Jessica Rudman

# **To Think on You** Three Songs with Text by Walt Whitman

for Tenor and Piano

2012 ca. 8:00

# To Think on You

# **Program Notes**

To Think on You is a setting of three poems by Walt Whitman. Each represents a snapshot of love, ordered to reveal a progression from the search for love to the exhilarating obsessiveness of infatuation and finally the deep warmth of a satisfying union.

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# Text

### I. To a Stranger

PASSING stranger! you do not know how longingly I look upon you, You must be he I was seeking, or she I was seeking, (it comes to me, as of a dream,) I have somewhere surely lived a life of joy with you, All is recall'd as we flit by each other, fluid, affectionate, chaste, matured, You grew up with me, were a boy with me, or a girl with me, I ate with you, and slept with you--your body has become not yours only, nor left my body mine only, You give me the pleasure of your eyes, face, flesh, as we pass--you take of my beard, breast, hands, in return, I am not to speak to you--I am to think of you when I sit alone, or wake at night alone, I am to wait--I do not doubt I am to meet you again, I am to see to it that I do not lose you

## II. A Glimpse

A GLIMPSE, through an interstice caught,

Of a crowd of workmen and drivers in a bar-room, around the stove,

late of a winter night--And I unremark'd seated in a corner;

Of a youth who loves me, and whom I love, silently approaching, and

seating himself near, that he may hold me by the hand;

A long while, amid the noises of coming and going--of drinking and oath and smutty jest,

There we two, content, happy in being together, speaking little, perhaps not a word.

#### III. Oh you whom I often and silently come

O YOU whom I often and silently come where you are, that I may be with you; As I walk by your side, or sit near, or remain in the same room with you, Little you know the subtle electric fire that for your sake is playing within me.

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Walt Whitman

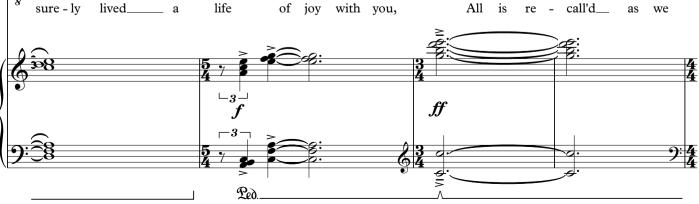
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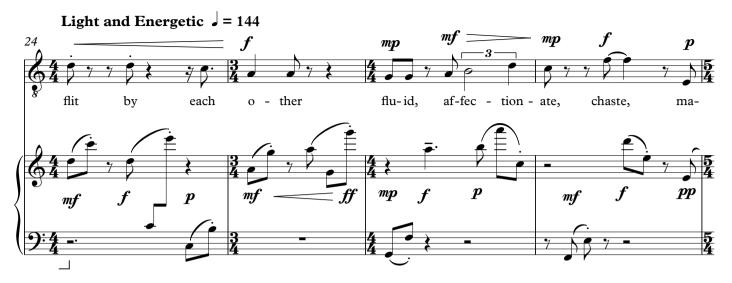
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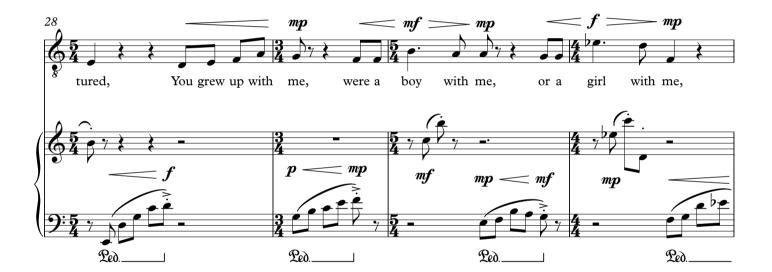


