Life a Glass Window

Three songs based on the poetry of Thomas Lovell Beddoes (1803-1849)

for Tenor and Piano

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Based on excerpts from Poems (1851) by Thomas Lovell Beddoes (1803-1849)

Andantino, poco allegretto ma fermamente  I: Dirge  

music: Justin Henry Rubin (2015)

To her couch of evening rest, 'Neath the sun's,

vi - nest west,

in the si - lent car,

Bear we,

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This consumed incense star,

This dear maid whose life is shed,

And whose sweets are sweetly dead,
Molto rit., molto dim.

dead, dead.

dead.

II: Life a Glass Window (a fragment)

Vellutato, ma con poco moto

Rit.

mp a tempo

Let him lean Against his life, that
A glassy interval

Twixt us and

Rit., a tempo

us and nothing, us and nothing,

Molto rit.

thing; us and nothing;

a tempo

and, upon the ground Of his
own slip'ry breath, draw

cresc. poco a poco

hue-less dreams, draw
cresc. poco a poco
Poco rit. a tempo f p Rit.
hue-less dreams, And gaze, And

Molto rit.
gaze, And gaze on frost-work hopes.
a tempo

Un-cour-te-ous Death

Molto rit.

Knuck-les Knuck-les the pane,

[loco]

III: Kisses

Moderato waltz

Her kiss- ses are
Rit.

soft as a snow-tuft in the dew-less cup

a tempo

Her kisses are

Rit.

soft as a snow-tuft in the dew-less cup

a tempo

Of a redoubled rose,
Of a redoubled rose, a tempo

noiselessly noiselessly

falling falling falling
When heaven, heaven, heaven, heaven, heaven, is brim full of starry, starry night.

Rit. poco a poco al fine