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when you leave me

for mezzo soprano and piano

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when you leave me

will you

slip
under

breath

leave me

where you bend

near

sleep

or wake

will you, then

slip your

arm from

under my breath
your breath)

falling back
into

small garden
carbon dioxide has
bloomed & died in

under my breath
back into when
you love me

& when you leave
will you still leave me
breathing will you
take my breath away

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vague, amorphous

♩ = 64

Mezzo Soprano

Piano

legato sempre

15^{ma}

p

ppp

ped.

6

ppp

when _____

you leave me _____

(15^{ma})

8^{va}

6

ped.

11

will you slip un-der

p

pp

p

8va

15ma

8va

Red.

15

breath leave me

pp > ppp < pp < mp

ppp < mp

ppp

p

8va

U.C.

Red.

19

where you bend near sleep or wake will you, then slip your

p

pp

poco!

p

pp

22 *mp* *mf* *pp*

arm from un-der my breath your

gva-

p *pp* *mf* *p* *pp*

rit. *a tempo*

25 *ppp*

breath) fall - ing

legato sempre

ppp

Leg. *Leg.* *Leg.* *Leg.*

29 *poco!* *pp*

back in - to

pp *ppp* *gva-* *mp*

Leg.

rit. ----- *a tempo*
pp

32

small gar - den

pp *ppp*

7 *poco*

35

car - bon di - ox - ide has bloomed & died

p *pp* *poco* *ppp*

6

38

in un - der

mp *mf* *ppp*

poco rit. . . a tempo

42 *pp* *p*

my breath back back in -

p *pp* *p* *pp* *p*

8va *3* *8va*

3

3

46 *pp* *mp*

to when you love me

pp *mp* *p*

8va *8va* *8va*

6 *6* *7*

6

6

49 *ppp* *mp*

& when you leave

ppp *mp* *pp* *mp*

8va

5

5

53 *mp*

will_ you still leave_ me_

p *pp*

8va

Red.

56

mp *p* *mp* *mf* *p*

8va

Red. *Red.* *Red.*

60 *pp* ♩ = 54

will you_

ppp *p* *mp*

8va

Red. *Red.* *Red.*

64 *pp* *mp*

will you still leave me breath - ing

pp *ppp* *pp* *p* *pp*

Red. *Red.* *

68 *pp* *mp* *hold back*

will you take my breath

ppp *p* *ppp*

Red.

72 *a tempo* *pp*

a - way will you take

espress. *pp* *ppp* *15ma* *lontano*

Red.

rit. ----- $\text{♩} = 54$

$\text{♩} = 64$

77

my breath a-way

(15^{ma})

gva

lontanato

pp

ppp

pp

p

Led.

82

rit. -----

pp

Led.

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