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ODE on SOLITUDE

for solo tenor, piccolo trumpet
and piano (or organ)

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Music

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Ode on Solitude

For Piccolo trumpet, high tenor voice, and piano 3'

Commissioned by Pat Shaner (trumpet) for himself and his son, Hunter (tenor)

The text is from the poem *Ode on Solitude* by Alexander Pope

*Happy the man, whose wish and care
A few paternal acres bound,
Content to breathe his native air,
In his own ground.*

*Whose herds with milk, whose fields with bread,
Whose flocks supply him with attire,
Whose trees in summer yield him shade,
In winter fire.*

*Blest, who can unconcernedly find
Hours, days, and years slide soft away,
In health of body, peace of mind,
Quiet by day,*

*Sound sleep by night; study and ease
Together mixed; sweet recreation;
And innocence, which most does please,
With meditation.*

*Thus let me live unseen, unknown;
Thus unlamented let me die;
Steal from the world, and not a stone
Tell where I lie.*

Program notes by the composer:

I found the text to be full of confidence, self fulfillment, and joy at being solitary. Therefore, the tune is quite lively, very bold, and a little bit "huntsman", given Hunter's name, and the fact that Alexander Pope was an English 18th century poet.

Jim Stephenson, 2015

Score

for Hunter Shaner, commissioned by his father, Pat Shaner

Ode on Solitude

James M. Stephenson
Text by: Alexander Pope

Spirito

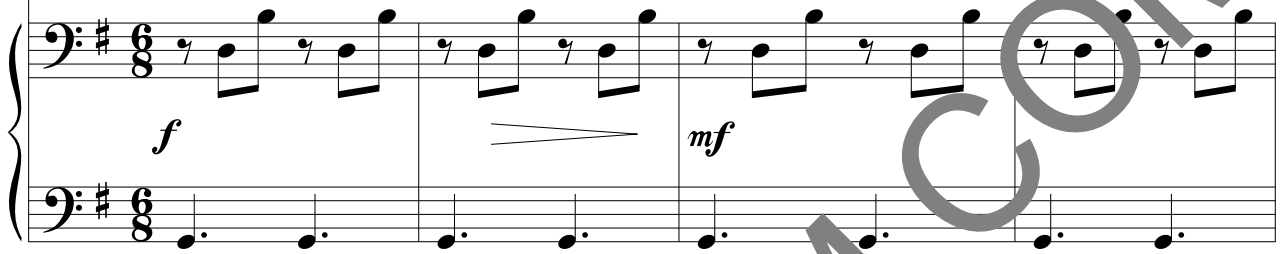
mf

Tenor



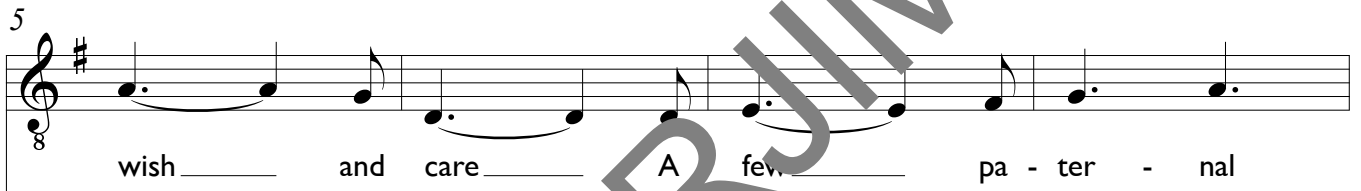
Hap-py the man, _____ whose

Piano



f *mf*

T

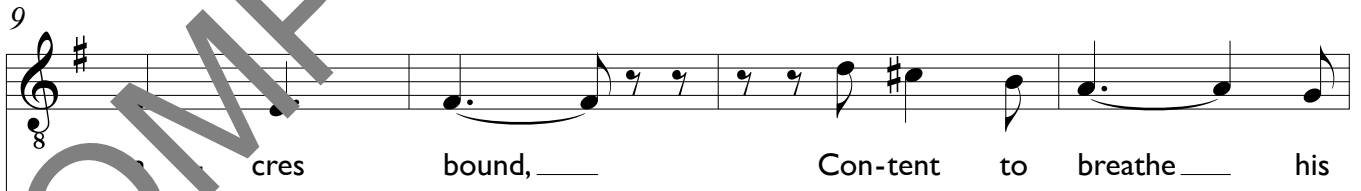


wish _____ and care _____ A few _____ pa-ter-nal

Pno.

