.

Pno. *p leggiero*  
*pp*

**For personal use only**

# A Do-Little Potion: For Conversing With Animals

*Start with goose fat, or lard,  
or other animal oil,  
place it into a cauldron,  
and then bring to a boil.*

*Once it's bubbling nicely,  
add the tail of a rat,  
a stag beetle's pincers,  
and the head of a bat,*

*Nextly, into the mixture,  
add an eye from a doe,  
the beak of a raven,  
and the blood of a crow...*

*A rattlesnake's rattle,  
a fiddler crab's claw,  
a peacock's tail feather,  
and a scarlet macaw,*

*Finally into the medley,  
toss a buffalo's tongue,  
Seventeen (or so) bullfrogs,  
and one whole sperm whale lung,*

*Then add all-purpose flour,  
thick'ning oil to a roux,  
and remove it from heat,  
and then serve like a stew.*

*For ev'ry creature you meet,  
you'll have the know-how to greet,  
but I offer fair warning:  
their greetings may not be sweet!*

*For the first thing they'll ask, when you howl,  
hiss, or squeak to them,  
is why you've murdered their friends, just so you  
could speak to them.\**

\*It is possible that ethically sourcing all of the ingredients might lead to a better outcome; but what it is that constitutes ethical sourcing for some of the required components is certainly beyond this author's imagination.

# A Do-Dittle Potion: For Conversing With Animals

31

**Piano**

**Freely, with motion ( $\text{♩}=60$ )**

Silently depress all keys in indicated range, capture in sost. ped.

**poco rall.**

**Ped. ad lib.**

**Sost. P. → (to m. 61)**

**Tiff.**

**a tempo ( $\text{♩}=60$ )**

**rall.**

**p dolce, mysterious**

**A**

**Pno.**

**mp**

**p**

**B**

**Tiff.**

**Broad, recitavo ( $\text{♩}=48$ )**

**piu p suddenly spritely, playful**

**mp unassuming**

**Do-Lit-tle Po-tion:**    **For Con-ver-sing**    **With**    **A-ni-mals**    **Start with**

**Pno.**

**p**

**piu p**

**pp**

**8va**

**Ped.**

**Deliberately (♩=42)**

Tiff. *poco*

Pno. *colla voce*

**stringendo . . . Eerily (♩=48)**  
accel. poco a poco (to m.32) . . .

Tiff. *mp*

Pno. *p poss. (hardly audible)*

*Once it's*

**Tiff. cresc.**

Pno. *mp*

19

Tiff. *stag bee-tle's pin- cers, and the head of a bat,* *Next- ly,*

Pno. *molto* *mf* *non dim.*

24

Tiff. *in - to the mi - ture, add an eye from a doe, the*

Pno. *p (sub.)* *mf*

*Ped. ad lib.*

28

Tiff. *beak of a ra - ven, and the blood of a crow...* *A*

Pno. *f* *f*

## A Do-Little Potion: For Conversing With Animals

**Frantically (♩=66)**

Tiff. { *rat - tle snake's rat - tle, a fid - dler crab's claw,* **rall.**, *dim.*

Pno. { *still f*, **mp (sub.)**

**Slow (♩=38)      accel.**

Tiff. { *pea - cock's tail*, **mp**, *dim.* **pp**, **cresc.**

Pno. { *dim.*, **mp**

**rall.      Grandioso (♩=48)**

Tiff. { *Fin - ally in - to the me - dley, toss a*, **ff with abandon**

Pno. { *f cresc.*, **8va**, *semprē ff*

rall.

46

Tiff. 

*buf - fa-lo's tongue, Se-ven-teen (or so) bull - frogs, and one*

(8)

Pno. 

*a tempo (♩=48)*

50

Tiff. 

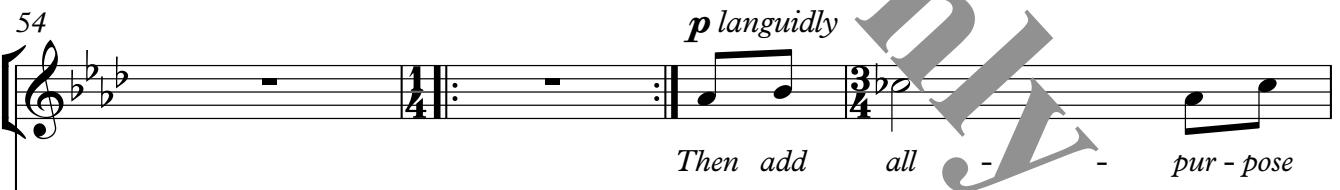
*whole sperm whale lung,*

(8)

Pno. 

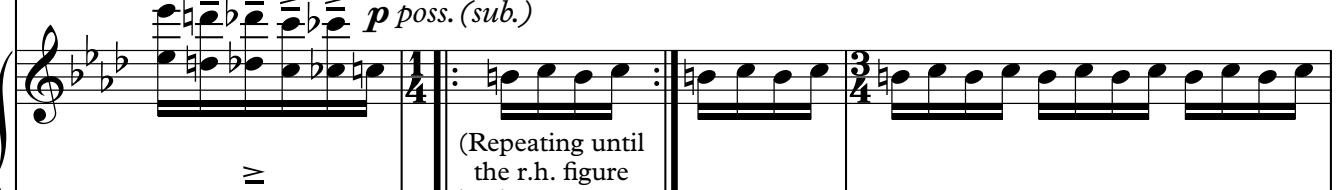
*molto rall. Very slowly (♩=72)*

54

Tiff. 

*p languidly*

*Then add all pur - pose*

Pno. 

*p poss. (sub.)*

(Repeating until the r.h. figure begins to emerge from the sustain)

*mp*

()

## A Do-Little Potion: For Conversing With Animals

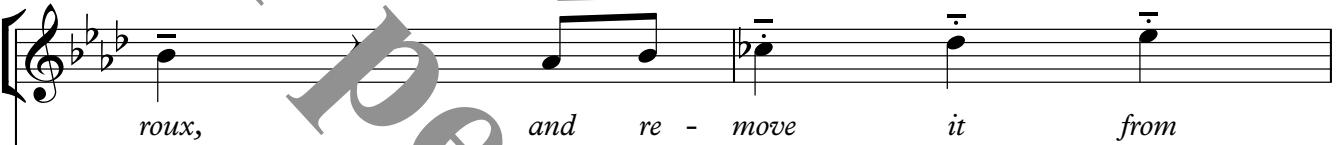
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Tiff. 
 flour, thick' - ning oil to a

Pno. 

poco rall.

60

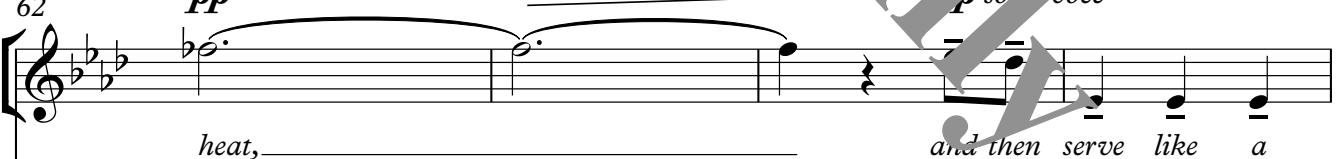
Tiff. 
 roux, and re - move it from

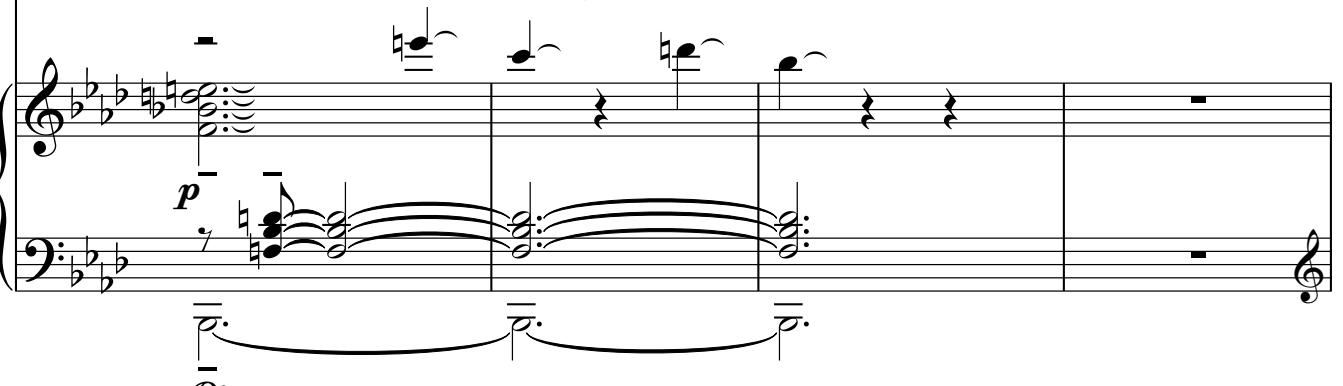
Pno. 

