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NEVER SEEK TO TELL THY LOVE

for 3-part mixed voices and piano, with oboe/C-instrument*

Words by
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Music by
SHERRI PORTERFIELD

Gently, with rubato (♩ = ca. 76-80)

OBOE/
C-INSTRUMENT

mp

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PIANO

mp

4

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Oboe/C-instrument part is on pages 11-12.

7 (tacet to m. 25)

rall. *a tempo* *p*

rall. *a tempo*

10 PART I 11 *mp*

PART II Nev - er seek to

PART III *mp* Nev - er seek to

13

tell thy love, — Love that nev - er told can

16 *rall.* 17 *a tempo* *mf*

be; Nev-er seek, nev-er seek to

Nev - er seek, nev-er seek to

rall. *a tempo* *mf*

19 21

tell thy love, the

For the gen-tle wind doth move,

22 *mp* *p* *rall.*

gen-tle wind doth move so si - lent-ly, in - vis - i -

mp *p*

mp *p* *rall.*

25 *a tempo*

bly. I told my

mf 27

OBOE/C-INSTRUMENT

mp *mf*

a tempo mp *mf*

28

love, I told my love all my heart.

mf

31 *sub. p* *cresc.* *f*

Trem - bling cold, trem - bling cold in ghast - ly fear ____

sub. p *cresc.* *f*

Trem-bling cold, trem-bling cold, trem-bling cold in ghast - ly fear ____

sub. p *cresc.* *f*

34 *mp* *rall.*

she did de - part. ____

mp

she did de - part. ____ (I told her all my

mp *rall.*

mp *rall.*

37 *a tempo* *rit.* *a tempo*

heart.) _____

a tempo *rit.* *a tempo*

a tempo *rit.* *a tempo* *mp*

40 *mp*

Nev er seek to

mp

Nev - er seek to

mp

43

tell thy love, — Love that nev - er told can

46

rall. 47 *a tempo* *mf*

be; — Nev - er seek, nev - er seek to

mp *mf*

Nev - er seek, nev - er seek to

rall. *a tempo* *mp* *mf*

rall. *a tempo* *mf*

49

tell thy love, For the gen-tle wind doth move,

the

52

so si-lent-ly, so

gen-tle wind doth move, the gen-tle wind doth move,

55 *mp* si - lent-ly, moves so si - lent-ly, *mp*

the gen - tle wind moves so si - lent-ly, *mp*

58 *rit.* *a tempo* 60 in - vis - i - bly.

rit. *a tempo*

rit. *a tempo*

61 *rall.* *a tempo* *rit.*

rall. *a tempo* *rit.*

rall. *a tempo* *rit.*

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8

11 6 17 4

rall. *a tempo* *p*

21 4 27

mp *mf*

28 31

sub. p

32 *cresc.* *f* *mp*

36 2 41

rall. *a tempo* *rit.* *a tempo* *mp*

43 *rall.*

47 *a tempo* *mf*

51

55 *mp* *rit.*

59 *a tempo* *rall.* *a tempo* *rit.*

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