

Because I Could Not Stop for Death

(Low Voice)

Poem: Emily Dickinson

Setting: David Avshalomov

Andante ♩ = 64

5

stately
mf

p

no pedal

mf BE- CAUSE I *p* could not stop for Death he

kind - ly stopped for me; The Car-riage held but just our-selves and Im-mor-tal-i-ty.

sostenuto

20

We slow-ly drove, he knew no haste, and I had put a-way

cantabile

sost.

use pedal

25

my la-bor, and my lei-sure too, ——— for his civ-il - i - ty — .

30

elegantly sad

mf *p* *mp*

35

mp We

mf *pedal freely* *f*

40

passed the school where child - ren played at wrest - ling in a ring; we

p sost.

45

passed the fields of gaz - ing grain we passed the set - ting sun. We paused be - fore a

pp

50

house that seemed a swell - ing in the ground; the roof was scarce - ly

55

vis - i - ble the corn - ice but a mound

p

solenne

pp

mf

65

p

pp

70

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mp

mf

p

Poco Meno Mosso

♩ = 54

75

Rit.

p

pp

no pedal

Since then 'tis cent-ur-ies;

but each feels short - er than the day _____ I first sur - mised the

Red. L.V.

Riten.

A tempo II

horses' *mf* heads _____ were toward e - ter - ni - ty.

mf *mf* *mf* *Red.*

Riten.

p (be - cause I could not stop)

p *colla voce* *sf* *mp* *p*