

DÓNAL RAFFERTY

Begin

for mezzo-soprano & piano

Poem by Brendan Kennelly

Duration c. 4'00"

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Poem by
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Moderately ♩. = 80

Mezzo soprano

Piano

f *p* *mp* *f* *p*

9 *mf* confidently

Be - gin a - gain to the

f *p* *mp* legato *mf*

14 *gliss.* *p* *mf*

sum - mon-ning bi - rds to the sight of light

mf *sfz* *sfz* *p* *mp*

8^{va}

Ed.

19 *ff* *mp* *f* *sf* *mf*

at the win - dow, be - gin to the roar of mor - ning traf - fic.

ff *p* *mp* *p* *fff* *p* *mp*

Red. *con Red.*

25 *More solemnly*
♩ = ♩, ♪ = 60 (♩. = 80)

all a - long Pem-broke Road.

b *tr* *b* *tr*

mf *mp* *p*

30 *p senza vibrato ma espressivo*

Ev - 'ry be - gin - ning is a pro - mise born in

p

Red.

33 *mp* *p* *mp*

li - - ght and dy - ing in dark de - ter - mi - na - tion and ex - al -

mp *subito pp* *(mp)* *p*

36

ta - tion of spring-time flo - wer - ing the way to work.

Lighter
 $\text{♩} = \text{♩}, \text{♩} = 80 (\text{♩} = 60)$

39

più mp *mf*

44

f ma dolce (natural vibrato)

Be - gin to the pa - geant of queu - ing gi - rls the

ff *mf giocoso* *f* *mp*

gliss. > (echo)

51

ar - ro - gant lone - li - ness of swans in the ca - nal brid - ges

p *ppp* *p* *mf* *pp* *mp*

Ped. *legato* *Ped.*

57 *mf* *mp*

lin - king - past and fu - ture old friends

mf *subito p*

(senza Ped.)

61 *p* *mp* *mp* *(p)*

pas - sing though with us still.

mp *(p)*

65 *(p) more solemnly* *5* *2*

Be - gin to the lone - li - ness that

pp

Ped. ad lib.

69 *f* *ff brighter* *mf*

can - not end since it per - haps is what makes us, makes us be - gin, be - gin to

(mf) *f* *mf*

senza Ped.

73

won - der at un-known fa - ces at cry-ing birds in the

Ped.

76

sud - den rain at bran - ches stark in the wil - ling

Ped.

78

sun - light at sea - gulls fo-ra-ging for bread at

Ped.

81

coup - les sha - ring a sun - ny sec - ret a - lone to -

Ped.

95 *gradually growing more energetic (returning to natural vibrato)* *mp* ♩ = ♩ (♩. = 80)

some - - - thing - - - that will not ac - know - - - ledge con -

legato *mp*

99 *mf*

clu - sion - - - in - sists that we fo - re - ver -

f *brilliante*

legato *Red.*

103 : *f* *ff*

- - - be - gin. - - -

p *ff* *sfz*

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