(Sost. Ped.)

a tempo ( $\text{♩} = 72$ )

62

Tiff. 
 heat, and then serve like a

Pno. 
  
8va-----  
p  
Ped. ad lib.

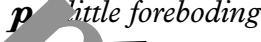
Tiff. {  66

Pno. {  3

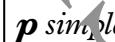
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Pno. {  3

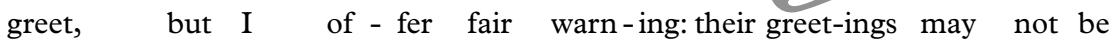
Somewhat slower than the beginning (♩.=36)

Tiff. {  70

Tiff. {  3

Pno. {  3

Pno. {  3

Tiff. {  74 cresc.

Pno. {  3

## A Do-Little Potion: For Conversing With Animals

78 *f* *unabashedly*

Tiff. sweet! For the first thing they'll ask, when you

Pno. *f* *cresc.*

Full. *ff* *with exaggerated text painting* *gliss.* Freely

Tiff. howl, hiss, r squeak to them, is why you've

Pno. *ff*

83 *C.W.* *(non dim.) long* *p (sub.) a little haunting*

Tiff. mur-dered their friends, just so you could speak to

Pno. *fff*

**Tempo I (♩.=42)**

**Tiff.** 88 **pp**

them.\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Pno.** 8<sup>va</sup> **pp** **pp**

*For perusal only*

The musical score is for two instruments: Tiff. (Tin Whistle) and Pno. (Piano). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 88. The tempo is indicated as Tempo I (♩.=42). The Tiff. part has sustained notes. The Pno. part has eighth-note patterns. Dynamics include pp (pianissimo) and 8<sup>va</sup> (octave up). A large, semi-transparent watermark reading "For perusal only" is diagonally across the page.

\*It is possible that ethically sourcing all of the ingredients might lead to a better outcome—but what it is that constitutes “ethical sourcing” for some of the required components is certainly beyond this author’s imagination.

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(for reasons of numerological significance)

# Practical Practices, for When

## Plagued by a Plague

While disease-warding magick saw its height with the plague,  
in the year 2020, it became timely again.<sup>1</sup>

So if to stop a contagion, you'd do all in your power,  
here are some good healing customs, from the tomes I have scoured:

*Dried rosemary's smoke, can cleanse through a home,  
and works well in incense, as found in ancient Rome.*

*Using Gilead's balm, you could steep out a tea,  
adding lavender honey, to increase potency.*

*Woven crowns of amaranth carry healing intension,  
Eucalyptus-seed necklaces can be worn for prevention,  
One can offer up prayers, burnt over blue candle,  
to Isis, to Brighid, or to Apollo to handle.<sup>2</sup>*

*But in the 21st century, we've learned more that's beneficial,  
which you can hear all about, from a public health official.*

*So do all the above, but one more thing I ask,  
Stay six feet apart, and wear a damn mask.*

1 - Should be  
pronounced as rhyming  
with "pain."  
not "pen."

2 - Any god or goddess whose domain  
includes healing or protection would be  
appropriate. These listed are simply  
ones that I, myself, have invoked  
successfully in the past.

# Practical Practices, for When

# Plaques by a Plaque

**Freely, with motion ( $\text{♩}=60$ )**

Piano { *mp cantabile, but always blurred, indefinite* *6* *6* *poco rall.* *poco dim.*

*Ped. ad lib.*

**a tempo ( $\text{♩}=60$ )**

Pno. { *mp* *6* *6* *rall.*

**Broad, recitavo ( $\text{♩}=48$ )**

Tiff. { *mf* *f* *mp* *Prack-ti-cal Prac-tic-es,* *for When Plagued by a Plague* *mp defiant, ironic*

*3* *3* *3*

Pno. { *mf secco* *f* *mp* *f*

*3*

*vi*

( $\sigma = \sigma.$ )

**Freely, expressive (♩.=48)**

**p** conversational, impassive

While dis-ease-ward-ing mag-icks saw their height with the plague, in the

Pno.

*p sempre colla voce*

Tiff.

10

poco dim.

cresc. poco a poco

4

year twen - ty - twen - ty they grew time - ly a - gain.<sup>1</sup> So if to

Pno.

*mp piu pesante*

Musical score for Tiff. at measure 15. The vocal line continues with lyrics: "stop a con - ta - gion," followed by a fermata over the word "gion," "you'd do all in your". The tempo marking "molto" is placed above the final notes. The vocal part is in soprano clef.

Pno.

*cresc.*

1 - Should be  
pronounced as rhyming  
with the word "pain,"  
(not "pen.")

**poco rall.** - - - - - **a tempo (♩=48)**

**Tiff.** **f** power, here are good heal-ing cus-toms,

**Pno.** **f** **mp**

**molto rall.** - - - - - **Starting slowly (♩=92)**  
**poco accel.** - - - - -

**Tiff.** **p** from the tomes have scoured:

**Pno.** **p** **Ped. ad lib.**

**poco rall.** - - - - - **p gentle, like a nursery rhyme**

**Tiff.** **Dried**

**Pno.** **8va** **poco cresc.**

**Gently, steady ( $\text{♩}=100$ )**

Tiff. rose - ma-ry's smoke, can cleanse through a home; it

Pno.  $p (s)$

**poco rall.**

Tiff. works well in in - - - as found in an - - - - - cient

Pno.  $poco cresc.$

**a tempo ( $\text{♩}=100$ )**

**poco accel.**

Tiff. Rome. \_\_\_\_\_  $mp$  Us - ing

Pno.  $p$   $cresc.$

**With forward motion ( $\text{♩} = 112$ )**

43

Tiff. Gi - le-ad's balm, you could steep out a tea, ad-ding

Pno.

47

Tiff. la - ven-der ho - ney, to in - crease po - - -

Pno.

**poco accel.**  
*cresc.*

51

Tiff. - ten - - - cy. - - -

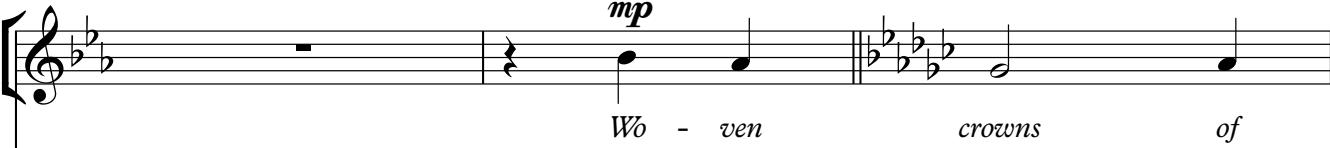
Pno.

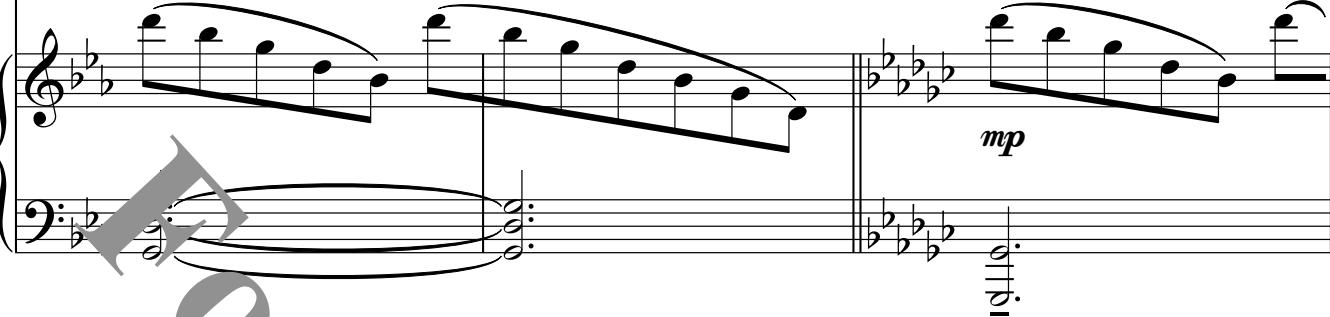
**mf**

**mf** *poco dim.*

Energetic, almost  
dance-like ( $\text{♩}=124$ )

54

Tiff. 

Pno. 

