

If Music Be the Food of Love

Purcell

♩ = 90

Alto I

p

Musical score for the first system. It features a vocal line for Alto I and a piano accompaniment. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 90. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a rest followed by the lyrics "If mu - sic_ be_ the_". The piano accompaniment starts with a chord and a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The word "legato" is written below the piano part.

If mu - sic_ be_ the_

legato

5

cresc.

Musical score for the second system. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "food of_ love, sing on, sing on, sing on, sing on till I_ am_ fill'd, am_". The piano accompaniment continues with a similar texture. The word "cresc." is written above the piano part.

food of_ love, sing on, sing on, sing on, sing on till I_ am_ fill'd, am_

9

p

mf

cresc.

Musical score for the third system. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "fill'd_ with joy; For then my list -'ning soul_ you_ move, For then my list - ning_". The piano accompaniment continues. The dynamic markings *p*, *mf*, and *cresc.* are indicated above the vocal line.

fill'd_ with joy; For then my list -'ning soul_ you_ move, For then my list - ning_

13

p

cresc.

Musical score for the fourth system. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "soul_ you_ move, To plea sures that_ can ne - ver_ cloy. Youreyes, your mien, your". The piano accompaniment continues. The dynamic markings *p* and *cresc.* are indicated above the vocal line.

soul_ you_ move, To plea sures that_ can ne - ver_ cloy. Youreyes, your mien, your

cresc.

17 *p*

tongue de-clare that you are mu sic ev - 'ry where. Your

p *legato*

21 *cresc.*

eyes, your mien your tongue de - clare that

cresc.

23 *p*

you are mus - - - sic ev - ry where.

p