III. The Nature Of Friendship
from the song cycle "In the Rear View Mirror, Now"

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Soprano

Piano

Organ

Organ 3

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S. Pno. Org.

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grimly

I have___ a few___

(8)

14

almost offhand

Once thought I___ had man-y more.

with irony

So luck-y___ as Strei-sand once

a bit stronger

(8)

35
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S.

sang, ____________

that I

Pno.

stronger still

Org.

need - ed ____________ oth - er peo - ple.

(S)
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Pull back \( \cdot = 56 \) poignantly

It was an illusion.
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30 almost self-pitying

For other people don't need me, it seems.

34 more declarative

Those who've disappeared or slipped away slowly

(a bit stronger)
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S. may now num-ber in the hun-dreds.

Pno. gentle thrusts

Org.
questioningly

why did we do those things—
a laundry list

stronger, steady
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S. turning,

Pno.

Org.

shar-ing of most pain-ful truths and e-piph-a-nies,
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\[ \frac{60}{d = 104} \]

S. the tears, the hugs, the ca-thar-ses.

\[ \frac{63}{\text{(dry)}} \]

Pno. stronger still (the cath-ar-ses)

Org.
“All that’s been swept out with the garbage,”
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S.  
\( \text{mut-tered Schi-golch in Lu-lu's Lon-don gar-ret. “Babs” didn't know SQUAT!} \)

Pno.  
\( \text{(spoken)} \quad \text{\( \frac{j}{j} = 60 \quad \text{\( \frac{j}{j} = 120 \end{eqnarray} \)} \)

Org.  
\( \text{Almost sprightly} \)

Chiff
If you ask, these people have their excuses,
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Sure. 

The bland and evasive:

We moved away, my job changed,
I got married and had a kid. 

But, close to a scream if you can get a few...
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S. \( \frac{q = 66}{j = 76} \) calming down a bit

- drinks in to them:

Pno.

- with irony and distance

He was too forward, too

- with a rocking motion

(dry)

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Org.

(8) \( \frac{s^b}{j} \)
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100

\( S. \) 
backward, too needy, he's stuck

\( Pno. \) 

\( Org. \) 

103

\( S. \) 
and refuses to move on,

\( Pno. \) 

\( Org. \) 

\( (dry) \)
I wrote a book and I don't have any more.
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exhausted

We did those things all of us!

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need - ed sup- port.

Pla-ton-ic love's a most wel-come nar
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your conclusion

Int-erests dove-tailed for a

cot-ic.

while; quid pro quo.

Don’t
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127 \( \frac{\text{j}}{\text{j}} = 70 \)  \( \frac{\text{j}}{\text{j}} = \).

kid your-self.

They’d have kicked you—— off the Ti-tan-ic’s

Pno.

Org.

131 \( \frac{\text{j}}{\text{j}} = 52 \)  \( \frac{\text{j}}{\text{j}} = 40 \)

life-boat—— if it came_ to that.

Pno.

Org.

Nano

(8)———J

8th———-

\( \frac{\text{j}}{\text{j}} = \text{divisi} \)