My Life Is Not This Steeply Sloping Hour
from "Five Poems of Rainer Maria Rilke"
Music by Mark Abel

Soprano

Piano

\( q = 94 \)

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I stand before it

ease back molto rit.

like a tree

I am only one of my many mouths and at
that, the one that will be still the

that, ease back

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ease back

rit. sostenuto

28

soon'est.

28

I am the rest between two notes, which are

case back

33

some how always in discord
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be-cause death's note wants to climb

but in the dark

in-ter-val, re-con-cil-ed they stay

trem-bling And the song goes on

beau-ti-ful.