

pond 8: river

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difficult names Susquehanna Monongahela Cuyahoga Schuylkill Allegheny syllabled
voice of absent displaced slaughtered power behind steel sluggish broad-bodied curves

Melancholoy, requiem-like $\text{♩} = 52$

Soprano

Alto *ppp* like a distant whisper

Tenor

Bass

A. 5 *pp*

T.

B. *pp*

A. 9 *p*

T.

B.

The musical score consists of four staves, one for each voice: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The music is in common time, with a key signature of three flats. The vocal parts are mostly in 3/4 time, except for some sections where they switch to 2/4 time. The Alto part has the most complex rhythm, often featuring sixteenth-note patterns. The Tenor and Bass parts provide harmonic support with sustained notes and simple rhythms. The lyrics are placed below the Alto staff, corresponding to the vocal entries. The score is annotated with various dynamics (ppp, pp, p), tempos (♩ = 52), and time signatures (3/4, 2/4). A large, semi-transparent watermark reading "Perusal Score" diagonally across the page serves as a copyright notice.

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S. *mp*
dif - fi - cult names _____ syl-la - bled _____ voice _____

A. han-na _____ Mo-non-ga - he-la _____ Cuy-a - ho-ga _____ Sus-que-

T. han - na _____ he - la _____ ho - ga _____

B. han - na _____ he - la _____ ho - ga _____

18
S. of ab - sent dis-placed slaug - tered pow-er _____

A. han-na _____ Mo-non-ga - he-la _____ Cuy-a - ho-ga _____

T. han - na _____ he - la _____ ho - ga _____

B. han - na _____ he - la _____ ho - ga _____

pp
T. han - na _____ he - la _____ ho - ga _____

B. han - na _____ he - la _____ ho - ga _____

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S. *mp* be - hind steel slug - gish

A. Schuyl-kill Al - le - ghe - ny Sus-que - han - na Mo-non-ga - he - la Cuy-a -

T. Schuyl-kill Al - le - ghe - ny han - na he - la

B. Schuyl-kill Al - le - ghe - ny han - na he - la

Perusal Score

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S. hm.

A. *pp* of ab - sent dis-placed

T. *pp* — Mo - non - ga - he - la Schuyl-kill Al - le - ghe - ny Mo - non - ga -

B. *pp* — Mo - non - ga - he - la Schuyl-kill Al - le - ghe - ny Mo - non - ga -
Schuyl-kill ah

49 solo

S. hm.

A. solo syl - la - bled voice

T. solo he - la Schuyl - kill Mo - non - ga - he - la

B. *pp* fading out Schuyl - kill ah

53 fading out

A. fading out

T. fading out

B.