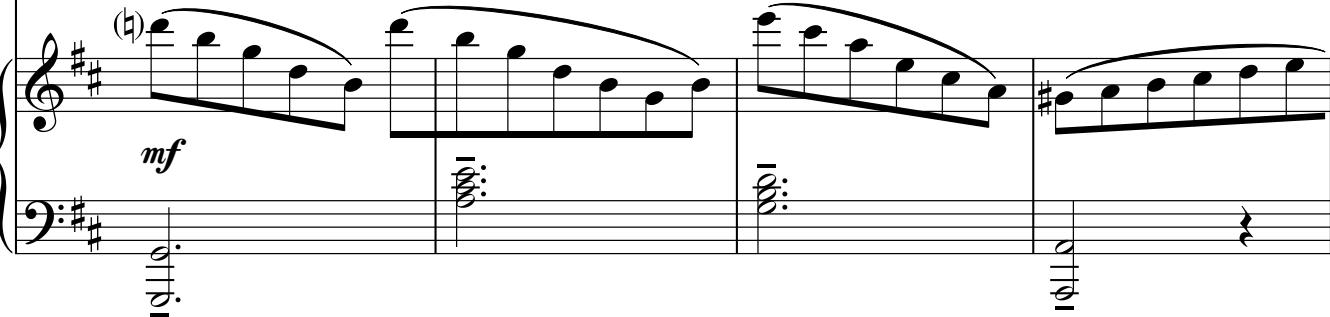
poco accel.

Tiff. 

Pno. 

Faster yet ( $\text{♩}=132$ )

Tiff. 

Pno. 

Grand ( $\text{♩} = 120$ )

65 **rall.** **f**

Tiff. One can of - fer up prayers, burnt o - ver blue

Pno. **f**

**poco accel** **rall.** **ff**

69 **can** **dle,** **to** **ff**

Tiff. **to**

Pno. **bass**

Broadening ( $\text{♩} = 112$ ) **rall.**

73 **I** **- sis,** **to** **Brigh** **- d,** **or A-** **dim.**

Tiff. **meno f**

Pno. **ff sempre colla voce** **f** **molto**

Like the beginning ( $\text{♩}=100$ )

poco rall.

77

Tiff.  $\text{mp}$   
pol - lo \_\_\_\_\_ to han - - -

Pno.  $\text{mod. min.}$   $\text{pp}$   $\text{poco cresc.}$

Slightly slower ( $\text{♩}=92$ )

rall.

Free, spacious ( $\text{♩}=48$ )still  $p$ 

81

Tiff.  $\text{dle.}^2$

Pno.  $\text{p} \text{ twistful}$

But in the twen-ty-first

2 - Any god or goddess whose domain includes healing or protection would be appropriate. These listed are simply ones that I, myself, have invoked successfully in the past.

poco rall.

rall.

87

Tiff.  $\text{cen - tu - ry}$   $\text{we've learned more}$   $\text{that's}$   $\text{be - ne - fi - cial,}$   $\text{which you can}$

Pno.  $\text{mp}$

**Even slower ( $\text{♩} = 36$ )      poco rall.**

Tiff. 

**Somewhat slower than before ( $\text{♩} = 92$ )      poco rall.**

Tiff. 

**a tempo ( $\text{♩} = 92$ )**

Ossia 

**rall.**

Tiff. 

# A Spell for Sudden Sobriety

There comes a time, in most mortal's lives,  
when they regret what they've imbibed.

Meant just for such: an ancient spell,  
wordy, but in its words, a power lies.

In form, it stands a prayer to Bacchus,  
Roman God of Revels and Debauchery:  
To cleanse the body and make well,  
to "de-revel" and "rebaucerize."

**O Bacche, tibi laudes cultrix tua ampliter bibit.**

Mighty Bacchus, your servant has most generously  
drunk thy lauds.

**O Bacche, a tua potentia, cultricem tuam sana!**

Mighty Bacchus, through your power, your servant  
heal, from...

vino,  
et mulsum,  
cervisia,  
et posca.

Yes, Bacchus, heal me from...

rieslings and merlots,  
pinot noirs, cabernets,  
from ice wines, syrahs,  
pinot gris, chardonnays.

**Nota bene:** (Author's note:)

I've not, myself, ever successfully performed this spell. The diction and memory required for the incantation have proven quite difficult, given the "state" the spell is meant to correct. I have, however, been assured of its effectiveness by reliable, and apparently more well-constituted, fellow practitioners.

*Also, Bacchus heal me from,*

*beers and from ales,  
from meads and from ciders,  
from hard lemonades,  
from stouts and from lagers.*

*Also, if you would heal...*

*from sidecars, old fashionedes,  
Long Island ice teas,  
mojitos, mimosas,  
hurricanes, daiquiris,*

*from...*

*Piña Coladas,  
mint juleps, screwdrivers,  
manhattans, white russians,  
moscow mules, corpse revivers,\**

*from "ritas" and "tinis"  
and spritzers and breezes,  
from navels and coolers  
and fizzes and squeezes,*

*from vodka, from rum,  
from bourbon, from brandy,  
from gin, and tequila,  
and especially whiskey!*

*O Mighty Bacchus, through your  
power, I am healed!*

\*Referring in this case  
to the alcoholic beverage,  
not the necromantic brew  
of the same name.

# A Spell for Sudden Sobriety

**Freely, with motion ( $\text{♩}=60$ )**

Piano

*mp cantabile, but always blurred, indefinite*

*poco dim.*

*Ped. ad lib.*

**poco rall.**

Pno.

**a tempo ( $\text{♩}=60$ )**

**molto allarg.**

**Slower ( $\text{♩}=50$ )**

*poco piu f*

*f*

*Ped.*

**poco rall.**

**Gently, tempo rubato ( $\text{♩}=44$ )**

Tiff.

