

# Lead Kindly, Light

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Perusal Score

# Lead Kindly, Light

Circa  $\text{♩} = 65$  with rubato

S. Solo *mp* Lead kind - ly light. *mp* *mf* Lead *mp*

A. Solo *mp* Lead kind - ly a - mid the en - cir - cling gloom, *p* *mp*

S. a - mid the en - cir - cling gloom, *mp*

A. a - mid the en - cir - cling gloom, *p* *mp*

T. a - mid the en - cir - cling gloom, *p* *mp*

B. a - mid the en - cir - cling gloom, *p* *mp*

5 S. Solo *mf* Thou *mp* and I am *mf*

A. Solo The night is dark, *p* *mp* and I am *mp*

S. *mp* Lead Thou me on. *p* *mp* Lead kind - ly

A. *mp* Lead Thou me on. *p* *mp* Lead kind - ly

T. *mp* Lead Thou me on. *p* *mp* Lead kind - ly

B. *mp* Lead Thou me on. *p* *mp* Lead kind - ly

9 *mf*

S. Solo  
A. Solo

far from home,

I am far from home, *p* Lead Thou me on Keep Thou my feet; I

I am far from home, *p* Lead Thou me on Keep Thou my feet; I

I am far from home, *p* Lead Thou me on Keep Thou my feet; I

I am far from home, *p* Lead Thou me on Keep Thou my feet; I

13 *mf* *mf*

S. do not ask to see the dis - tant scene; Lead kind - ly light, a -

A. do not ask to see the dis - tant scene; Lead kind - ly light, *mf*

T. do not ask to see the dis - tant scene; Lead kind - ly light, a -

B. do not ask to see the dis - tant scene; Lead kind - ly light, *mf*

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A. Solo

S. *f* *mf* *mp*  
 mid the en - cir - cling gloom, Lead Thou me on. *mp* one

A. *f* *mf* *mp*  
 mid the en - cir - cling gloom, Lead Thou me on.

T. *f* *mf*  
 mid the en - cir - cling gloom, Lead Thou me on.

B. *f* *mf* *mp*  
 mid the en - cir - cling gloom, Lead Thou me on.

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A. Solo

S. *p* *mp* *mf*  
 step e-nough for me. nor prayed that Thou shouldst lead shouldst lead me

A. *p* *mp* *mf*  
 e - nough for me. nor prayed that thou shouldst lead shouldst lead me

T. *mf*  
 I was not e - ver thus, nor prayed that thou shouldst lead shouldst lead me

B. *p* *mf*  
 e - nough for me. That Thou shouldst lead me

*Ad Mosso*

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25

S. *mp*  
on; I loved to choose and see my path; but now Lead me

A. *mp*  
on. I loved to choose and see my path; but now, now lead me

T. *mp*  
on. I loved to choose and see my path; but now now Lead me

B. *mp*  
on. I loved to choose and see my path; lead Thou me

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S. Solo *mf*  
Lead

A. Solo

S. *p* *mp* *p*  
or Lead kind - ly light. Lead kind - ly,

*p* *mp* *p*  
on. Lead, kind - ly Lead kind - ly light Lead kind - ly,

T. *p* *mp* *p*  
on. Lead, kind - ly Lead kind - ly light Lead kind - ly,

B. *p* *mp* *p*  
on. Lead, kind - ly Lead kind - ly light Lead kind - ly,

33

S. Solo *mf* kind ly light, *mf* pride\_ ruled my will;

A. Solo *f* loved the ga - rish day, and spite of fears, re - mem - ber

S. *mp* *mf* *mp* Lead kind - ly light, light,

A. *mp* *mf* *mp* Lead kind - ly light, light,

T. *mp* *mf* Light

B. *mp* *mf* Lead kind - ly light,

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S. Solo not past years...

