

to Pamela Russell on her 90th birthday

Song's Eternity

John Clare (1793–1864)

HOWARD SKEMPTON

Andante ♩ = 104
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SOPRANO 1

SOPRANO 2

What is song's e - ter-ni - ty?_ Come and see. Can it noise and bus-tle

10

be?_ Come and see. Prai - ses sung_ or prai - ses said_ Can it be?

19

Wait a - while and these are dead_ Sigh,_ sigh;_ Be they high_ or low - ly

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bred_ They die. What is song's e - ter - ni - ty?_ Come and see. Me - lo -

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- dies of earth_ and sky, Here they be. Song once_ sung to A-dam's

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