

To John Alston

PRELUDE

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For

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PRELUDE

SUGGESTED REGISTRATION.

Swell: Soft 8' (Salicional & Lieblich Gedackt.)

Great: Claribel Flute 8', coupled to Sw.

Pedal: Soft 16' coupled to Sw.

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Allegretto tranquillo e meditativo (♩. = 54)

Manuals

Pedal

The first system of the score features three staves. The top staff is labeled 'Manuals' and contains two staves of music in 6/8 time, marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a Swell (*Sw.*) instruction. The bottom staff is labeled 'Pedal' and contains a single staff of music, also marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The music begins with a series of chords and moving lines in the manuals, while the pedal provides a harmonic foundation with sustained notes.

The second system continues the musical development. The manuals part features more complex textures with overlapping voices and some fermatas. The pedal part continues with sustained notes, providing a steady accompaniment. The overall mood remains tranquil and meditative.

The third system introduces a guitar part, indicated by the 'Gt.' marking above the top staff. The manuals part continues with intricate patterns. The guitar part enters with a melody that complements the piano. The dynamic marking *mf* (mezzo-forte) is used. The pedal part remains active with sustained notes.

Gt. to Ped.

rit. Tempo I

Add to Sw. & Gt.

(Reduce)

The fourth system marks a change in tempo and registration. The tempo is marked 'rit.' (ritardando) and then 'Tempo I'. The registration changes to include the Swell and Guitar. The dynamic marking *dim.* (diminuendo) is used. The music concludes with a series of chords and a final cadence. The pedal part continues with sustained notes throughout the system.

Sw. *Un poch. più mosso* Gt. Add to Sw & Gt.

p *mf*

(off Gt to Ped.) (on Gt to Ped.)

f *dim.* *mf* cresc. *ten.*

f *mf* *ten.*

a tempo Add Sw. Reeds. (Box closed) (Reduce Sw. & Gt.) (*cedendo*) *a tempo*

f *dim.* *mf*

rall. e dim. Tempo I Sw. soft 8'

p *mf*

off Gt. to Ped. *p*

p *pp* Salicional or Dulciana only

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