

# the ritual of grief

rico gerber

Piano

♩ = 80

*ff* *f*

Pno.

*p* *mf* *pp*

7:4

Pno.

*pppp* *pppp*

7:4

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13 8

subito  
*mp*  
*ff*

Pno.

14 8

*sf* 7:4  
*sf* depress keys silently to "catch" the echo of the previous struck chord  
*pppp*

Pno.

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16 8

*pp*  
*ff*

Pno.

Tea.

Pno.

17 8

*pp*

*ff* *p*

*sf sf as before*

*pppp*

Pno.

19 8

*pppp*

♩ = 50

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19

*pppp*

*ppp*

♩ = 50

*meno mosso misterioso e delicato*

*Ado.* \_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

24 8

*pp m.s.*

*pp m.s.*

29 8

Pno.

34 8

Pno.

38 8

Pno.

poco rit

Pno.

43 8

43

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inspired by the following poem by Bernard Ward

**The Ritual of Grief**

Wind blew across the pool

always here  
In the quiet of love

Unheralded by flares by masts snapping  
With flags the sound of air

When everything is gone  
The strengthening of light on the stair

Flower of despair  
For the present only thought

Will be your shelter  
clad in garments washed by the rainbow

Formal with time  
...odd light and dry