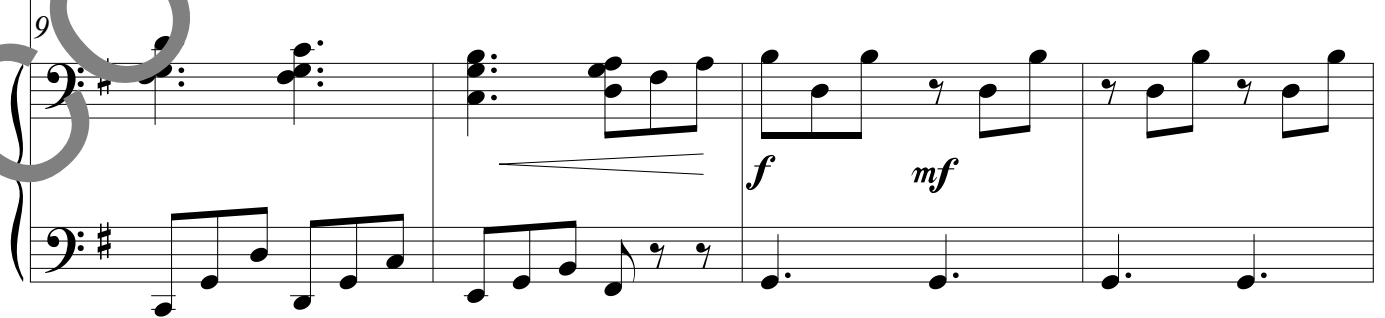


T



cres bound, _____ Con-tent to breathe _____ his

Pno.



f *mf*

13

T

8

na - tive air, In his own ground.

Pno.

13

18

T

8

f **A**

Whose herds with milk, whose

Pno.

18

f

23

T

8

fields with bread, Whose flocks supply him with at -

Pno.

23

rit. *mp* *poco meno*

T 27
8
tire, Whose trees in sum - mer

Pno. 27
mp

T 31
8
yield him shade, In win - ter

Pno. 31
p

B *Tempo primo* *f*

T 35
8
fire. Hap-py the man,

C Tpt. 35
f

Pno. 35
f

C Tpt. 39

Pno. 39

T 43 *f*

8 Content to breathe

C Tpt. *f*

Pno. 43 *mf* *f*

C Tpt. 47 *fp*

Pno. 47 *p*

51 *p* C

T
8
Whose herds _____ with milk, whose

C Tpt.
f

Pno.
f *p*

55 *f*

T
8
bread, in fields whose trees _____ sup - ply a

C Tpt.

Pno.
mf

59 *f* D

T

8

sum - mer yield

C Tpt.

p *mp*

Pno.

f *p*

63

T

8

C Tpt.

63

Pno.

m *mf*

67 *p* **E**

T
8
whose wish and care In

C Tpt.

Pno. *f* *p*

71

T
8
a - cres bound, his na - tive air, In

C Tpt.

Pno. *mf*

75 *f*
T his own ground. Hap - py the man,
C Tpt. *f*
Pno. *f*

79
T In his own ground.
C Tpt.
Pno. *mf*

111

T

C Tpt.

Pno.

mp *pp*

loco *pp*

Qui - e

115

T

C Tpt.

Pno.

accel. **H** Tempo primo *f* *mf*

by day,

119

C Tpt.

mf

Pno.

123

C Tpt.

f

Pno.

p

127

T

meno mosso con accel. *p*

8

Pno.

Sound