*mp triple knowingly*

*mf*

There comes a time, in most

**Pno.**

*p distant*

*meno p*

*mp*

*mf*

*p*

*8va*

*distant*

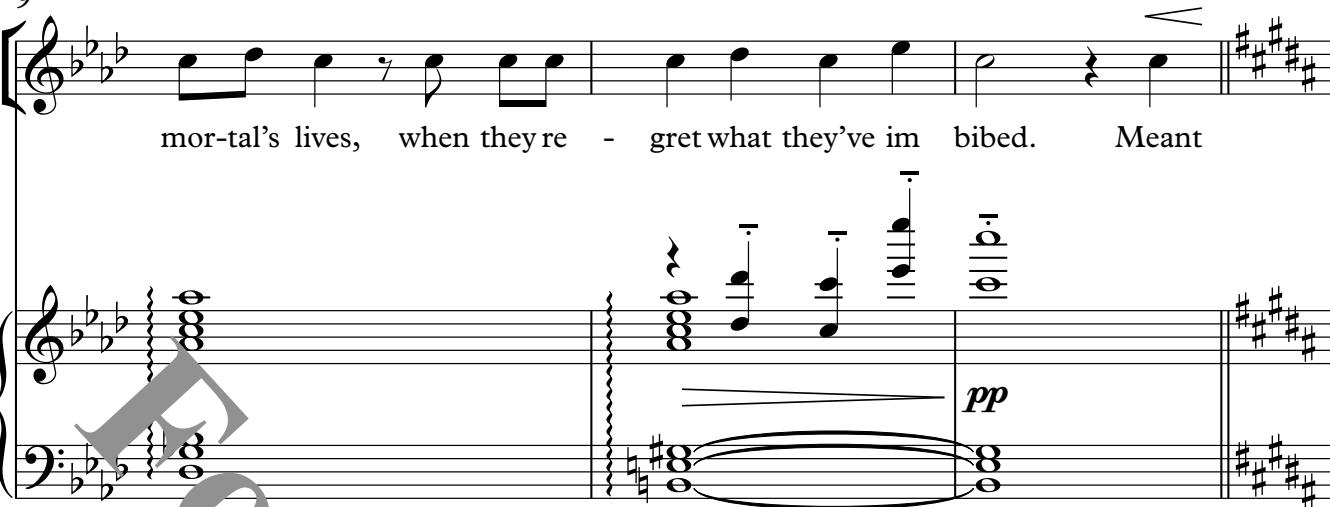
*meno p*

*mp*

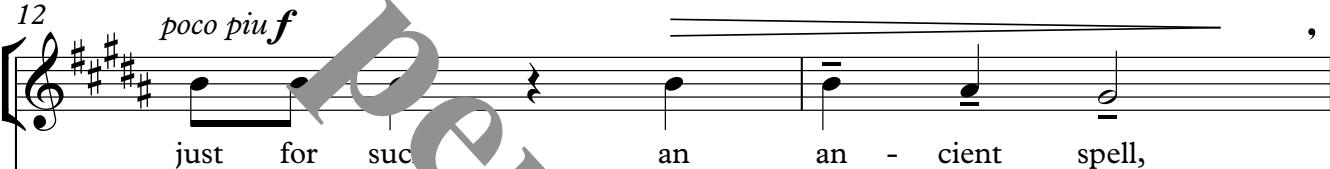
*mf*

*p*

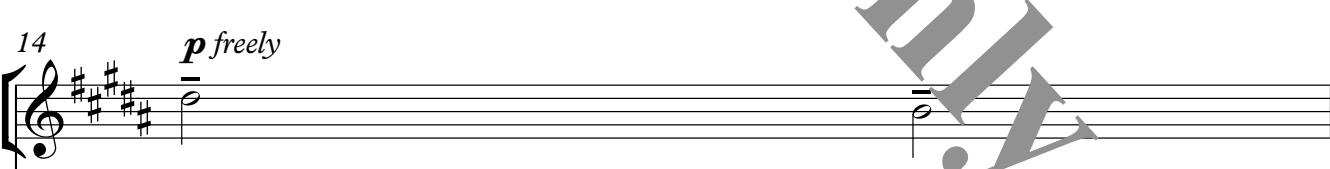
*ad lib.*

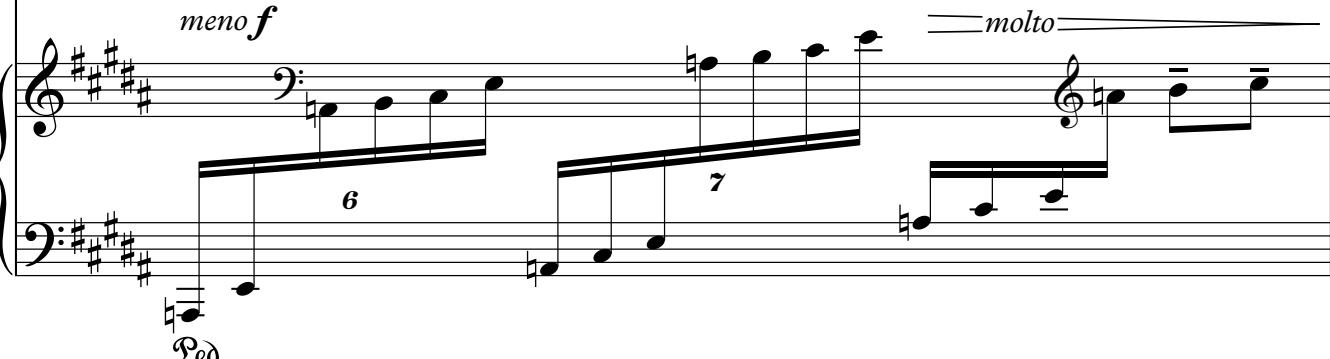
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Tiff.   
mor-tal's lives, when they re - gret what they've im bibed. Meant

Pno.

12  
Tiff.   
just for suc an an - cien spell,

Pno.

14  
Tiff.   
wor dy,

Pno. 

## A Spell for Sudden Sobriety

*rapido*

Tiff. 15 but in its words, a po - wer lies. In

a tempo ( $\text{d}=44$ ) *mp*

Pno. *ad lib.*

A little more lively, still rubato ( $\text{d}=50$ ) *poco rall..*

Tiff. form, it stands a rallye to Bac-chus, Ro-man God of Re - vels\_ and De-

Pno. *mf* *p*

a tempo ( $\text{d}=50$ ) *rall.* Freely ( $\text{d}=40$ ) *p dolce*

Tiff. bau-che-ry: To cleanse the bo - dy and make well, to“de-

Pno. *mp* *piu p*

23

Tiff. *p smooth, without any rhythmic accent* *poco*

Pno. *6 7 7 5*

re - vel" and "re -

25

Tiff. *bau - ce - rize."*

Pno. *p 6 7 7 5*

*sim.* *sub.f*

Lo stesso tempo ( $\text{♩}=40$ )

27

Tiff. *f feroce, invoking a god* *mf chant-like, rapido* *f*

Pno. *O Bac-che,<sup>1</sup> ti - bi lau-des cul-trix tu - an pli-ter bi - bit.*

*p*

*ad lib.*

<sup>1</sup> - When invoking any of the roman pantheon, it seems most fitting to appeal to them in the tongue that saw their greatest popularity, Latin. If the caster feels comfortable, they might even favor classical Latin pronunciation, as opposed to the more modern liturgical Latin. See performance notes for further details.

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30 *p with great reverence*

Tiff. *Migh-ty Bac-chus,* your ser-vant has most gen-er-ous-ly drunk thy lauds.

Pno. *f*

33 *f like before* *mf piu rapido* *—driving forward—* *ff*

Tiff. *O Bac-che, a t-a po-ten-ti-a, cul-tri-cem tu-am sa - na!*

Pno. *p*

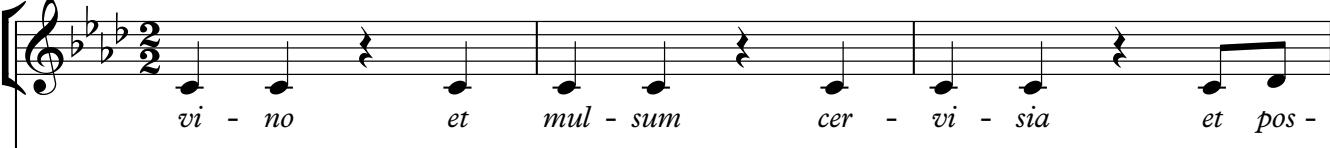
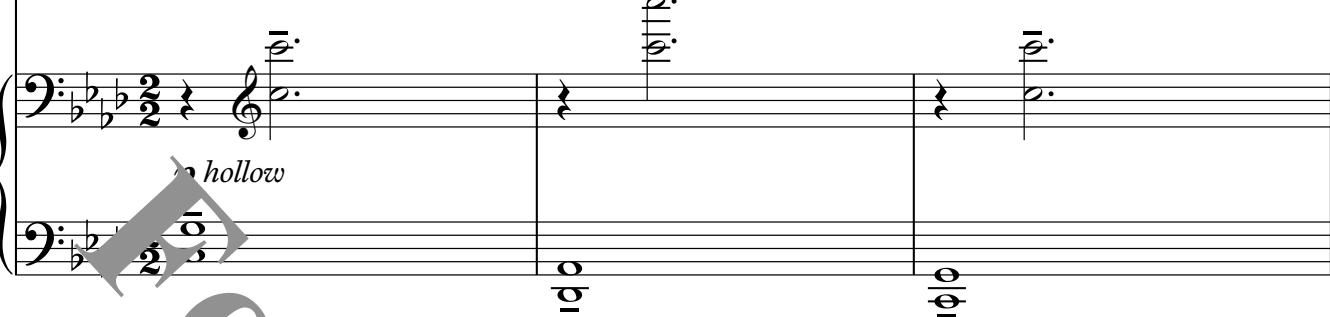
36 *p* *pp* *meno p*

Tiff. *Migh-ty Bac-chus,* through your po - wer, your ser-vant heal, from

Pno. *6* *2* *6* *2*

Very slow, at first ( $\text{♩}=76$ )

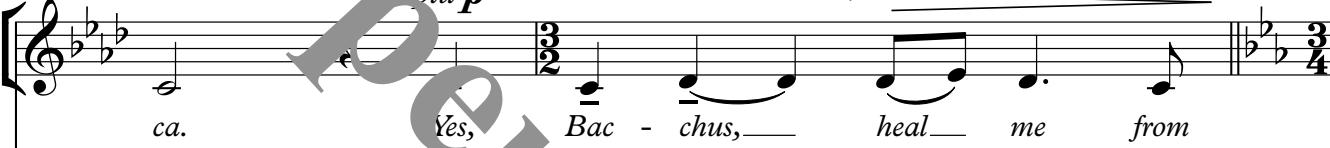
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Tiff. {  

Pno. { *hollow*

rall. a tempo ( $\text{♩}=76$ )

41

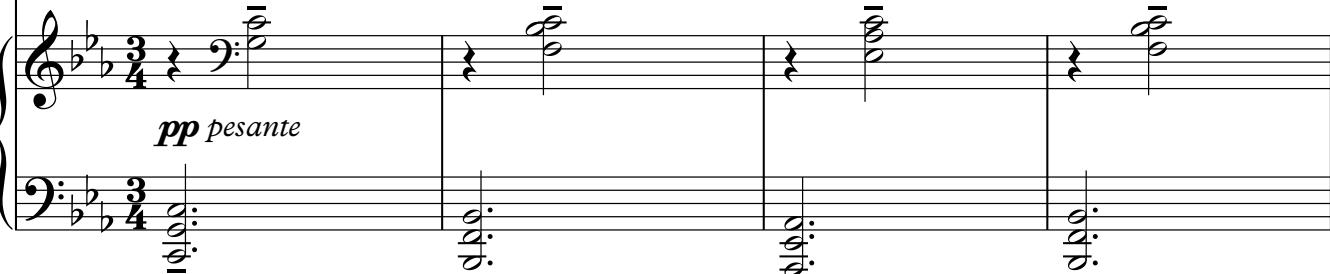
Tiff. {  

Pno. { *dim.*

Starting to move, just barely ( $\text{♩}=80$ )

