

My Life Is Not This Steeply Sloping Hour

from "Five Poems of Rainer Maria Rilke"

Music by Mark Abel

$\text{♩} = 94$

Soprano

Piano

My life

4

is not this steep-ly slop-ing hour in which you

6

see me hur-ry-ing

9

Much stands be-hind me;

11

stronger

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I stand be-fore it

13

*ease back
molto rit.*

like a tree like

mp molto rit.

15

a tree

18 ♩ = 82

stronger

I am on-ly one of my ma-ny mouths and at

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23

ease back

that, —

the one that will be still — the

28

rit.

sostenuto

$\text{♩} = 76$

soon - est.

rit.

33

I am the rest be - tween_ two_ notes, which are

ease back

37

some how_ al - ways in dis - cord

41 ♩ = 78

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be - cause death's note wants to climb

46

o - - - ver but in the dark

49

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

52

there trem-bling And the song goes on

55

beau - ti - ful. *molto rit.*