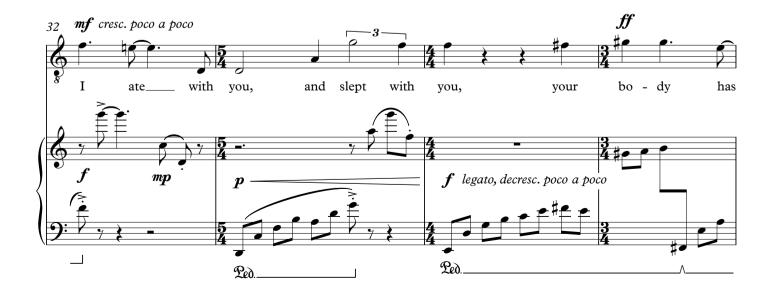
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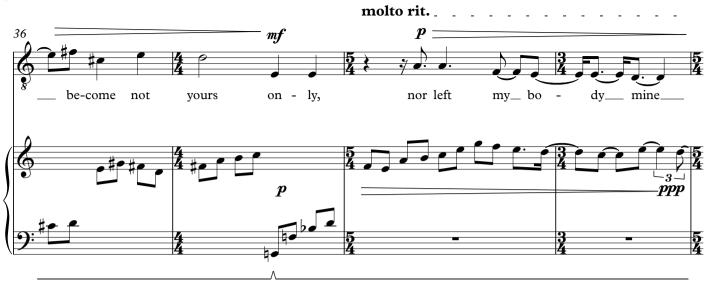