*pp wistful, so soft that it's barely intelligible*

43

Tiff. {  

Pno. { *pp pesante*

A Spell for Sudden Sobriety

**molto stringendo**

47 —————— *subito cresc. molto* ——————

Tiff. *ice wines, sy - rahs, pi-not gris, char-don - nays.*

Pno. *p* *molto* *mf*

**Freely, almost improvisational ( $\text{♩}=80$ )**

51 *p recitativo, free* *3*

Tiff. *Al-so, Bac-chus heal me from,*

Pno. *p freely* *poco* *6* *mp* *6* *2* *3*

**Beginning rather moderately ( $\text{♩}=60$ )**

53 *mp warm*

Tiff. *beers and from ales, from meads and from ci - ders, from*

Pno. *mp gently, at first* *8va* *(colla voce)*

*sim.*

57

Tiff. *cresc.*

Pno. *poco cresc.*

*hard le - mo - nades, from stouts and from la - gers.*

*8va*

*mf*

*Ped.*

Moving forward ( $\text{♩} = 66$ )

61

Tiff. *mp*

Pno. *more urgent*

*mf*

*Al-so, if you would heal from*

A little faster ( $\text{♩} = 72$ )

63

Tiff. *mf with increasing fervor*

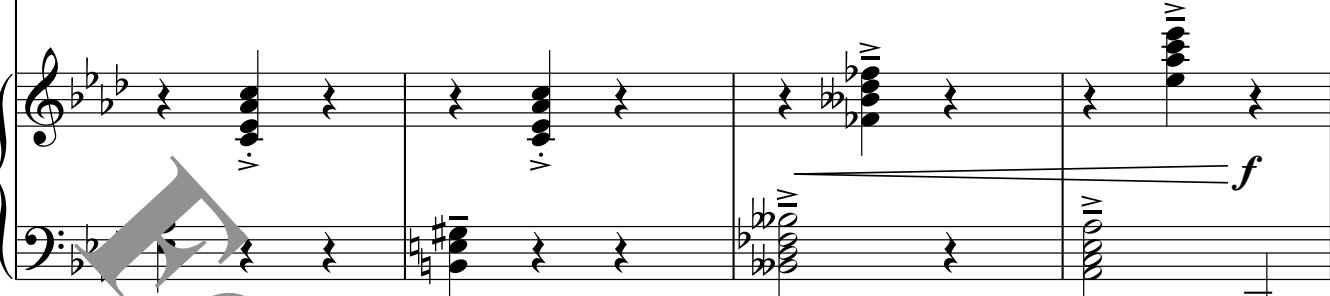
Pno. *mf a little spiky*

*si - decars, old - fash-ioneds, Long Is - land we teas, mo -*

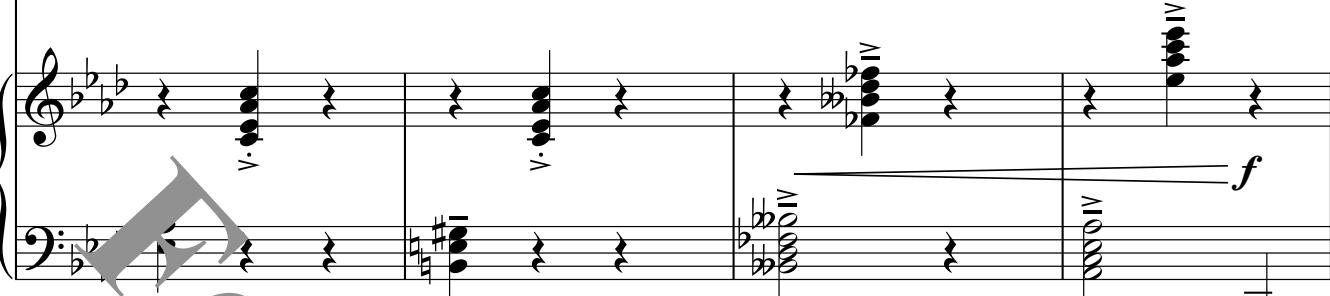
*8va*

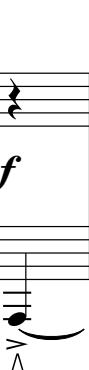
*senza ped.*

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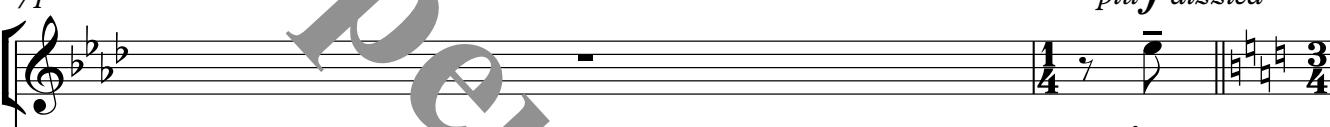
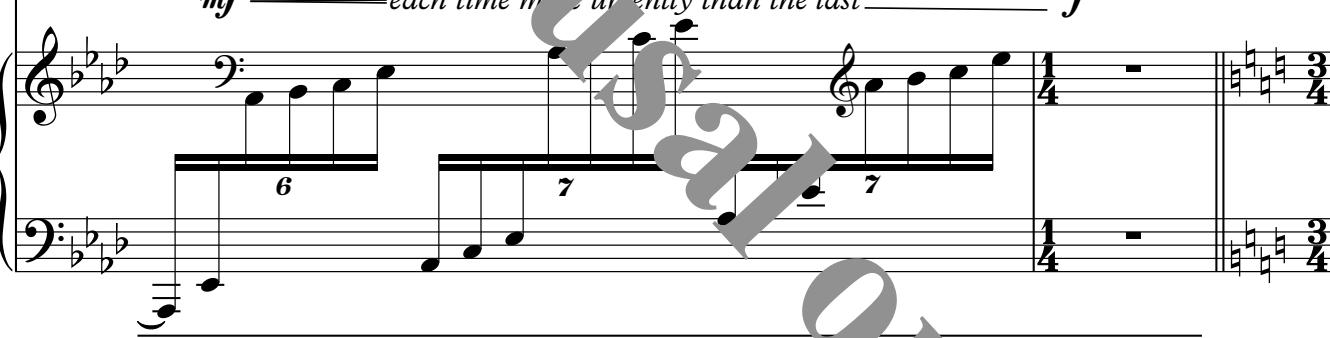
Tiff. {  

ji - tos, mi - mo - sas, hur - ri - canes, dai - qui - ris,

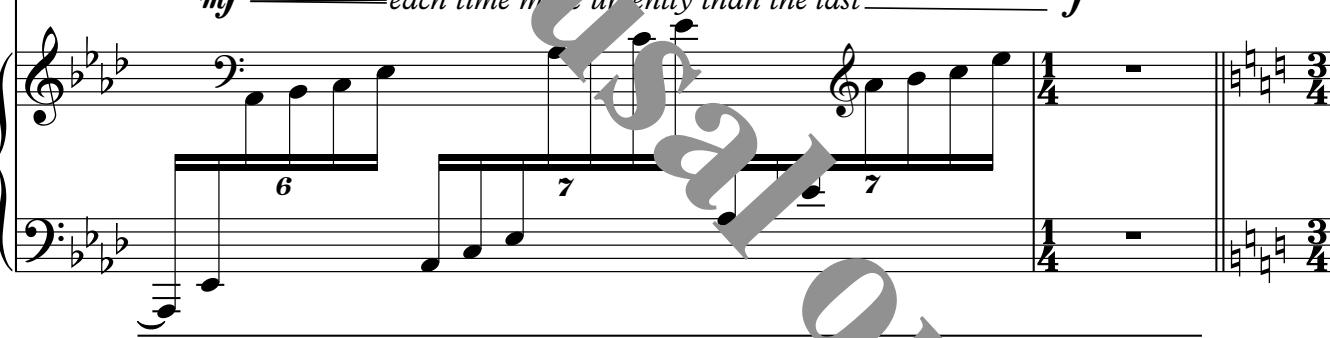
Pno. { 

Ped. 

Driving onward (♩.=80)

Tiff. {  

piu **f** dizzied

Pno. { 

*mf* ————— each time more urgently than the last ————— **f**

Faster yet (♩.=84)

Tiff. {  

Pi - ña Co - la - das, mint ju - leps, screw - dri - vers, man-

Pno. { 

(colla  
voce)

f blurred 

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61

77

Tiff. 

Pno.

