Cousin Kate

Christina Rossetti (1830 - 1894)

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Andante

I was a cot-tage mai - den hard -

ff *mp* *pp* *mp* *blur with sostenuto*

Ped. _____ *simile*

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- dened by sun and air,_____ con-ten-ted with my cot-tage mates,_____ not mind-ful I was

Più mosso

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fair._____

Why did a great lord find me out, and

Why did a great lord find me out, to

f *f*

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molto rit. _ _ _

1.

praise my flax - en hair?_____

fill my heart with

2.

care?_____

He lured me to his pa-lace home-- woe's

me for joy there - of--_____ to lead a shame-less shame-ful life,_____ his

play-thing and his love._____ He wore_____ me like a sil - ken knot, he
now_____ I moan, an un - clean thing, who

changed me like a glove;_____ so dove._____
might have been a

O La-dy Kate, my cou-sin Kate, you grew more fair than I: he watched your steps a-long the lane, your work a-mong the rye; he lif - ted you from mean es-tate to sit with him on high. He lift - ed you from mean es - tate to sit with him on

Più mosso

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high.

Adagio

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Be - cause you were so good and pure he bound you with his ring: the

mp

rit. _ _ _ **Andante** **accel.** _

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neigh-bors call you good and pure, call me an out-cast thing._ E-ven so I sit and howl_ in dust,

ff

Adagio

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You sit in gold and sing:_ Now

Lyrics (sung text):

which of us has ten-der-er heart?_____ You had the stron-ger wing.___ O

cou-sin_ Kate, my love was true, your love was writ in sand:___ if he had fooled not me but you, if

you stood where I stand, he'd not have won_ me with his love_ nor

bought me with_ his land;___ I would_ have spit in - to his face and

not have ta - ken his hand.

Tempo primo

Yet I've a gift you_ have not got, and

_ seem not like to get:_ for all your clothes and wed-ding ring_ I've lit-tle doubt you

fret._ My fair-haired son, my shame, my pride, cling

Tempo primo

clo - ser, clo - ser yet:_____ clo - ser,

clo - ser yet._____ Your fa-ther would give his lands for one_____ to wear his co - ro - net._____

_____ Your_ fa-ther would give his lands for one_____ to wear his co - ro - net._____

molto accel. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

_____ So now_____ I_____ moan!

circa 5' 45"

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