

## VI. Return

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Very free, sempre con espress., (approximate quaver pulse)

Voice

*mf*

Ab - - - sent from thee,

2 *p* stretched *mf* pushing on *p* slowing...

I lan - - - guish, I lan - - - guish still;

4 *a tempo* *pp* *molto* *f*

Then ask me not, when re - turn?

8 *mf strong* 3

The stray - - - ing fool 'twill plain - ly kill To wish all day, all

10 *f* *meno* *p* 6

night, all night to mourn.

13 *espress.* *mp* *mf* pushing on *tr*

Dear! Dear! from thine arms then let me

16 *tr* *ecstatic, fantastical* 5

fly, That my fan - tas - tic mind may prove The

18 *ff* *molto* *mp inward* Slower

tor-, tor-, tor - ments it de-serves to try, That tears my fixed

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heart from my love.