

6. Ask Me No More (1883)

To Lady Ilchester

*ASSAI
MODERATO*

molto legato

p

cres.

4
VOICE

p

Ask me no more: the moon may draw the

rit.

a tempo

rit.

pp

7

sea; The cloud may stoop from heaven... and take the shape, With fold to

rit.

a tempo

a tempo

col canto

10

fold,..... of mountain or of cape; But O too fond,.... when have I answer'd

13

thee? Ask me no more ask me no more With fold to

p rit. *rit.*

p col canto rit. *rit.*

16

fold,..... of mountain or of cape; But O too fond,.... when have I answer'd

cres:.....

col canto *cres.*

19

thee?..... Ask me no more..... ask me no more.

rit. *rit.* *a tempo*

col canto

22

25

p Ask me no more: what answer should I give? I love not

a tempo

28

rit:.....

hollow cheek..... or faded eye: Yet, O my friend,..... I will not have thee

col canto

31

rit:..... *pp rit:.....*

die! Ask me no more,..... lest I should bid thee live; Ask me no

rit:..... *col canto*

34

a tempo

rit.

more ask me no more..... Yet, O my friend,..... I will not have thee

37

die! Ask me no more,..... lest I should bid thee live;..... Ask me no

40

p a tempo

PIÙ MOSSO

more..... ask me no more. Ask me no more:.... thy fate and mine are

43

cres:..... poco..... a..... poco

seal'd: I strove a - gainst.... the stream and all in vain: Let the great

46 *affrett:.....*

river take me to the main: No more, dear love, for at a touch I

rit.

affrett:.....

rit. col canto

49 *f 1^o tempo* *pp rit.* *pp affrett:.....*

yield; Ask me no more ask me no more No more, dear

1^o tempo *pp*

f col canto *pp rit.* *affrett:.....*

pp

52 *cres:.....*

love, for at a touch I yield No more dear love for at a touch I

cres:.....

f col canto

55

yield ask me no more.....