

# STAR SONNET

Daniel Elder  
from *Three Nocturnes*

Largo espressivo ♩ = 52

S, A unis.

*mp*

In still-ness high a-bove the slum-b'ring shore, where wist-ful

T, B unis.

*p sotto voce*

O Star, O Star,

waves of foam ca-ress the sand, a si-lent watch-man o'er the dark-ened

O Star,

land, a-drift ce-les-tial seas of twi-light soars.

O Star, O Star.

Poco meno mosso

a - bove the shore,

11 *pp scuro*

In still - ness high a - bove the slum - b'ring shore,

*pp scuro* *mp*

In still - ness high a - bove the slum - b'ring shore, Where wist - ful

*pp scuro*

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*pp scuro*

In still - ness high a - bove the slum - b'ring shore,

(rehearsal only)

15

*p* *pp*

a si - lent, dark - ened land.

*p* *pp*

a si - lent, dark - ened land.

*p* *pp* *p leggero*

waves of foam ca - ress the sand, a si - lent watch - man o'er the dark - ened land, a -

*p* *pp*

a si - lent land.

*p* *pp*

a si - lent land.

19 *p* *leggero* *mp*

a - drift ce - les-tial seas of twi - light soars. She

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*p* *leggero*

a - drift ce - les-tial seas of twi - light soars.

*p* *leggero*

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23 *Più mosso*  $\text{♩} = 60$  *passionato* *p*

pass - es soft - ly in the heav - ens deep— her sil - ver

*passionato* *p*

pass - es soft - ly in the heav - ens deep— her sil - ver

*mp* *passionato* *p*

She pass - es soft - ly in the heav - ens deep— her sil - ver

*mp* *passionato* *p*

She pass - es soft - ly in the heav - ens deep— her sil - ver

26

*con moto mp f*

skin a - glow with ra - diant hue, her eyes en - chant - ing globes of

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Meno mosso

29

*mp p trasparente*

glit - t'ring dew; through rays of moon - light rich with heav' n - ly sleep.

*mp p trasparente pp*

glit - t'ring dew; through rays of moon - light rich with heav' n - ly sleep. What

*mp p trasparente*

glit - t'ring dew; through rays of moon - light rich with heav' n - ly sleep.

*mp p trasparente*

glit - t'ring dew; through rays of moon - light rich with heav' n - ly sleep.

32 Grave ♩ = 48

*pp dolce* *mp*

What dreams have I — that she should give them flight, en -

*dolce* *mp*

dreams — have I that she should give them flight, en -

*pp dolce* *mp*

What dreams have I that she should give them flight,

*pp dolce* *mp*

What dreams have I that she should give them flight, —

Con moto passionato ♩ = 56

35 *ppp* *pp* *mp*

liv - ened What, (ah)

*pp* *mp*

liv-ened in a mo - men - ta - ry flame: what fears of hope un-found-ed could she

*pp* *mp*

in a flame: what fears of hope un-found-ed could she

*pp* *mp*

what fears of hope un-found-ed could she

38 *Meno mosso*

*mf* *p* *pp*

could she tame To joy, could she tame To joy.

tame, could she tame To joy, could she tame To joy.

tame, could she tame joy, joy.

tame, joy, joy. a -

41 *Molto più mosso* ♩ = 72 *mf*

a - ris - ing toward the hov - 'ring height!

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43 *molto rit.* **Molto meno mosso** ♩ = 92 *p* *poco accel.*

O, — Beam-ing Star, il - lu - mine heav-en's floor Un -

*mp* *p* *poco accel.*

O, Beam - ing — Star, il - lu - mine heav-en's floor, O, Star, Un -

*p* *poco accel.*

O, Star, O, — Beam-ing Star, il - lu - mine heav-en's floor Un -

*p* *poco accel.*

O, Beam-ing Star, il - lu - mine heav-en's floor Un -

46 *più mosso* *poco accel.*

til the sun should bear its light once more. Un - til the sun should bear its light once

*più mosso* *poco accel.*

til the sun — once more. Un - til the sun should bear its light once

*più mosso* *poco accel.*

til the sun, — Un - til — the sun should bear its light once

*più mosso* *poco accel.*

til the sun, Un - til the sun should bear its light once

Brillante ♩ = 56

Tempo I° ♩ = 52

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*ff* *mp* *molto rubato*

more. \_\_\_\_\_ once more, \_\_\_\_\_

*ff* *p* *molto rubato*

more. \_\_\_\_\_ once more, once more, once

*ff* *p* *molto rubato* *p*

more. \_\_\_\_\_ once more, once more, once O,

*ff* *p* *molto rubato* *pp*

more. \_\_\_\_\_ once more, once more, once more. \_\_\_\_\_

53

*p*

(hum)

*p*

(hum)

Star, \_\_\_\_\_ O, Star, \_\_\_\_\_

In still-ness high a - bove the slumb - 'ring shore, \_\_\_\_\_ Where wist - ful

*mp*

*p* (hum)



56

*mp*  
A si - lent watch-man o'er the dark - ened  
O, Star,  
waves of foam ca - ress the sand;  
*(p)*  
(hum)

**Meno mosso**  
59  
*leggero* *pp*

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*(p) leggero* *pp*

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