

No 2
SILENT NOON.

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Largo sostenuto.

VOICE. *mf*
Your hands lie

PIANO. *mp* *sonore*
simile

o - - pen in the long fresh grass, The fin - ger

points look through like ro - - sy blooms: Your eyes smile

pp

pp

peace. The pas-ture gleams and glooms'Neath bil - low-ing

mf *cresc.*

skies that scat-ter and a - mass.

f

Poco più mosso.

pp *simile*

All round our nest, far as the eye can

p

pass, are gold . . . en king-cup fields with sil . . . ver

edge, Where the cow - pars - . . . ley skirts the

pp haw . . . thorn hedge. *pp poco rall.* 'Tis vis - . . . i - ble si - . . . lence,

still as the hour - . . . glass.

piu p

Quasi Recitative.

a tempo

Deep in the sun-search'd growths the

a tempo

cresc.

pp una corda

dra - gon - fly — hangs — like a blue thread loos - en'd from the

sky: — So this wing'd

Tempo I.

hour is dropt to us from a - bove.

f

p

poco rall. *mf a tempo*

Oh! clasp we to our hearts, for

poco rall. *mf sonore*

death - - less dower, This close-com - pan - ion'd in - ar - ti - - cu - late

pp

hour, When two - fold si - lence was the song _____ the

pp

song of love.