

# A CONFESSION

Poem by C.S. Lewis

Music by  
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$\text{♩} = 74$

Soprano

Piano

*mf*

I am so

S

coarse the things the poets see are ob-sti-nate-ly in-vis-i-ble to

Pno.

S

me For twen-ty years I've stared my lev-el best to see if

Pno.

13 *rit.*

S

eve - ning an - y eve - ning would sug - gest A

Pno.

16  $\text{♩} = 100$

S

pa - tient e - ther - ized u - pon a ta - ble!

Pno.

19

S

In vain I sim - ply wasn't a - ble

Pno.

22 *rit.* *dolce* *a tempo*

S  
wasn't a - ble To me each eve - ning looked

Pno.  
*rit.* *a tempo*

25

S  
far more like the de - par - ture from a

Pno.

28 *f*

S  
si - lent, yet crowd - ed, shore. Like a ship whose

Pno.  
*f*

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S

31

freight was ev' ry thing, — leav - ing be - hind grace - ful - ly, fin - al - ly, with - out

Pno.

S

35

fan - fare *rit.* *mp* ma - rooned man - kind

Pno.

S

39

*cantabile* ♩ = 80 Red dawn be - hind a hedge - row in the east

Pno.

42

S

Nev - er for me re - sem - bled *molto rit.* in the least // A

Pno.

45

S

chil - blain a chil - blain

Pno.

*f*

47

S

on a cock-tail shak-er's nose; Wat-ter falls *pp*

Pno.

*sub*

S  
50  
Wat - er falls — don't re - mind me of torn

Pno.  
50  
*pp*

S  
53  
un - der clothes nor gla - ciers of tin cans

Pno.  
53

S  
57  
I've nev - er seen the moon look like a hump backed grone

Pno.  
57  
*f*

61

S

Rath - er a' pro - di - gy, Ev - en

Pno.

64

S

now not nat - ural - ized a rid - dle glar - ing from the

Pno.

67

S

Cy - clops' brow of a cold world re - mind - ing

Pno.

70

S  
me on what a place I crawl and cling a

Pno.

73

S  
plan-et with no bul-warks, *pp* out in space Nev-er Nev-er

Pno.

77

S  
The white sun of the win-tri-est day struck

Pno.



81 *molto rit.*

S  
me \_\_\_\_\_ as un cra - chat d'es - ta - mi - net I'm like that

Pno.

84 *a tempo*  
♩ = 86

S  
odd man Words-worth knew, to whom a prim - rose was a

Pno.

88

S  
Yel - low prim - rose one whose doom keeps him for - ev - er

Pno.

91 *f*  $\text{♩} = 80$

S in the list of *dun*-ces Com-pelled to live on

Pno. *f*  $\text{♩} = 80$  *p*

95 *rit.*

S stock re-spon-ses — mak-ing the poor best I can of

Pno. *rit.*

98  $\text{♩} = 74$  *mf*

S dull things pea-cocks, hon-ey, the Great Wall, Al-

Pno.  $\text{♩} = 74$

103

S

deb-a-ran sil-ver weirs, new cut grass, wave on the

Pno.

108

S

beach, hard gem, the shapes of horse and wo-man, A - thens,

Pno.

*loco*

113

S

Tro-y, Je - ru - sa - lem

Pno.

*molto rit.*

*dim.*

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Song Cycle total 22 minutes

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