

4. Vernal Sentiment

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Theodore Roethke
from *Open House* (1941)*

For Voice and Piano

Andante grazioso $\text{♩} = 72$ *sempre legato* *mp*

Voice

mf *poco rit.* *a tempo* *mp* *con pedale*

Though the

cro - cus - es poke up their heads in the u - su - al pla - ces, _____ The

frog scum ap - pear on the pond with the same froth of green, _____ And

mf

*Used with permission

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p hushed

boys moon at girls _____ with last year's fat-u-ous fa - ces, _____ I

mf

pp

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nev - er am bored, _____ how - ev - er fa - mil - iar the scene. _____

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mf gently

When from un - der the barn the cat brings a sim - i - lar

mf

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lit - ter, _____ Two yel - low and black, and one that looks in be -

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tween, _____ Though it all hap - pened be - fore, _____ I

mp cresc. *f*

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can - not grow bit - ter; _____ I re -

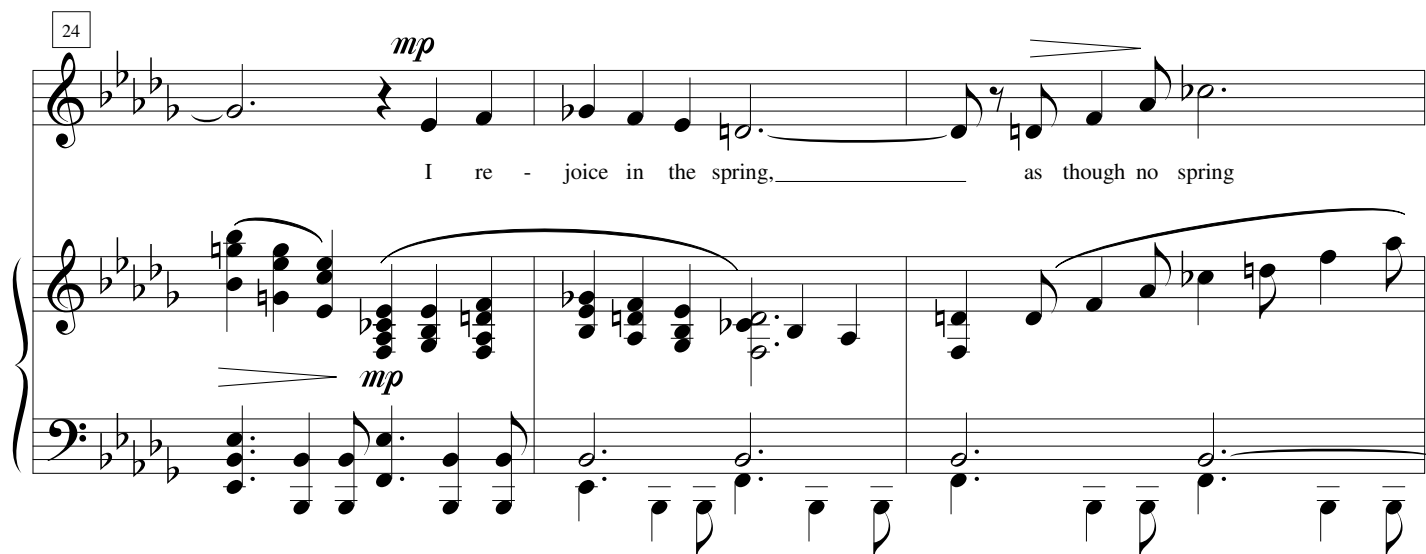
marcato, joyfully *f*

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joyce in the spring, _____ as though no spring ev - er had been. *dim.*

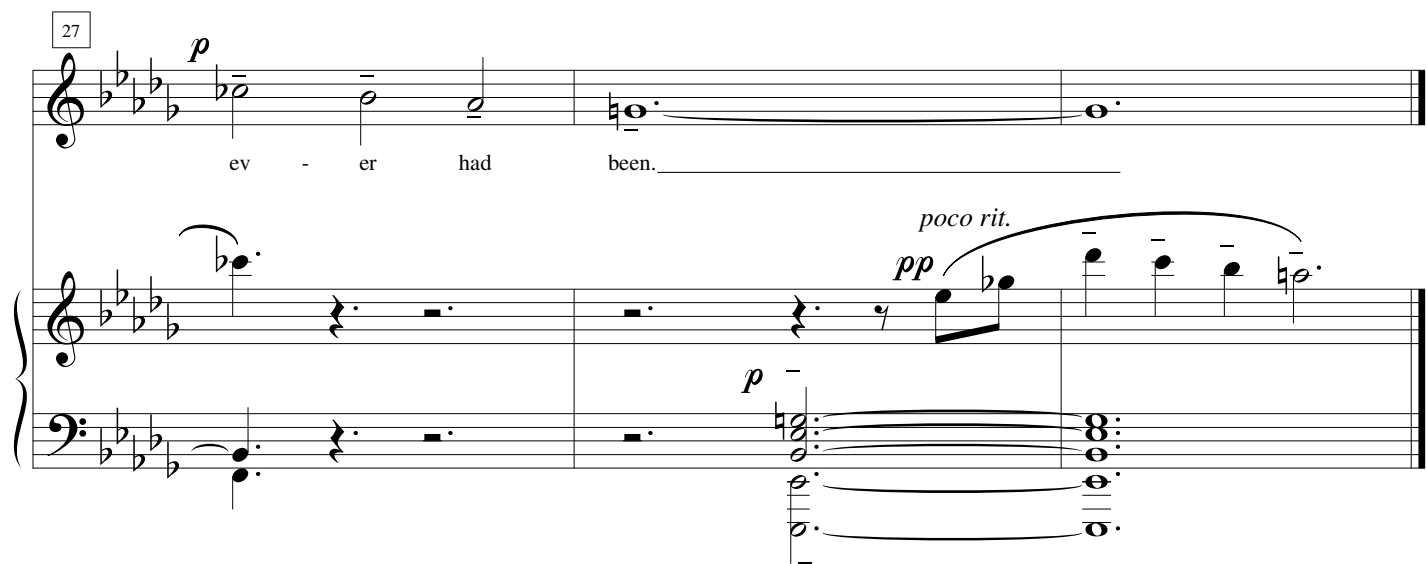
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mp

I re - joyce in the spring, _____ as though no spring

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p

ev - er had been. _____

poco rit.

pp

p