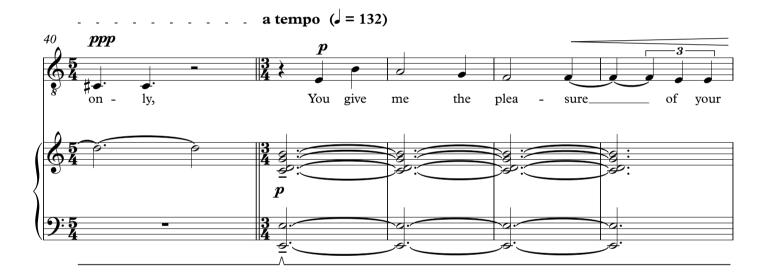


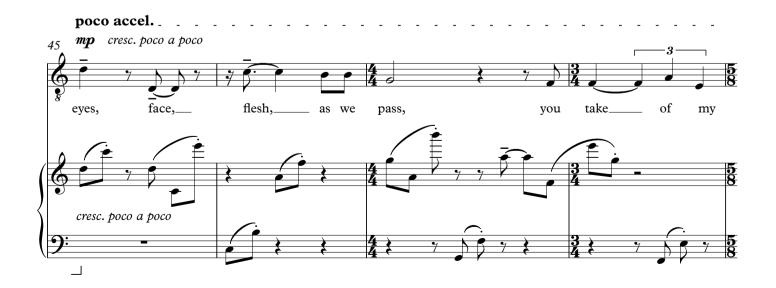


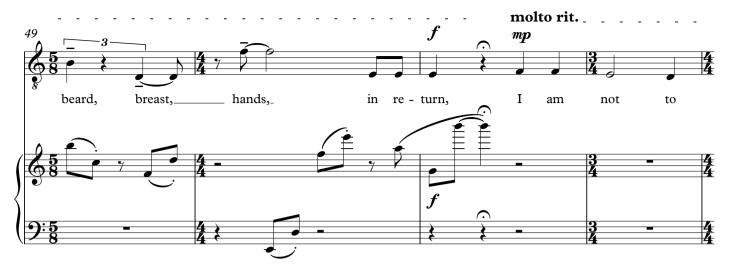




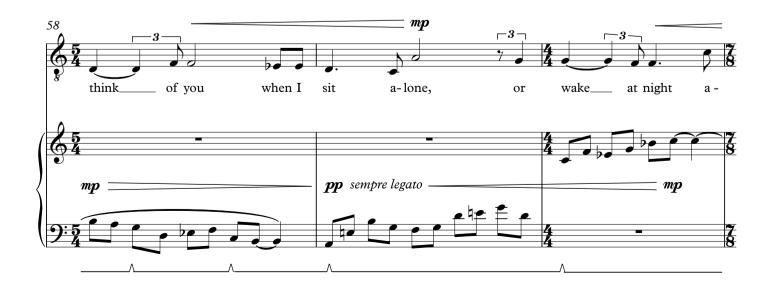


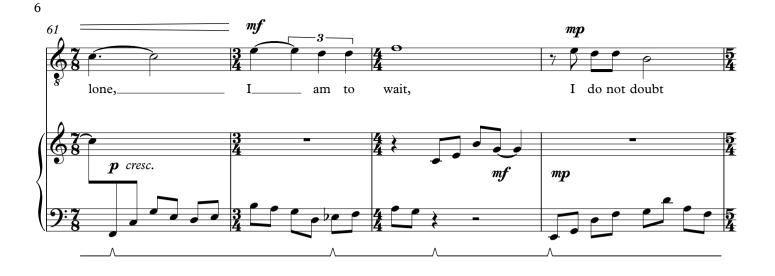


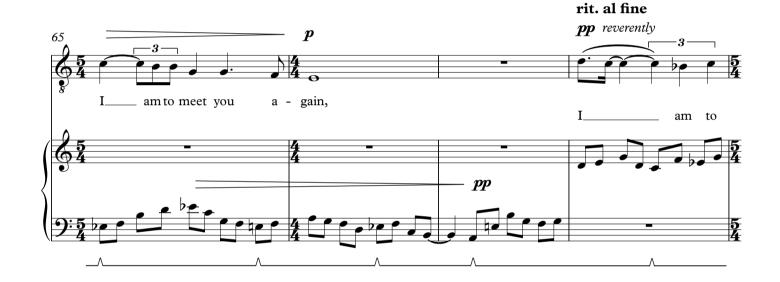


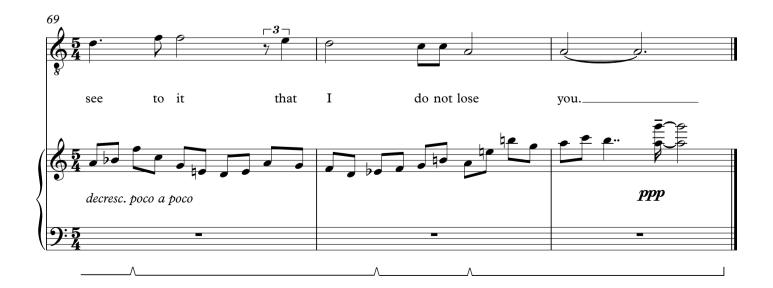


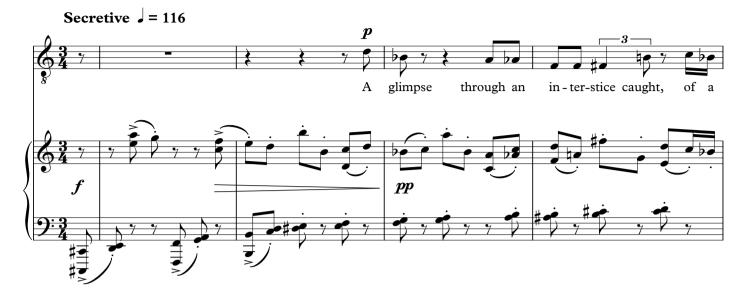


