

Shortening Days

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senza misura

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 84$

Voice

The first fire since the summer is lit, and is smoking in-to the

Violin I

con sord.
pp *ppp* *mp*

Violin II

con sord.
pizz
arco
ppp *ppp*

Viola

con sord.
ppp *p*

Violoncello

con sord.
pizz
ppp *pp*

Vce.

room: The sun-rays thread it through, like woof-lines in a loom.

Vln. I

p *mf* *pp* s.p.

Vln. II

senza sord.
s.p.
pp

Vla.

mp *p* *pppp*

Vc.

arco
p *pppp*

poco rit. . . a tempo

* Arrangement made from Boosey & Hawkes 2008 edition of the score. With thanks for their permission.

push forwards a little

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Vce. Spar-rows spurt from the hedge, whom mis-giv - ings ap - pal that
ord senza sord.

Vln. I *mp* *pp* *mp* *pp*

Vln. II ord *p* *pp*

Vla. senza sord. *p* *mp* *pp*

Vc. senza sord. *pp*

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Vce. win - ter did not leave last year for ev - er, af - ter all.

Vln. I *pp* *p*

Vln. II *mp* *p* *mp* *p*

Vla. *mp* *p*

Vc. *p* pizz arco *mp*

rit.

a tempo

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Vce. Like shock-head-ed ur-chins spi-ny-haired, Stand pol-lard wil-lows

Vln. I pizz *mp* arco *p* s.p.

Vln. II pizz *mp* arco *p* s.p.

Vla. pizz *mp* arco *p* s.p.

Vc. pizz *mp* arco *p* s.p.

Con moto maestoso

♩ = c. 100 [We agreed under this is better]

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Vce. — their twigs just bared.

Vln. I ord pizz arco *pp*

Vln. II ord pizz arco *pp*

Vla. ord pizz arco *pp*

Vc. ord pizz arco *pp* pizz *pp pesante*

8 *cresc. poco a poco*

Vce. who is this com-ing with pon-dering pace, black and rud-dy, with white em -

Vln. I *cresc. poco a poco*

Vln. II *cresc. poco a poco*

Vla. *cresc. poco a poco*

Vc. *cresc. poco a poco*

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Vce. bossed, His eyes be-ing black, and rud-dy his face and the marge of his hair like morn-ing

Vln. I *in rilievo*

Vln. II *in rilievo*

Vla. *in rilievo*

Vc. *arco*

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Vce. frost? _____ it's the ci - der ma - ker, And ap - ple tree

Vln. I *mp* *legato*
cresc. poco a poco

Vln. II *mp* *legato*
cresc. poco a poco

Vla. *mp* *legato*
cresc. poco a poco

Vc. *mp* *cresc. poco a poco* *legato*

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Vce. sha - ker_ And be - hind him on wheels, in read - i - ness, _____ His mill, _____ and tubs, _____

Vln. I *cresc. poco a poco*

Vln. II *cresc. poco a poco*

Vla. *cresc. poco a poco*

Vc. *cresc. poco a poco*

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Vce. — and vat, and press.

Vln. I *fff*

Vln. II *fff*

Vla. *fff*

Vc. *fff*