

Lower Dark Star

for voice and piano

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Written for Judith Dodsworth and Leigh Harrold.

Lower Dark Star borrows material from the John Jacob Niles song *Little Black Star* from his 1956 album 'American Folk and Gambling Songs'.

Text:

A:

There is a lower dark star.
He only appreciates himself far far away.
He only appreciates himself far away.

B:

My move to a lower dark star.
My went with to brought him to where he is.
I would do convey him to around a star.

C:

The low myself the fight old.
That person fought each long. That person each night long.
Myself myself will myself will convey fighting.

D:

Not worried am a lower dark star.
No no to to take you are am am that where you are am am on.
Will don't will to to take my sunken sunken sun.

Performance notes:

- Accidentals only apply to the notes to which they're directly attached, unless connected by a tie.
- Grace notes are intended to be played freely and should not be rushed.
- A controlled rubato should be employed throughout.
- The vocal line should be sung with as little vibrato as possible, unless indicated by the wide-vibrato markings.

c.a. 4'00"

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A

♩ = 96

The musical score is divided into two systems. The first system features a Voice part and a Piano part. The Voice part begins with the lyrics "There is a low-er dark star." and includes dynamic markings of *pp* and *f pp*. The Piano part provides accompaniment with various textures, including triplets and sixteenth-note patterns, with dynamic markings of *pp*, *mf pp*, and *f pp*. The second system features a Voice part and a Pno. part. The Voice part continues with the lyrics "He on-ly ap-pre-ci-ates him self far far a-". The Pno. part continues the accompaniment with dynamic markings of *pp*, *f pp*, *mf*, and *ff*. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and fingerings.

Voice

Piano

Voice

Pno.

There is a low-er dark star.

He on-ly ap-pre-ci-ates him self far far a-

Voice

fpp *fpp*

way. He on - ly ap - pre - ci - ates him - self

Pno.

9:5 3 7 3 5 6:5 3

Voice

f *p* *fpp*

far a - way.

Pno.

3 5:3 7 3 9:7

B

♩ = 96

Voice

My _____ move _____

Piano

Voice

to _____ a _____ low - er _____ dark _____ star. _____

Pno.

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Voice

f pp *fpp* *n*

My went with to brought him _____ to _____ where he is. I _____

Pno.

fpp *f* *pp* *ff* *pp*

Voice

fpp *fpp* *mfpp* *mp* *pp*

_____ would do _____ con - vey him _____ to a - round a _____ star. _____

Pno.

ff pp *ff* *pp* *pp* *fp* *mf* *pp* *f pp*

C

♩ = 96

Voice *pp* *f* *pp* *ff* *p* *mf* *pp* *ffp*

The low my - self the

Piano *pp* *fpp* *ff* *f* *p* *fpp* *f* *pp*

Voice *fpp* *n* *fp* *ppp* *f*

fight old. That per - son fought each long. That per -

Pno. *f* *pp* *ffp* *mfp* *ffp* *p* *ff*

accel. -----

Music score for the first system, featuring Voice and Piano (Pno.) parts. The Voice part includes lyrics: "son each night long." and "My self my self will my-". The Piano part includes dynamic markings *f*, *p*, *pp*, and *ff*, along with various musical notations such as triplets, sixteenth notes, and slurs. The system concludes with a double bar line.

Music score for the second system, continuing the Voice and Piano parts. The Voice part includes lyrics: "self will convey fighting." and "ing.". The Piano part includes dynamic markings *f*, *pp*, *ffp*, and *p*, along with musical notations such as triplets, sixteenth notes, and slurs. A tempo marking of $\text{♩} = 120$ is present above the system. The system concludes with a double bar line.

D

♩ = 120
p

Voice

Not wor - ried am a low - er dark

Pno.

Voice

star. No no

Pno.

p *f* *p* *mf* *pp* *ff* *n* *f* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *f* *p*

Voice: to to take you are am am that where you

Pno. *p* *f* *ff* *pp*

7:6^b 3 6:5^b 3 3

B B_b

f *pp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *mp* *ppp* *f* *n* *mp* *pp*

Voice: are am am on. Will don't

Pno. *f* *ff* *f* *p* *ff* *pp* *f* *mp* *ff* *p* *f* *pp*

11:6^b 3 5 3 5 3

A

mf p f pp mf pp mf p mf pp f n

Voice

__ will to to take __ my sun - ken sun - ken sun.

Pno.

6 7 3 3 5 5:3 3 3 6

C# C# Bb