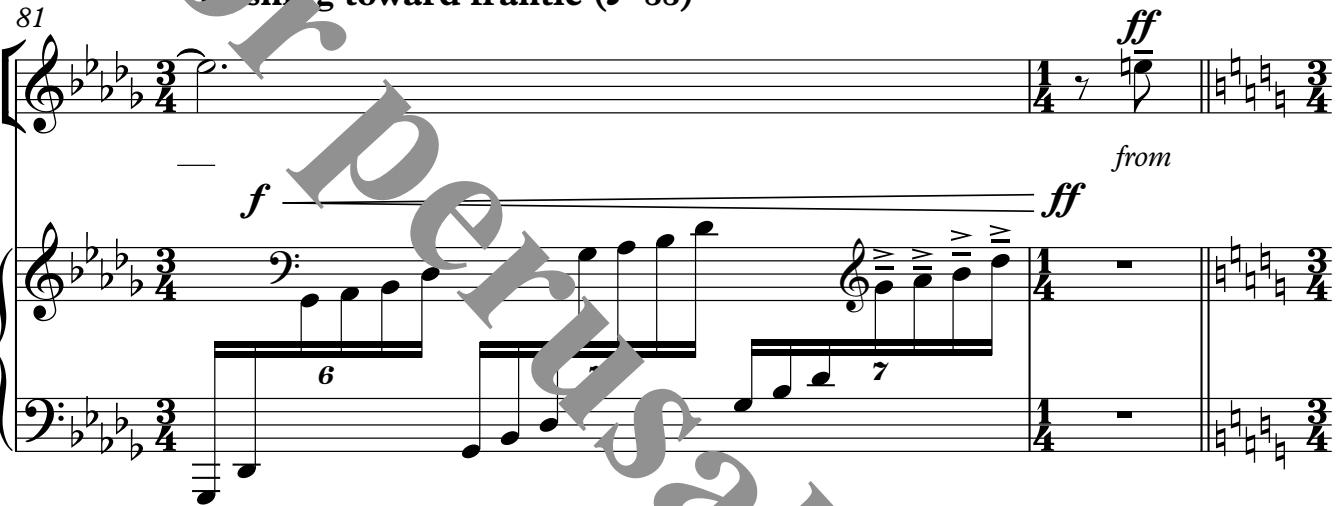
*hat - tans, white rus - sians, mos-cow mules, corpse re - vi - vers,<sup>2</sup>*

*ff*

*Led.*

Pushing toward frantic ( $\text{♩}=88$ )

81

Tiff. 

Pno.

*f*

*ff*

*from ff*

Lo stesso tempo ( $\text{♩}=88$ )

83

Tiff. 

Pno.

*ff feverish*

*sempre con pedale*

2 - Referring in this case to the alcoholic beverage, not the necromantic brew of the same name.

## A Spell for Sudden Sobriety

rall. - - - - - long

Tiff. 87 na - vels and cool - ers and fiz - zes and squee - zes, from

Pno.

(d.=.) a tempo, trying to stabilize (♩=88)

Tiff. 92 still *ff* resolute vod - ka from

Pno. (semper colla voce)

\* 6 Ped.

Tiff. 93 rum, from

Pno.

\*Piano notation shrunk here to allow space for figuration.

94

Tiff. *bour - bon, from*

Pno. *sempre sim.* *(b) 6* *8va*

95

Tiff. *bran - dy, from*

Pno. *8va* *6*

96

Tiff. *cresc. poco a poco gin, and te -*

Pno. *8va* *6*

*For performance only*

## A Spell for Sudden Sobriety

97

Tiff. *qui - la, ----- and e -*

Pno.

98

Tiff. *spe - - - cial - ly*

Pno.

99 *fff*

Tiff. *whis - - - key.*

Pno.

8va -----

Tiff.

Pno.

**a tempo** ( $\text{♩} = 88$ )

100 Ossia

Tiff. *O Migh - ty Bac - chus, through your po - wer, I'm  
meno f almost breathless cresc.*

Pno. *O Migh - ty Bac-chus, through your po - wer, I am*

(8)-

Pno. *fffm p Ped.*

**rall.** (♩ = 66) *fff*

102 Tiff. *healed!* *ffmf cresc.*

Pno. *8va* *fff*

**a tempo, recitativo** ( $\text{♩} = 44$ )

Tiff. *f forceful* *p almost apologetic*

(8)- *No - ta be - ne:* (Author's note:)

Pno. *p wimpy*

## A Spell for Gudger Gobrigg

Tiff. (♩=♩) *mp freely, quick recitativo*

Pno. *p mysteriously*

Tiff. (♩=♩)

Pno. *pp*

Tiff. (♩=♩)

Pno.

Tiff. *meno f*

Pno.

105 I've not, my - self, e-ver suc-cess-ful-ly per-

formed this spell. The

dic-tion and me-mo-ry re-quired for the in - can - ta - tion have

116 (♩=♩.)

Tiff. pro - ven quite dif - fi - cult,

Pno.

*p disappointedly*

*And.*

119 (♩=♩.)

Tiff. gi - ven the “state” the spell is meant to cor - rect.

Pno.

Slower than before (♩=100)  
molto rall.

122 *p warming a little*

Tiff. I have, how - e - ver, been as -

Pno. *pp piu pesante*

*poco*

*And.*

## A Spell for Sudden Sobriety

In time ( $\text{♩}=60$ )

124

Tiff. *cresc.*

sured \_\_\_\_\_ of its ef - fec - tive - ness by re -

Pno. *p* *8va*

Freely, recitativo ( $\text{♩}=60$ )

125 *mf* aside, a little derisive

Tiff. li - a ble, and ap-pa - et-ly more well-con-sti-tu-ted, fel-low prac - ti - tioners.

Pno. *mf*

Back in two ( $\text{♩}=60$ )

127 *mp non dim.* *mf*

Tiff. ners.

Pno. *pp* *mf* *pp* *p playful*

*ad lib.*

# Dedication - A Drop of Good

Magick is unique to each individual who invokes it.

It's my hope that each person here today at some point felt the magick inscribed in my tome, but if that's not the case for you, don't let that be cause for disbelief...

Magick comes in countless forms; it offers a perfect design for each individual experience. And even if it's often sensationalized, its depictions outright fictitious—that doesn't negate the truth behind them. There is a power in human will, and *that* is magick.

So, as we reach my final spell, I hope only that you might lend me your will... and see my words become truth:

*A single goal, through all my penning,  
is that this work, bears this one meaning:  
That through a smile, a laugh, or tear,  
I gift some good, to all those here.*

*A drop of good, at first alone,  
but then you add a drop your own.  
And as combine those drops of good,  
our drops become a tide, a flood.*

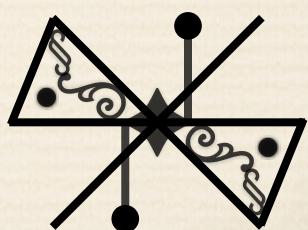
*Primeval force, all-overwhelming,  
our waters wash out, healing, helping!  
And then unveiled, both new and strange,  
as through our will, our world is changed.*

*When words cause change, through naught but will,  
then that, for me, makes Magick real.*

*But, as we've reached my work's conclusion,  
I now must end this fair illusion...*

And yet...

*If ever Magick you would seek,  
or if some spellwork you would do,  
Just turn these pages, read these words,  
and let this book sing out through you.*



# Dedication – A Drop of God

**Piano**

**Freely, slower than before ( $\text{♩}=48$ )**

*8va*

*still cantabile, but somewhat more marked*

*leō. & lib.*

**molto rall.**

**Tiff.**

**With a sense of timelessness ( $\text{♩}=40$ )**

*mp with significa-*

*Mag-ick\_ is u-nique to each in-di-vidual\_ who in - vokes it.*

*It's my*

**Pno.**

**Tiff.**

**Beginning slowly ( $\text{♩}=66$ )**

**poco a poco accel.**

*( $\text{♩}=\text{♩}$ )*

*pushing forward*

*mp*

*cresc.*

*hope that each per - son here to - day felt at some point the*

**Pno.**

*p cresc.*

*Ped.*

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**molto rall.**

Tiff. 8 *mf* mag-ick in-scribed in my tome, *mp* (brief) but if

Pno. *mf* *mp* *molto* *poco*

**Somber, a touch of reality (♩=66)** *poco dim.* *rall.* *p*

Tiff. 11 that not the case for yo... don't let that be cause for  
8va

Pno. *mp* (sub.) *haltingly* *sim.*

**Freely at first, but with growing urgency (♩=48)** *p recitative mysterious*

Tiff. 15 dis - be - lief... Mag-ick comes in count-less forms;  
(8)

Pno. *pp colla voce* *p murky*

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poco stringendo

17

Tiff.  it of - fers per - fect de -

Pno.  sim.

