

Préludes XXIV

- a vain and doubtfull good

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Piano

1 $E\flat$ $F\text{min}$ $E\flat/G$ $A\flat$ $G\text{min}$ $C\text{min}$ B

Bea-ty is but a vain and doubt-full good, A shin-ing gloss, that va-deth sud-den-ly; A

3 F/A E/A $A\text{min}7$ $G\text{min}/B\flat$ $A\flat/C$

flower that dies, when first it 'gins to bud; A brit-tle glass, that's bro-ken pre-sent-ly: A

5 $B\flat/D$ $C\text{min}/E\flat$ $E\flat$ $F\text{min}$ $E\flat/G$ $A\flat$ $G\text{min}/B\flat$

doubt-full good, a gloss, a glass, a flower, Lost, va-ded, bro-ken, dead with-in an hour.

7 $E\flat$ $F\text{min}$ $E\flat/G$ $A\flat$ $G\text{min}$ $C\text{min}$ B

And as goods lost are seld or ne-ver found, As va-ded gloss no rub-bing will re-fresh, As

9 F/A E/A $A\text{min}7$ $G\text{min}/B\flat$ $A\flat/C$

flow-ers dead lie win-ter'd on the ground, As bro-ken glass no ce-ment can re-dress, So

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B \flat /D Cmin/E \flat E \flat Fmin E \flat /G A \flat Gmin/B \flat

beau - ty, ble - mish'd once, for e - ver lost, In spite of phy - sic, pain - ting, pain and cost.