

Three Poems by Robert Frost

I. Nothing Gold Can Stay

Score

Ben Hackett

Solemn but not slow $\text{♩} = 80$

The score is written for Mezzo-Soprano and Piano. It begins with a Mezzo-Soprano staff and a grand staff (Piano). The tempo is marked 'Solemn but not slow' with a quarter note equal to 80 beats. The key signature has one flat (B-flat major/D minor) and the time signature is 4/4. The piano accompaniment starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic and gradually increases to mezzo-forte (*mf*) and forte (*f*) dynamics. The Mezzo-Soprano part enters at measure 7 with the lyrics 'Na - ture's'. The piano accompaniment features a complex harmonic texture with many chords and moving lines. The lyrics continue: '— first green is gold, Her har - dest hue —' starting at measure 13. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar texture, featuring a variety of chord voicings and melodic fragments. The lyrics conclude with: '— to hold. to hold. Her ear - ly leaf's — a flo - wer; But' starting at measure 20. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord and a few notes in the bass line.

II. Fire and Ice

Ferociously ♩ = 130 *mf*

Mezzo: 47 3
Some say the world will end in

Pno. *f* *p*

Mezzo: 50 *mp*
fire — fire — fire — fire, —

Pno. *f* *f* *subito p* *sub. f*

Mezzo: 54 *mp*
Some say in ice —

Pno. *mp* *Ped.*

Mezzo: 59 *mf* *f*
From what I've ta - sted of de - sire, — de-sire, de - sire, —

Pno. *f* *p* *f* *mf*

Mezzo *mf* 63 I hold with those - - - who fav - or fire. — Fire — *f*

Pno. *mp* *f* *sub. mp* *sub. f*

Mezzo *mp* 67 But if I had - - - to per - ish

Pno. *sub. mp* *sub. f* *sub. mp*

Mezzo *mf* 71 twice Per - ish twice —

Pno. *sub. f* *mp*

Mezzo *f* 75 I think I know en - ough of

Pno. *f* *ff* *mf*

III. A Question

99 **March Tempo** ♩ = 120 *mf*

Mezzo *mf*
A voice said,

Pno. *f* *subito p* *f*

103 *mf*

Mezzo *mf*
A voice said, Look me in the

Pno. *subito p* *f* *mf* *mp*

108 *f* *ff*

Mezzo *f* *ff*
stars the stars

Pno. *mf* *ff*

113 *mp* *mf*

Mezzo *mp* *mf*
And tell me tru - ly, men of earth,

Pno. *subito p* *mf*