*mezzo p*

6

18

Tiff.  molto rall.

Pno.  sign

*mp*

6

19

Tiff.  Intensely ( $\text{J}=66$ ) *mp cresc. molto* for each in - di -

Pno.  *p cresc. poco a poco*

6 9 6 9 6 9 6 9

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21

Tiff. *f*

vi - du - al ex - per - i - ence.

Pno. {

*9:6*

*f*

rall.

23

Tiff. And e - ven if it's

Pno. { *molto*

Slowing gradually ( $\text{♩} = 44$ )      poco rall.      *meno f*

25 *mf*

Tiff. of - ten sen-sa - tion - a - lized, its de-pic-tions

Pno. { *mp freely, quasi-improvisatory*      *molto* (C)      *6*

*11*      *7*      (C)

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poco rall.

26 *a tempo (♩=40)*

Tiff. *mp* out - right fic - ti - tious, that

Pno. *meno f* *molto pp*

*Even slower (♩=36)*

Tiff. *rall.* *(♩=28)*

Pno. *pp molto >*

27 does - - - n't ne - gate the truth be-hind

Tiff. *p pp*

Pno. *2* *11* *pp* *mp mf*

Freely, timeless (♩=40)

29 *mp* *p with utmost sincerity* *3* >

Tiff. them. There is a power in hu-man will\_ and that is

Pno. *p pp* *3* *2*

*3* *2*

*Ped.*

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Tiff. *p* mag - ick.

Pno. *p* *pp*

So, as we

*Lo stessa tempo, with rubato ( $\text{♩}=40$ )*

*mp comfortably, genuine*

Tiff. *3* reach my fi-na-sp<sub>l</sub>, I hope on *-* ly *that you might*

(more evenly than before)

Pno. *3* *molto* *p iup sim.*

*9*

*9*

*6* *6*

Tiff. *3* lend me your will... *molto r. l.* *p* *barely susn* *pp*

Pno. *3* *molto r. l.* *p* *sim.* *pp* *ppp*

*34*

*3*

*9*

*6*

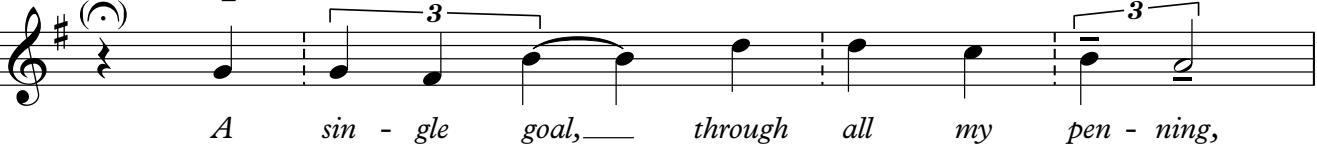
Tiff. lend me your will... and see my words be-come truth:

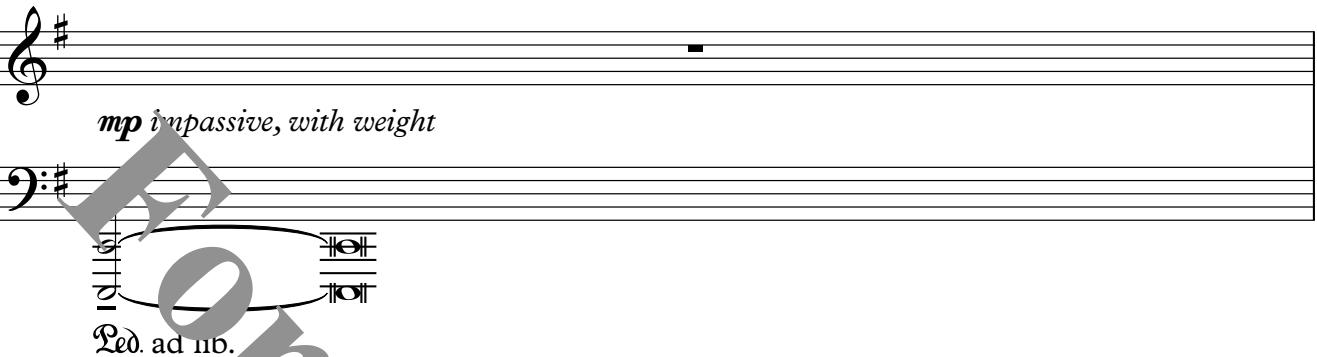
Pno. *p* *sim.* *pp* *ppp*

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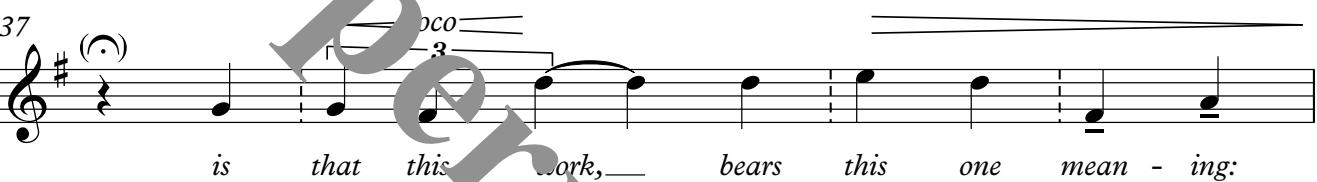
**With great import ( $\text{d}=40$ )**

36 long *mp starting simply, baring her intension to the world* **poco rall.**

Tiff. 

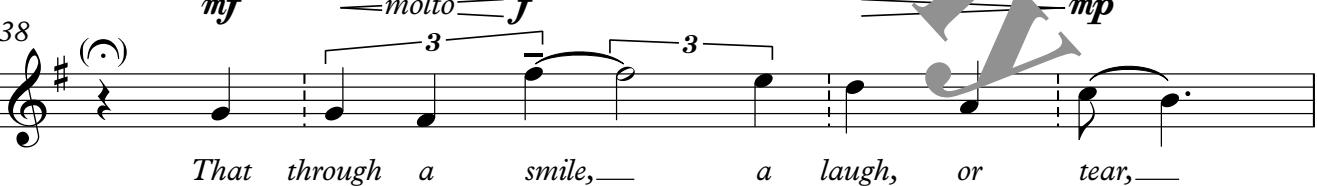
Pno. *mp impassive, with weight*  


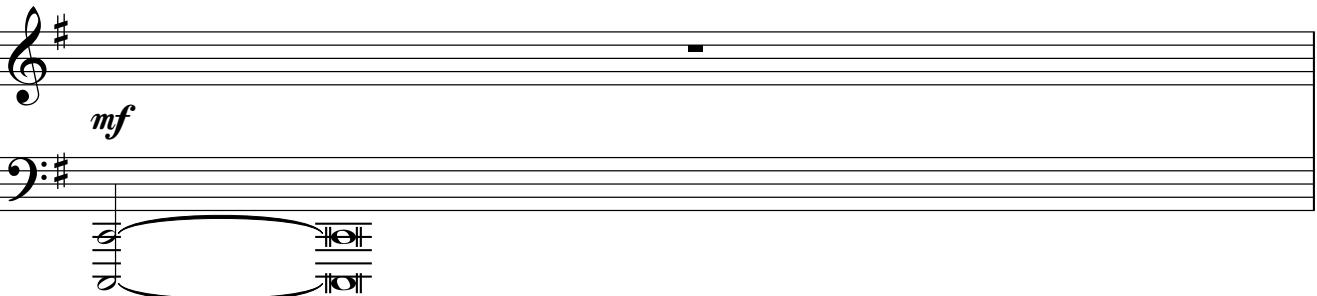
a tempo ( $\text{d}=40$ ) **poco rall.**

37 Tiff. 

Pno. *poco piu f*  


a tempo ( $\text{d}=40$ ) **poco rall.**

38 Tiff. *mf* *molto f* *mp*  


Pno. *mf*  


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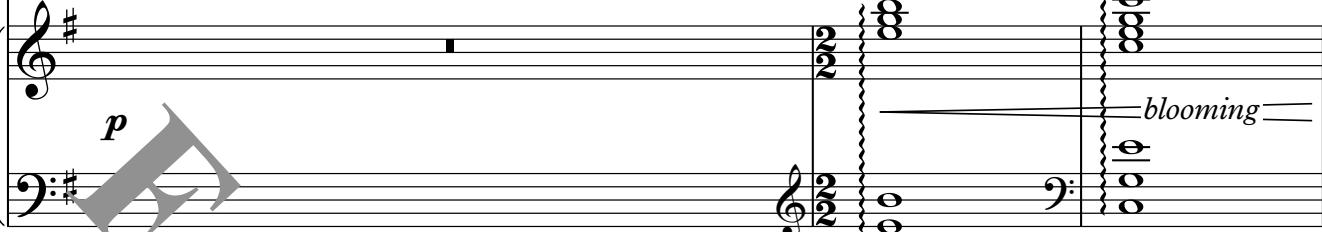
poco rall.

