

Full Score

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Text by Derek Walcott

♩ = 160 (♩ = 106)

Clarinet in B♭

Mezzo-Soprano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

*f* *fp* *f*

*f* *f*

*f* *sfp* *f*

9

Clarinet in B♭

Mezzo-Soprano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

*mp* *f*

*mp* *f* *f*

*f*

*mp* *f*

17

Clarinet in Bb

Mezzo-Soprano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

*ff*

*f*

*mp*

*f*

*ff*

*mp*

*f*

*ff*

*ff*

*f*

*mp*

*f*

*ff*

*f*

*ff*

The

24

Clarinet in Bb

Mezzo-Soprano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

*f*

*ff*

*f*

*mp*

*ff*

*mf*

*f*

*mp*

*f*

*ff*

*mf*

*f*

fist clen - chedound my heart loos - ens a lit - tle,

32

Clarinet in Bb

Mezzo-Soprano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

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

*f* *mp* *ff*

and I gasp bright-ness; but it tight-ens a - again.

*mf* *mp*

*mf*

*mp*

*p* *mf* *p* *f*

40

Clarinet in Bb

Mezzo-Soprano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

*ff* *f* *ff* *mp*

*mp* *f*

When have I ev-er not loved the pain of love?

*p* *f* *f*

*p* *f* *f*

*p* *f* *f*

*ff* *p* *f* *f*

50

Clarinet in Bb

Mezzo-Soprano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

*f* *ff* *sfz*

*f* *p*

*f* *p*

*ff* *f* *p*

58

Clarinet in Bb

Mezzo-Soprano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

*ff* *mp*

*mf* *ff* *mp* *ff* *mp*

*mf* *ff* *mp* *ff* *mp*

*ff* *f* *ff* *mp*

66

Clarinet in Bb *ff* *mp* *ff*

Mezzo-Soprano

Violin I

Violin II *p* *f*

Viola *p* *f*

Violoncello *f* *p* *f*

72

Clarinet in Bb *ff*

Mezzo-Soprano *f* *ff*  
But this has moved past love

Violin I *f* *mf*

Violin II

Viola *ff*

Violoncello

79

Clarinet in Bb

*mf* *f* *ff* *mf*

Mezzo-Soprano

*f* *ff* *mf* *f*

to ma - ni-a This has the strong clench of the

Violin I

*f* *mp*

Violin II

*f* *ff* *mp*

Viola

*mf* *f* *mp*

Violoncello

*mf* *f* *mp* *<f*

86

Clarinet in Bb

*ff* *mf*

Mezzo-Soprano

*ff* *f* *mf* *ff*

mad-man, This This is grip-ping the ledge of un - rea-son,

Violin I

*ff* spicc. *mf* *mp* *mf*

Violin II

*ff* spicc. *mf* *mp*

Viola

*ff* spicc. *mf* *mp*

Violoncello

*ff* spicc. *mf* *mp*

95

Clarinet in Bb

Mezzo-Soprano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

be - fore plun - ging how - ling in - to the a - byss.

*ff*

*f*

*mf*

*mf*

*ff*

*mf*

*ff*

102

Clarinet in Bb

Mezzo-Soprano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Hold hard then heart. This way at least you live.

*mf*

*ff*

*ff*

*mf*

*ff*

*ff*

*mf*

*f*

*ff*

*ff*

*mf*

*f*

*ff*

*ff*