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A little hand is knocking at my heart,
And I have closed the door.
"I pray thee, for the love of God, depart:
Thou shalt come in no more."

"Open, for I am weary of the way,
The night is very black;
I have been wandering many a night and day:
Open. I have come back."

The little hand is knocking patiently;
I listen, dumb with pain.
"Wilt thou not open any more to me?
I have come back again."

"I will not open any more: Depart.
I, that once lived, am dead."
The hand that had been knocking at my heart
Was still. "And I?" she said.

There is no sound, save, in the winter air,
The sound of wind and rain.
All that I love in all the world stands there,
And will not knock again.

ARTHUR SYMONS

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Arthur Symons

Cecil Forsyth

Molto sostenuto (♩ = 48) *parlando*

Voice: A lit-tle hand is knocking at my heart, And

Piano: *p poco pesante* *mp* *p* *p*

Largo (*poco più mosso*) (♩ = 56) *mp*

Voice: I have closed the door. "I pray thee, for the

Piano: *mp* *p* *f* *mp* *sullenly*

cresc.

Voice: love of God, de - part: Thou shalt come in no more."

Piano: *mf cresc.* *f* *fz* *mp*

Poco andante (♩ = 80) *p*

"O - pen, for I am wear - y of the way,

poco leggiero

p

allargando

The night is ver-y black; I have been wander-ing man-y a night and day:—

allargando

p

a tempo *parlando*

O - pen. I have come back." The

pp *p*

Molto sostenuto (♩ = 48) *Poco andante* (♩ = 80)

lit-tle hand is knock-ing pa-tient-ly; I lis - ten, dumb with pain.——

mp

con passione, cresc. sempre

"Wilt thou not o - pen an - y more to me? I have come back a -

cresc. sempre

ff appassionato

Largo (♩ = 56) *mp*

gain." "I will not o - pen an - y more: De - part.

mp

p parlando

I, that once lived, am dead." The hand that had been knock - ing at my heart

mf *p*

pp

Was still. "And I?" she said.

espressivo *pp* *ppp*

Molto sostenuto (♩ = 48) *parlando*

There is no sound, save, in the win-ter air,

p *p*

cresc. e accel. *appassionato, allargando*

The sound of wind and rain. All that I love in

cresc. e accel. *allargando* *f* *appassionato*

marcato

molto espressivo

all the world stands there, And will not knock— a -

p *pp* *ppp*

gain.

p *pp* *ppp*