

# SILENTLY IF

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# Silently If

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slowly and expressively  
with rubato

Voice

Piano

si - lent - ly if,

Voice

Pno.

out of not know a - ble night's ut - most no thing wan - ders a lit - tle guess

Voice

Pno.

(on - ly which is this world) more my life does not

8 *rall.* *a tempo* *pp* 3

Voice  
 leap than with the mys - te - ry your

Pno.  
*rall.* *a tempo* *pp* 3 3 3

10 *fp* *cresc.* *f* 3

Voice  
 smile sings or if (spi - ral - ing aas

Pno.  
*sfz* 5 *f* 3

12 *f* *dim.* *ten.* *p* 5

Voice  
 lu - mi - nous they climb ob - liv - i - on) voi - ces who are dreams

Pno.  
*f* *dim.* *p* *colla voce* *mp* 3

16 *p* *ten.*  
Voice less in - to heav - en cer - tain - ly earth swims than each my  
Pno. *p* 5 *colla voce*

17 *darkly* *f*  
Voice deep - er death be - comes your kiss \_\_\_\_\_  
Pno. *f* 3

19 *mf*  
Voice los - ing through you what seemed my - self, i find  
Pno. *mp* 5 (p) (no ped.)

20 *cresc.* *f* *cresc.*

Voice  
selves un-im - ag - i-nab-ly mine; be - yond sor-row's own

Pno.  
*cresc.* *f*

Ped.

22 *ff* *dim.* *a tempo* *mf*

Voice  
joys and hop-ing's ver - y fears

Pno.  
*ff* *dim.* *a tempo* *mf* *poco f* *ten.*

25 *a tempo*

Voice  
yours \_\_\_\_\_ is the light by which my

Pno.  
*dim.* *rit.* *a tempo* *pp* *una corda*