A. Solo warm *f* not past years...

S. *mf* Lead kind - ly light, lead Thou\_ me on... Lead\_

A. *mp* *mf* warm *mp* *mf* Lead kind - ly light, lead Thou\_ me on... Lead\_

T. *mp* *mf* warm *mp* *mf* Lead kind - ly light, Lead me on... Lead\_

B. *mp* *mf* warm *mp* *mf* Lead kind - ly light, Lead me on.

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*mp* ————— *mf*

42

S. *mp* *mf* So long thy po - wer. Thy pow - er hath blessed me it  
 kind - ly light.

A. *mp* *mf* Thy pow - er hath blessed me it  
 kind - - ly light,

T. Still it still, it  
 kind - - ly light,

B. *mp* *mf* it  
 Lead kind - ly light,

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S. *f* still will lead on. o'er moor and fen o'er  
 still will lead me on. Lead me o'er moor and fen o'er

A. *f* still will lead me on. Lead me o'er moor and fen o'er

T. *f* still will lead me on. o'er moor o'er moor o'er

B. *f* still will lead me on. o'er moor

PERUSAL SCORE

poco rit..

A Tempo

50

S. *f*  
crag and tor - rent, 'til night is gone: 'til

A. *f* *mf*  
crag and tor - rent, 'til night 'til night 'til

T. *mf*  
crag and tor - rent, 'til night 'til night 'til

B. *mf*  
crag and tor - rent, 'til night is gone: 'til

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S. *p*  
night is gone: The night is gone; The

A. *p*  
ne 'til night is gone: night is gone; The

T. *p*  
night night is gone: night is gone;

B. *p*  
night is gone: night is gone;

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Perusal Score

58

S. Solo *mp* ————— *mf* *p*  
And with the morn those

A. Solo *p* those

S. *mp* *p*  
night is gone; And with the

A. *mp* *p*  
night is gone; And with the

T. *mp* *p*  
the night is gone; And with the

B. *mp* *p*  
e night is gone; And with the

*poco rit.*

62

S. Solo *mf* *mf*  
an - gel fa ces smile. Which I have loved long since.

A. Solo *mf* *mf*  
an - gel ces smile. Which I have

S. *mf* *mp* *mf*  
morn those an - gel fa - ces smile,

A. *mp* *mf*  
morn Which I have loved

T. *mp* *mf*  
morn Which I have loved

B. *mp* *mf*  
morn Which I have loved

A Tempo

66

S. Solo *p* Lead Thou me on.

A. Solo loved and lost a - while.

S. *p* *mp* *mf* *mp*  
Lead kind - ly Lead kind - ly light Lead

A. *p* *p* *mp*  
Lead kind - ly Lead kind - ly

T. *p* *p*  
Lead kind - ly Lead kind - ly light

B. *p* *p* *m* *mp*  
Lead kind - ly Lead kind - ly light

*poco rit.*

A Tempo

70

S. *mp* *f* *mf*  
kind light, the en - circ - ling gloom Lead

A. *p* *mp* *f* *mf*  
Lead kind - ly light, a - midst the en - circ - ling gloom Lead

T. *mf* *f* *mf*  
Lead kind - ly a - midst the en - circ - ling gloom Lead

B. *mp* *f* *mf*  
- midst the en - circ - ling gloom Lead

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S. kind - - ly light, Lead kind - - ly light Lead

A. kind - - ly light, Lead kind - - ly light, Lead

T. kind - - ly light, Lead kind - - ly light, Lead

B. Lead kind - ly light, Lead kind - ly light,

kind - - ly light, Lead kind - - ly light,

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S. Solo

A. Solo

S. kind - ly light, *f* Lead kind - ly light, *mp* *mf* Lead

A. kind - - ly light, *f* Lead kind - ly light, *mp* *mf*

T. kind - - ly light, *f* Lead kind - ly light, *mp* *mf*

B. lead kind - ly light, *mp* *mf*

lead kind - ly light Lead kind - ly light,

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PERUSSAL SCORE

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S. Solo *mp* *mf*  
Lead Thou me on (n)

A. Solo *mf*  
Thou me on.

S. *p* *mp* *p*  
Lead Thou me on. Lead kindly light a -

A. *p* *mp* *p* *p*  
Lead Thou me on. Lead kind ly light, a -

T. *mp* *p* *p*  
Lead on. Lead kind ly light, a -

B. *mp*  
Lead on.

*poco rit.* *mf* *mp* *poco rit.*

S. 86 mid the en - cir - cling gloom, *mf* *mp*  
mid the en - cir - cling gloom, Lead, kind - - - ly light.

A. *mf* *mp*  
mid the en - cir - cling gloom, Lead, kind - - - ly light.

T. *mf* *mp*  
mid the en - cir - cling gloom, Lead, kind - - - ly light.

B. *p* *mf* *mp*  
the en - cir - cling gloom, Lead, kind - - - ly light.