

Pyjamas

for voice and piano

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Pyjamas

I found the racks of nightwear, sat and wept.
I couldn't stand, my legs were sand and hurt,
I found I'd been abandoned while I slept.

The air was carolled, every shop was packed.
My chest was tight, my mouth was furred with dirt.
I found the racks of nightwear, sat and wept.

We'd chosen gifts, we had them wrapped and stacked.
With just another week to live apart,
I found I'd been abandoned while I slept.

I bought a woollen vest. Before you left
you'd always held me naked to your heart.
I found the racks of nightwear, sat and wept.

I tried to think pyjamas, thought bereft.
There were pyjamas there. I never thought
I'd find I'd been abandoned while I slept.

I didn't want pyjamas, blue or checked,
but just to sleep forever with your shirt.
I found the racks of nightwear, sat and wept
to think I'd been abandoned while I slept.

ANN GRAY

12 *mf*

The air was ca - rolled, e-very shop — was packed. My chest was tight, my

ppp *mf* *p*

16

mouth was furred with dirt. I found the racks of night-wear, sat and

pp *p*

21 **Poco più mosso** ♩ = 76 *mf cant.*

wept. We'd cho-sen gifts, we had them wrapped and

pp *molto ad lib.* *mf*

cant.

25 *cresc.*

stacked. With just a-no-ther week to live — a-part, I found I'd been a -

cresc.

30

ban-doned while I slept.

pp

poco f

p 7

pp 7

34

mf

cresc.

f

I bought a wool-len vest. Be-fore you left you'd al-ways hold me na-ked to your heart.

mp sotto voce

38

Tempo I ♩ = 66

pp

mf

I found the rack of night-wear, sat and wept. I tried to think py

pp 7

mf

Ped.

42

ja - mas, thought be - reft, There were py - ja-mas there I ne-ver thought I'd find I'd

sub. p

Ped.

46

been a-ban-doned while I slept. I did-n't want py - ja - mas blue or checked But just to

p cresc. *mf cresc.*

p *cresc.*

51

sleep for-e-ver with your shirt. I found the racks of night-wear, sat and wept To

ff *f dim.*

f *f*

Very slow ♩ = 58

56

think I'd been a - ban-doned while I slept.

mf *p*