

# number one

for margaret

Thomas Nicholson  
text by Walt Whitman

$\text{♩} = 60$  no vibrato, always soft, scattered breathing. \* \*\*

The musical score is written for a large ensemble of voices and a harmonium. It is in 4/8 time and consists of two systems of staves. The first system covers measures 1 through 11, and the second system covers measures 12 through 22. The vocal parts are arranged as follows:

- Soprano 1:** I believe a leaf
- Soprano 2:** I believe
- Soprano 3:** I believe
- Alto 1:** I believe a leaf of grass
- Alto 2:** I believe a
- Alto 3:** I believe
- Tenor 1:** I believe a
- Tenor 2:** I believe a
- Bass 1:** I believe a
- Bass 2:** I believe

The Harmonium part provides accompaniment throughout. The lyrics are: "I believe a leaf of grass is no leaf of grass is a leaf of grass".

\* relative changes in pitch may be freely interpreted by each singer at either a major or a minor second.

\*\* the arrows to measure 3 indicate that the "centre line" represents the pitch on which each singer starts.

23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33

S 1 of

S 2 leaf of

S 3

A 1 less than the

Hrmn.

A 2 no less

A 3 leaf of

T 1 of grass

T 2 no less than the

B 1 no less

B 2 is



S 1 grass is

S 2 grass is

S 3 a leaf

A 1

Hrmn.

A 2

A 3 grass

T 1 is no

T 2

B 1 than

B 2 no less than

34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44

45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56

S 1 no less

S 2 no less than the

S 3 of grass is no

A 1 jour ney work

Hrnm.

A 2 than

A 3 is no less

T 1 less than the

T 2 jour

B 1 the jour ney

B 2 the



57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66

S 1 than the jour

S 2 jour

S 3 less than the jour ney

A 1 of the

Hrnm.

A 2

A 3 than the jour

T 1 jour ney

T 2 ney

B 1 work

B 2 jour ney work

67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79

S 1 ney work of the

S 2 ney

S 3 work of the

A 1

Hrmn.

A 2 the jour ney work of

A 3 ney work

T 1 work of the

T 2 work

B 1 of

B 2 of the



80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91

S 1 stars.

S 2 work of the stars.

S 3 stars.

A 1 stars.

Hrmn. stars. *chromatic cluster*

A 2 the

A 3 of the stars.

T 1 stars.

T 2 of the stars.

B 1 the stars.

B 2 stars.