Malcolm Dedman

Living the Life

for Flute, Baritone and Piano

The baritone part may be sung by contralto or countertenor one octave higher

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"Strive therefore, with heart and soul, to follow the precepts of the Blessed Perfection, and rest assured that if ye succeed in living the life He marks out for you, Eternal Life and everlasting joy in the Heavenly Kingdom will be yours, and celestial sustenance will be sent to strengthen you all your days."

('Abdu'l-Bahá, Paris Talks, p. 114)

Duration: 10 mins 15 secs

Texts used for 'Living the Life'

1. The Secret of Living

A fountain springs up from the soul, the nourishing life cools the air bringing life, comfort and hope to those around. Alone, he or she stands giving without expectation, giving without asking or thinking of return. It is a miracle of selflessness that one soul offers its essence - for others. This is the secret, of a truly lived life: When we so give that others may grow, love and flourish.

Duane L. Herrmann: Prairies of Possibilities, p 104

3. The Sea of Deeds

On the Sea of Deeds our lives slowly sail, one difficulty at a time as we define who we are by what we do.

"Let deeds, not words be thine adorning," for our deeds transform our souls.

They are the fruit of our lives and evidence of faith.

Deeds transform us from who we are, to the soul we can become.

Duane L. Herrmann: Prairies of Possibilities, p 106

2. The Prison of Self

In many disguises
the prison of self
binds our lives
with limits:
"I want, I need, I can't,"
are familiar refrains
from those unwilling
to break free.

Limits give comfort, security, there is no challenge, no struggle, no pain.

It is beyond the self that we are truly free, free to grow and become more than we thought we could possibly be: truly to be free.

Duane L. Herrmann: Prairies of Possibilities, p 105

4. Flowering/Growing

People in our lives come and go. some are passing friends we never see again. Babies are born and join us and old ones die a constant flow through our lives. Some enrich us others take, but from all we learn of the human race and all practice virtues we are learning, for this life is our lesson of increasing spiritual to our journey's end and goal of Glory.

Duane L. Herrmann: Sweet Scented Streams, #17

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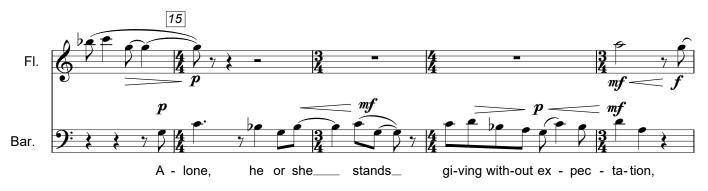
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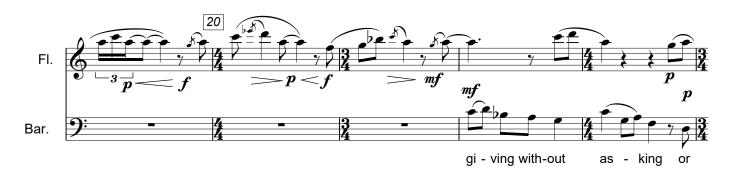
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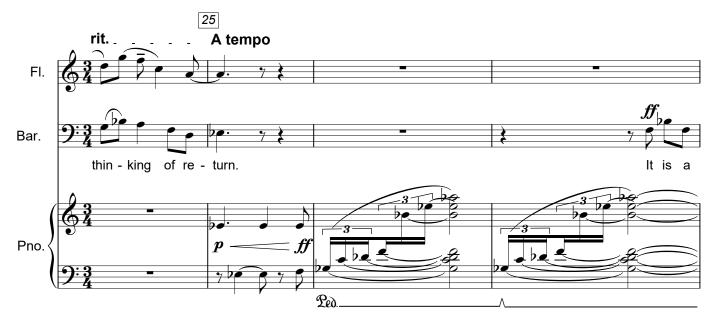
1. The Secret of Living



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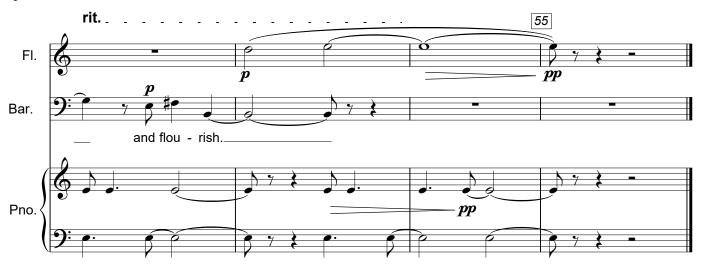








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2. The Prison of Self





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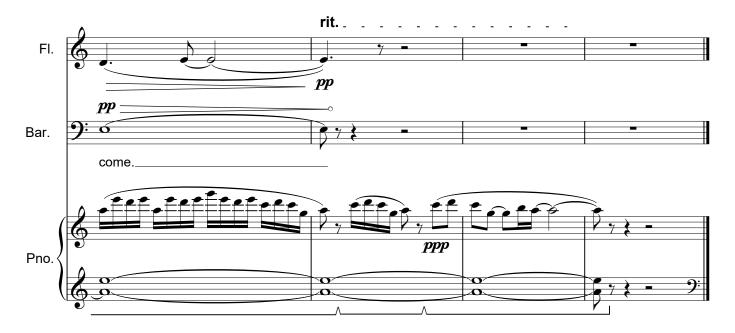


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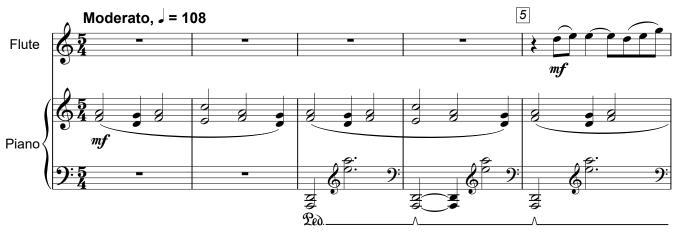


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4. Flowering/Growing



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