

the ritual of grief

rico gerber

Piano

♩ = 80

Pno.

6 8

p 7:4 *p* 7:4 *pp* 7:4

mf

mp

pp

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Pno.

9 8

7:4 *pppp*

pppp

pppp

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13 8

subito
mp

ff

Pno.

14 8

sf 7:4

sf depress keys silently to "catch" the echo of the previous struck chord

pppp

Pno.

—————*

16 8

pp

ff

Pno.

Tea.

Pno.

17 8

17

pp

ff *p*

sf sf as before

pppp

Pno.

19 8

pppp

meno mosso misterioso e delicato

ppp

♩ = 50

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f

fer.

Pno.

24 8

pp *m.s.*

pp *m.s.*

29 8

Pno.

34 8

Pno.

38 8

Pno.

poco rit

43 8

Pno.

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inspired by the following poem by Bernard Ward

The Ritual of Grief

Wind blew across the pool

always here
In the quiet of love

Unheralded by flares by masts snapping
With flags the sound of air

When everything is gone
The strengthening of light on the stair

Flower of despair
For the present only thought

Will be your shelter
clad in garments washed by the rainbow

Formal with time
...odd light and dry