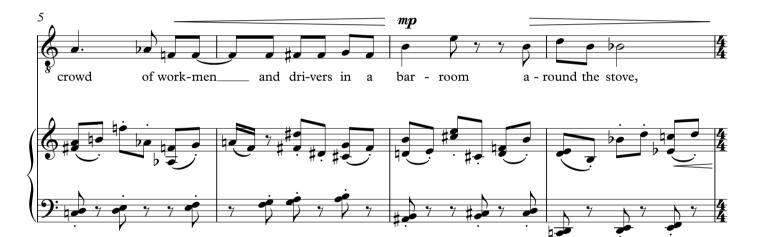


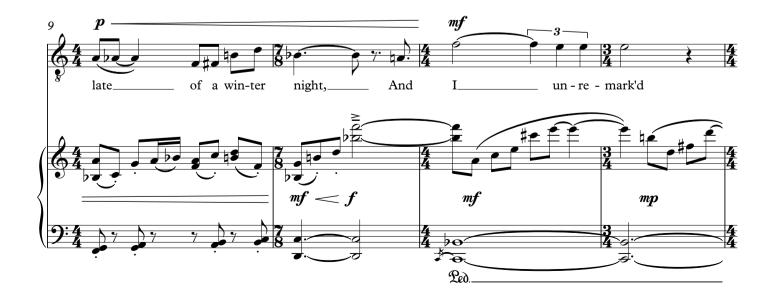


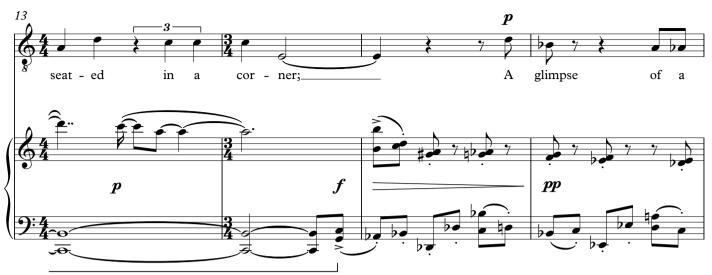




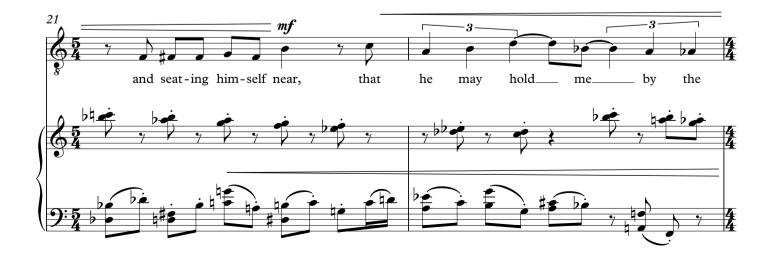






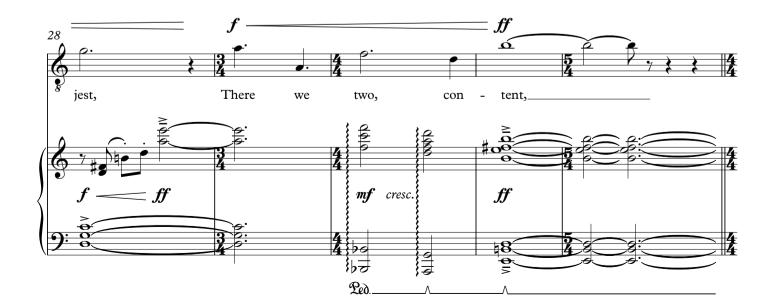


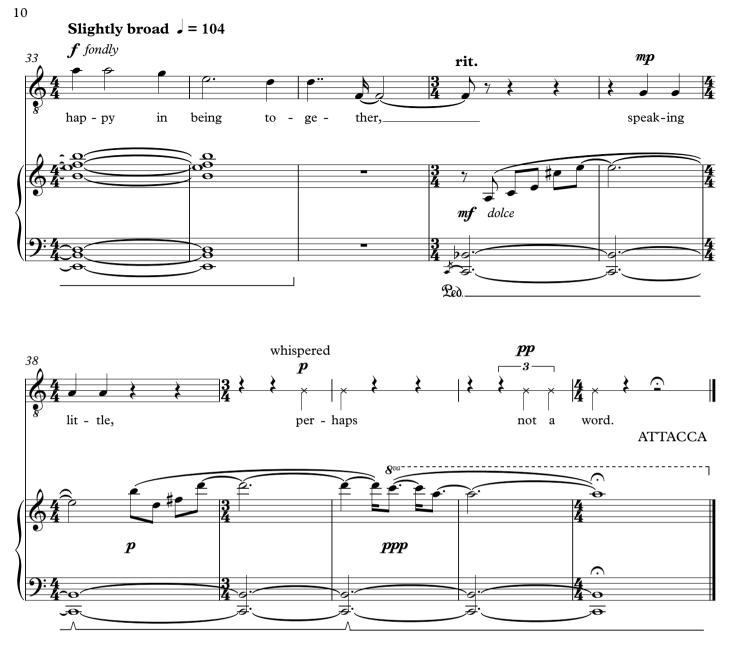












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