On a Beautiful Sunset

for

Contralto and Piano

by

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On a Beautiful Sunset
for contralto and piano

after the poem by Henry Ellison (a.k.a. Henry Browne) (1811-1890)
from the collection The Poetry of Real Life (1851)

Intimissimo, con poco rubato

music: Justin Henry Rubin (2013)
The Sun is sinking, and, as he sinks He
kisses the green brows of Earth once more,

Seeming to linger

o'er sea and shore,
And, as endow'd with sense, to pause, and think How love-ly his own work,
on ocean's brink!
As if he sorrow'd that his time was o-ver, And gather'd
all his love-li-ness

in store

Into one par

ting glo-ry!  Oh love-ly sight!

E'en as some an-gel, par

ting in the light...

a tempo primo

So sinks yon' Sun, in glo-ry in-finite,

And
leaves And leaves And leaves the Earth

behind him sanctified!

[lunga]