

# When you are old and gray

William Butler Yeats  
(1865-1939)

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Moderato, ♩=54

Baritone

Piano

*mp*

6

Bar.

Piano

11

*poco rall. . . .*

**A** *Poco meno mosso, ♩=48*

*mp*

When you are old and gray, and

*p*

16

Bar.

full of sleep And nod-ding by the fire, take down this book And

Piano

The musical score is written for Baritone and Piano. It is in the key of A major (three sharps) and 3/4 time. The tempo is Moderato at 54 beats per minute. The score is divided into four systems. The first system (measures 1-5) features a Baritone part with rests and a Piano accompaniment with a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The second system (measures 6-10) continues the piano accompaniment. The third system (measures 11-15) includes the vocal entry with the lyrics 'When you are old and gray, and'. The tempo changes to Poco meno mosso at 48 beats per minute. The fourth system (measures 16-20) continues the vocal line with lyrics 'full of sleep And nod-ding by the fire, take down this book And'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support throughout.

20

Bar.

slow - ly read, and dream of the soft look Your

Piano

24

Bar.

eyes had once, and of their sha - dows deep;

Piano

28

Bar.

**B**

Piano

*mp*

33

Bar.

Piano

37 *ritenuto . . .* **C** A tempo **3**

Bar. How ma - ny loved your mo - ments of glad grace,

Piano *p*

41

Bar. And loved your beau - ty with love false or true; But

Piano

45

Bar. one man loved the pil - grim soul in you, And loved the sor - rows of

Piano

49 *ritenuto . . .* **D** a tempo *mp*

Bar. your chang - ing face.

Piano

53 *ritenuto...*

Bar. 

Piano


58 **E** *a tempo* *mp*

Bar. 

Piano *p*

And bend - ing down be - side the glow - ing bars, Mur - mur, a lit - tle sad - ly,


62

Bar. 

Piano

how love fled And paced up - on the moun - tains o - ver - head,

66 *rall...*

Bar. 

Piano

And hid his face a - mid a crowd of

**F**

Tempo primo, ♩=54

70

Bar.

Piano

stars.

*mp*

76

Bar.

Piano

**G**

81

Bar.

Piano

*rall. ...*

87

Bar.

Piano

6/4

time: 5:40

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