

BEHIND CORNEAL GATES

Sonnet no. 8 / Corneal Gates

Gently, with an easy inflection ♩=60

mp

Ped.

4

mf

Sweetlove re - new thy force, be it not said Thy

mf

Λ simile

7

edge should blunt-er be than ap - pe - tite, Which but to - day by

10

feed- ing_ is_ al layed, To-mor-rowsharp ened_ in his for - mer might.

13

p

You_ keep my im - age_ Be - hind_ cor - ne - al gates.

16

I look clos - er, See_ an hour - glass Where sand be - comes An end - less

19

gradually cresc -----

beach-- Where a shell lies_ Like a cast a-way. I pick it up, Hear thoughts sing, Watch notes

gradually cresc

23

f

mf

rise like fire's breath._ I ask the wind To send this song To where dreams

f *mf*

26

live And wait for his eyes To op - en the gates._

29

mf

32

mf

So love be thou, al-though to-day thou fill Thy

35

hun-gry eyes, ev-en till they wink with full-ness, To-mor-row see a-

38

gain, and do not kill The spir - it of love, with a per - pet - u - al dull - ness:

41

f Let this sad in - ter - im like the oc - ean be

44

Which parts the shore, where two

47

con - trac - ted new, _____ Come dai - ly _____ to the banks, _____ that

50

ff

when they see: _____ Re-turn of love, more blest _____ may be the view. _____ Or

53

call it win- ter, _____ which be - ing full of care, _____ Makes sum-mer's wel come, _____

56

— thrice more wished, — more rare. —

59

p
 You_ keep my im-age Be-hind_ cor-ne-al gates. I look clos-er, See

p

63

— an hour - glass Where sand be-comes An end-less beach-- Where a shell lies_

66

gradually cresc----- f



Like a cast-a-way. I pick it up, Hear thoughtssing, Watchnotes rise like fire's breath.



gradually cresc----- f

70

mf



I ask the wind To send this song To where dreams live And wait for his eyes To



mf

74

p



op-en the gates. To op - en the gates.



mp

p

pp

ppp