a tempo ( $\text{♩}=40$ )

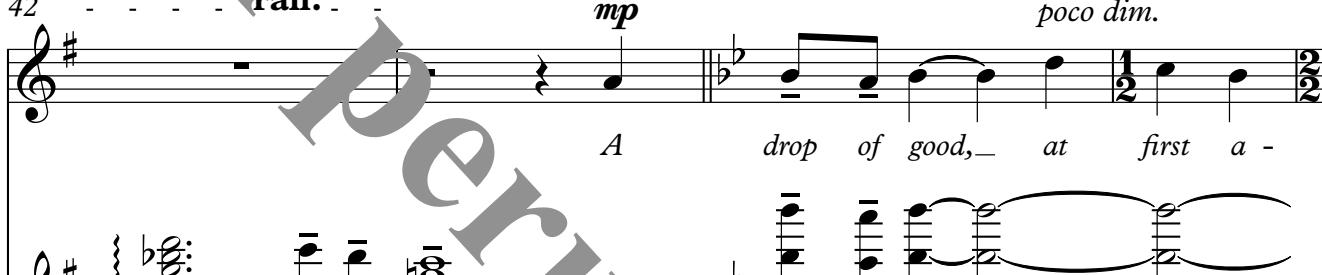
poco stringendo

Tiff. 39 

I gift some good, to all those here.

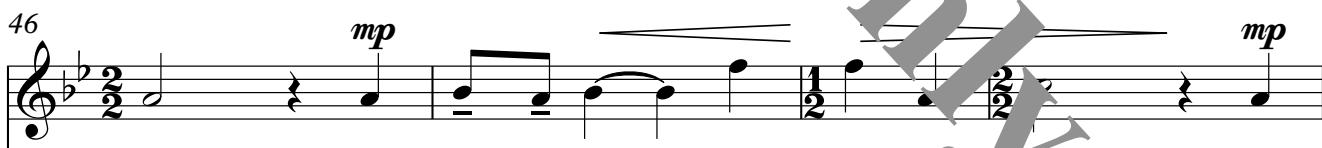
Pno. 

*blooming*

Tiff. 42 

rall. *A drop of good, at first a -*

Pno. 

Tiff. 46 

*alone, but then you add a drop your own. And*

Pno. 

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rall.

Suspended ( $\text{d}=40$ )

Tiff. 50 *mf* 3 *mp*,  
*as com-bine those drops of good, our drops bec-come a*

Pno. *8va* 3 *f* 3 *p*  
*mp* *mp* *f* *p* *mp*



*a tempo ( $\text{d}=48$ )*  
*poco stringendo*

Tiff. 54 *p poco cresc* *mf*  
*tide, a flood.*

Pno. *pp* *p* *mf* *8va*  
*ped. ad lib.*

**Unrelenting, inevitable ( $\text{d}=52$ )**

Tiff. 57 *ff with abandon*  
*Prim-e-val force, all o ver-whelm-ing, our wa-ters wash out,*

Pno. *(8)* *ff* *ff* *ff*  
*always marked, foundational*

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**poco rall.****a tempo ( $\text{d}=52$ )****meno f**

60

Tiff.

heal - ing, help - ing! And then un- veiled, both new and strange,

Pno.

**rall****molto rall.**

63

Tiff.

as through our will our world is

Pno.

colla voce

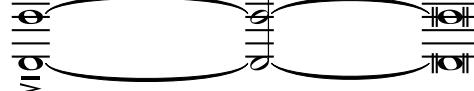
**As before ( $\text{d}=40$ )****poco rall.*****sfp* = poss. =****long (C)*****mp* heartfelt**

Tiff.

changed.

When words cause change, through naught but will,

Pno.

***fff***

三

# a tempo ( $\text{♩}=40$ )      Dedication - A Drop of God rall.

A musical score for 'Tiff.' in G major, 6/8 time. The vocal line consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "then that, for me, makes mag - ick". The score includes a treble clef, a sharp sign for G major, a 6/8 time signature, and a dynamic marking of 'z' (staccato). The vocal line starts on a quarter note, followed by eighth and sixteenth note patterns corresponding to the lyrics.

Pno.

*p but with same weight*

6  
8

6  
8

**Reminicence (♩=52)      ral. . . . Like the very beginning (♩=48)**

Musical score for Tiff. and Pno. Measure 68: Tiff. plays a dotted quarter note, followed by a rest. Pno. plays a half note. Measure 69: Tiff. plays a half note. Pno. plays eighth notes. Measure 70: Tiff. plays a half note. Pno. plays eighth notes. Measure 71: Tiff. plays a half note. Pno. plays eighth notes.

Musical score for Tiff. at measure 71. The vocal line starts with a dynamic **p** and instruction *freely, recit.*, followed by a measure with a 3 overline. The lyrics "But, as we've reached my work's conclusion," are written below the notes. The dynamic changes to **mp** with a 3 overline, and the vocal line continues. The score includes a large, semi-transparent watermark of a person in a dynamic pose.

Musical score for piano, measures 9-10. The score consists of two staves. The left staff (treble clef) starts with a dynamic *p*. The right staff (bass clef) starts with a dynamic *p* and a sixteenth-note pattern. Measure 9 ends with a fermata over the bass note. Measure 10 begins with a sixteenth-note pattern on the bass staff.

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Tiff. *pp dolce, with absolute freedom*

Pno. (repeating, quickly at first, but then slowing dramatically under the voice's final two notes)

9

6

75

Tiff. *barely sung, with a sense of incompleteness*

Pno. And yet... *8va*

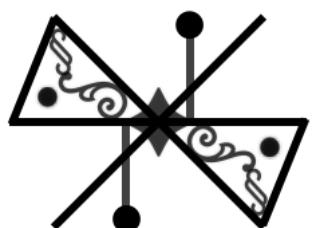
(sustain, allowing it to fade completely under the spoken text)

*pppp barely audibl*

3

(spoken)

*If ever Magick you would seek,  
or if some spellwork you would do,  
Just turn these pages, read these words,  
and let this book sing out through you.*





## Performance Notes

### **Designing a Performance:**

These songs are welcome to be performed individually, but if performed together, as a song cycle, it is important that the performance begin with “Foreword” and end with “Dedication - A Drop of Good.” Aside that ordering, the performers can choose any number of the internal spells to perform and can perform them in any order. The spells are set in such a way as to be performed *attacca*, each directly into the next. The performers are welcome to hold in between movements for applause, or water, or however, but theatrically, the work is meant to be continuous, the spellbook’s illusion carrying over from one movement to the next.

### **Notes on performance and interpretation:**

This work is designed to be performed with the score in hand - the spellbook itself functions as a vital component of the performance. This comes with this fortuitous boon of being to give a compelling realization of the work while using the sheet music, if the singer so desires. If, on the other hand, the singer would rather not be looking at the score while performing, reading instead from the included text-only versions of the spells, or reading from a prop spellbook (rather than the score) both would serve as convincing alternatives.

Also, my metronome markings throughout the work are always approximate—suggestions of fitting tempos for passages and expressions of how sections within movements relate to one another. The many tempo markings throughout this work are meant to help guide performers through these pieces, but never, *ever*, to hinder interpretation or performance of these songs. The numbers on the page are only there to serve as a starting point.

### **Song specific notes:**

“A Spell for Sudden Sobriety” - If wanting to use classical latin pronunciation, rather than the more commonplace liturgical latin, here are a few quick notes for the performer’s reference on the handful of differences between the two. In classical latin, *g* and *c* both always take the “hard” (as in “guide” or “cart”), regardless of what vowels follow them. Also, the pronunciation of the letter *t* is unaffected by a subsequent *i*, and so it always pronounced as in the english word “tea.” The letter *s* is always unvoiced, even when used intervocally (so, pronounced like “soup,” not “use”). Other than that, the letter *v*, some uses of the letter *i*, and several diphthongs are pronounced strikingly differently, but none of those things come up in the latin that appears “A Spell for Sudden Sobriety,” so are not really of concern here!



## List of Songs by Author of Text

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Duration &amp; Range</u>
Foreword (p. 3)	Evan L. Snyder	4:15
Dedication - A Drop of Good (p. i)	Evan L. Snyder	5:00
The Elixir of Exactly Eight Hours of Sleep™ (p. 17)	Evan L. Snyder	3:30
A Do-Little Potion: For Conversing with Animals (p. 30)	Tamara Wilson	2:45
Practical Practices, for When Plagued by a Plague (p. 41)	Evan L. Snyder	3:00
A Spell for Sudden Sobriety (p. 52)	Evan L. Snyder	4:45

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