

Alpha Omega

for soprano
& piano

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Alpha Omega
with love you listen
loving all sound made
waves of soft and loud
linger like an incense
surrounding you always
beginning to end

Alpha Omega
in my death
a new home of silence
holy infinite silence
constant always
without end
peace without end
a final gift of silence
beginning to no end
Alpha Omega
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Amen

for Ashley 'Laut' Lingenhoel

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originally for harpsichord and voice, so some changes for the piano version:

keep everything as sustained as possible by keeping notes depressed as long as possible, like on harpsichord. all notes under slurs are to be kept sustaining together.

piano doesn't use sustain pedal until near the very end, as marked.

in keeping true with harpsichord, the piano's dynamic should be kept very neutral, keeping in balance with the voice.

harpsichord version is meant to be tuned in 1/4 comma meantone, so if the piano is tunable than by all means . . .

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in memory of

Molly Omega Brown

grandmother to me

and a shining light of love to the world

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freely
♩=56

Soprano

Piano

"m" always very sustained with fingers

4

mp *p*

Al _____ pha _____

8

mp

○ _____

12 *mf* *pp* 5 *meno mosso* ♩=50 *p*

O me - ga O me

15 *p* *Tempo primo* ♩=56

ga ah ah Al

18 *ff* *p* *f* *p* *slower* ♩=50

pha ah ah

21 *mf*

O me ga

Tempo primo
♩ = 56 *p*

6

mp

me

27 *mf* *pp* *ppp* *pp* *mf*

ga ah

30 *pp* *mf* *p*

ah O me

33

ga with love you list - en lov - ing

35 *mp* *ppp* *p* *f*

all sound _____ made _____ waves of soft and loud _____

38 *mp* *mf* *mf* *p*

_____ lin ger like an in cense sur roun ding you al - ways be gin - ning

41 *pp* *pp* *mf*

to end Al _____

44 *mf* *p*

pha _____ O me _____ ga

48 *pp* *mp* *mf* *ppp*

ah

meno mosso

54 *pp* *p* *ppp* *p*

A tempo

ah ah

59 *mp* *mf*

Al O O me

64 *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

ga ah O me O ma - ga

69

p *mf* *p* *pp*

In my death a new home of si - lence

74

mf

77

p *mf* *p*

In my death a new home of si lence ho - ly in - fin - ite si - lence

82

mf *p* *pp*

con - stant al - ways with - out end - peace with out - end

88

p *pp*

a fin-al gift of si- lence

92

pp

be-

95

mf *p* *pp* *pp*

gin-ing to no end Al-

100

ppp *ppp*

very calm ♩=48

pha O me-

105

rit. — — — — —

pp

ga O me ga

A tempo — very free through to the end

108

mf *mf* freely

be - gin - ing

repeat 6x — sempre molto accel.

Ped.

112

f

to

113

no

114 *p*

end

115

f

A - men

10"

Ped.