

Limbo

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$\text{♩} = 50c.$

p *mp*

Fish - er - men at Ball - y - shan - non nett - ed an in - fant last

pp

ff *p* *cresc.*

ff *p* *cresc.*

ff *p* *cresc.*

ff *p sub.* *cresc.*

5 *mf*

night — a - long with the sal - mon. An il - le - git - i - mate spawn - ing,

mf

mf *mf* *fmp* *pp*

mf *mf* *fmp* *pp*

mf *fmp* *pp*

mf

9 *pp*

a small one thrown back to the wa - ters.

Ob. *ppp*

Vn.1 *ppp*

Vn.2 *ppp*

Va. *ppp*

Vc. *ppp*

15

Ob. *mp*

Vn.1 *mp* *f* *pp* *mp*

Vn.2 *mp* *f* *pp* *mp*

Va. *mp* *f* *pp* *mp*

Vc. *mp* *mp*

21 *pp*

But I'm sure, as she stood in the shall - ows duck - ing

Vn.1

Vn.2 *pp*

Va. *pp*

Vc. *pp*

27 *cresc.*

— him ten-der-ly till—the fro-zen knobs of her wrists were dead as the grav-el,

Ob. *p* \curvearrowright *sfz*

Vn.1 *cresc.*

Vn.2 *cresc.*

Va. *cresc.*

Vc. *cresc.*

31 *ff*

he was a min-now—with-hooks, tear-ing her o-pen.

Ob. *sfz* \curvearrowright *mp* *ff* \curvearrowright *pp* \curvearrowleft *ff*

Vn.1 *f* *trb* \curvearrowright *ff* \curvearrowright *mp* *ff* \curvearrowright *pp* \curvearrowleft *ff*

Vn.2 *f* *trq* \curvearrowright *ff* \curvearrowright *mp* *ff* \curvearrowright *pp* \curvearrowleft *ff*

Va. *f* *trq* \curvearrowright *ff* \curvearrowright *mp* *ff* \curvearrowright *pp* \curvearrowleft *ff*

Vc. *f* *trb* \curvearrowright *ff* \curvearrowright *ff* \curvearrowright *mp* *ff* \curvearrowright *pp* \curvearrowleft *ff*

36

mp

She

Vn.1 *pp* *f* *pp sub.*

Vn.2 *pp* *f* *pp sub.*

Va. *pp sub.* *f* *pp sub.*

Vc. *pp* *f*

43

mf

pp

wa-ded in un-der the sign of her cross. He was hauled

Ob. *ppp*

Vn.1 *ppp*

Vn.2 *ppp*

Va. *ppp*

Vc. *ppp*

48

in with the fish. mm mm

Ob. *mp*

Vn.1 *mp*

Vn.2 *mp* *pp*

Va. *mp* *pp*

Vc. *mp* *pp*

54

Ob. *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Vn.2 *cold* *p sempre*

Va.

61

Ob. *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Vn.2

Now lim - bo will

67

be a cold— glitt-er of souls— through some— bri - - - ny zone.—

Ob. *p* < *f* *p* < *f*

Vn.1 *p* < *f* *p* < *f*

Vn.2

Va. *p* < *f* *p* < *f*

Vc. *p* < *f* *p* < *f*

sul pont. senza vib.

71

E - ven— Christ's— palms, — un - healed, — smart,

Ob. *p* *f*

Vn.1 *p* *f*

Vn.2

Va. *p* *f*

Vc. *p* *f*

mf

75

and can - not fish there.

Ob.

Vn.1

Vn.2

Va.

Vc.

pp *ffp* *sfz*

pp *ffp* *sfz*

pp *ffp* *sfz*

pp *ffp* *sfz*

nat.

nat.

sul pont. *gl.*

sul pont. *gl.*