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The Jabberwocky

By Lewis Carroll

for lyric soprano and piano



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JABBERWOCKY

Lewis Carroll

(from *Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There*, 1872)

’Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.

"Beware the Jabberwock, my son!
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!
Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun
The frumious Bandersnatch!"

He took his vorpal sword in hand:
Long time the manxome foe he sought --
So rested he by the Tumtum tree,
And stood awhile in thought.

And, as in uffish thought he stood,
The Jabberwock, with eyes of flame,
Came whiffling through the tulgey wood,
And burbled as it came!

One, two! One, two! And through and through
The vorpal blade went snicker-snack!
He left it dead, and with its head
He went galumphing back.

"And, has thou slain the Jabberwock?
Come to my arms, my beamish boy!
O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!"
He chortled in his joy.

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Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.

for Lyric Soprano
Written for Deborah Lifton

The Jabberwocky

by Lewis Carroll

dedicated to my family

Avner Finberg

allegro ma non troppo ♩ = 60

Piano

p

15^{ma}

S

3

ppp

Twa

5

Pno.

(15^{ma})

mf

pp

sfz

rit. ----- **allegro con spirito**
♩ = 112
mf joyful

S

5

as

bril - lig, and the

Pno.

(15^{ma})

5

ppp

loco

mp

6

5

f

The Jabberwocky

4
7

S *p* mysterious

sli - thy toves Did gyre and gim - ble in the wabe:

Pno. *pp* *f* *8va*

10

S *pp* *mf*

All mim - sy were the bo - ro -

Pno. *sfzp* *f* *mp* *sfz* *8va*

allegro ma non troppo ♩ = 60 *molto rit.* *allegro con spirito* ♩ = 112

12


S *p*

goves, And the mome raths out

Pno. *sffz* *pp* *8va*

The Jabberwocky


S

14 *mf* (getting excited) *f* *slow down until* 

grabe. out - grabe. out - grabe!

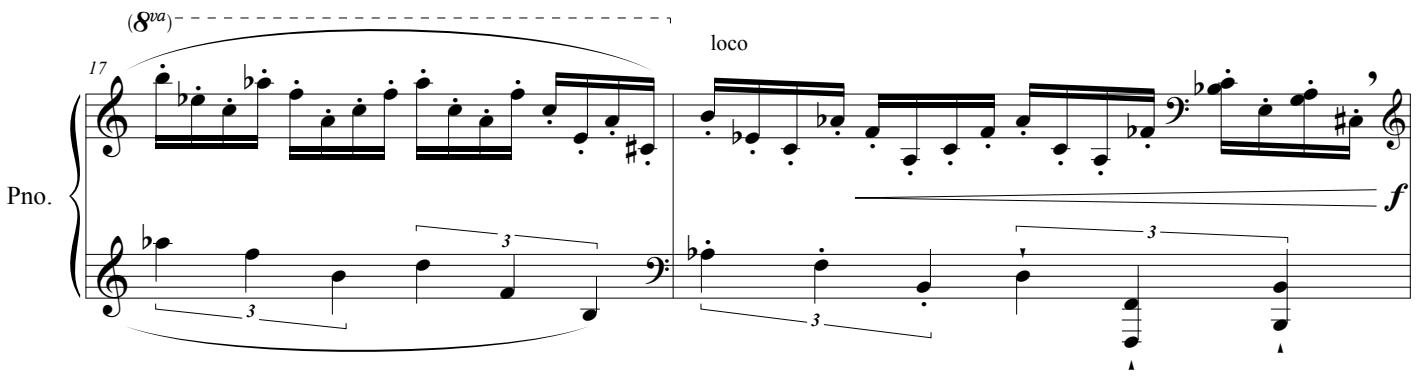
Pno.

p *mf* *f* *sfz* *p*



Pno.

17 *loco* *f*



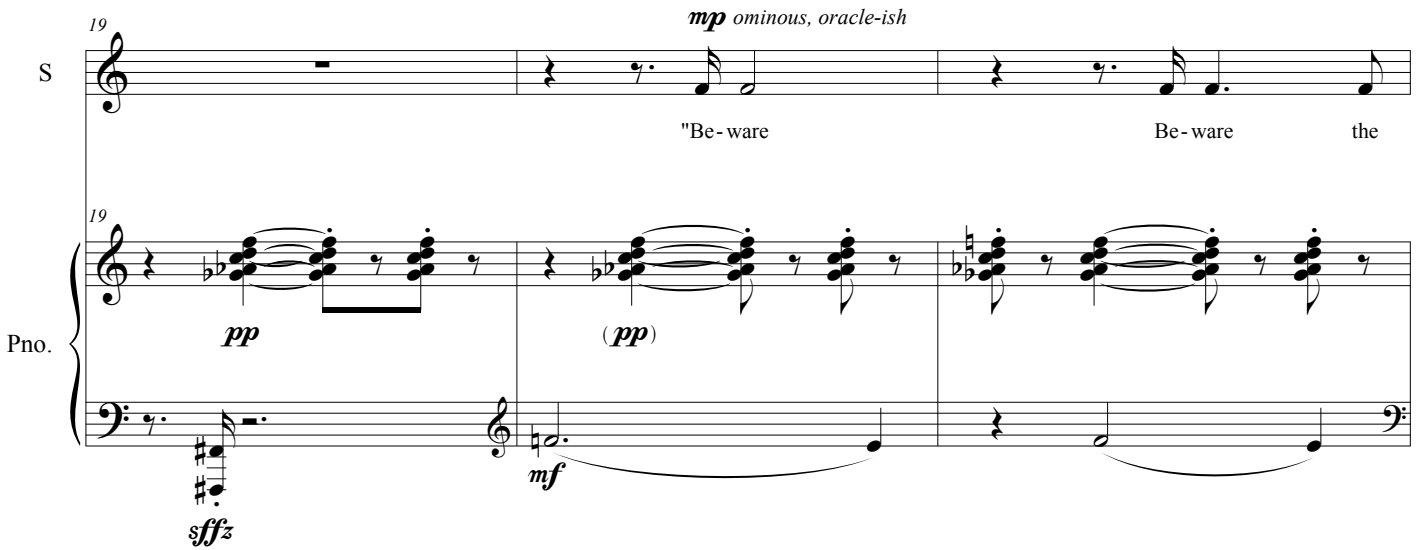
S

19 *mp* ominous, oracle-ish

"Be- ware Be- ware the

Pno.

pp (*pp*) *mf* *sfz*



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6
22

S

f *mp*

Jab - ber - wock, my son! The jaws that bite, the claws that

Pno.

pp *f*

pp

25

S

mf

catch! Be-ware the Jub - jub - bird

Pno.

pp *mf* *pp*

mf *pp*

ffz

8va

28

S

the Jub - jub bird the Jub-jub - jub-jub-jub - jub

Pno.

8va

The Jabberwocky

S 31 *ff* *pp* 7
bird, and shun The fru-mi-ous Ban-der - snatch!"

Pno. *f* *p*
Led.

S 34 *f* *mf*
He took his vor - pal sword in

Pno. *f* *p*

S 37
hand: Long time the man - xome foe he sought

Pno. *mf* *p*

The Jabberwocky

8
40

S

f

So res - ted he by the

Pno.

mf

43

S

Tum - tum tree, And stood a -

Pno.

f

46

S

p

while in thought.

Pno.

mf

The Jabberwocky

49 *pp* suspenseful

S

And, as in uf - fish thought he stood, And, as in

Pno.

pp intense

52 *cresc.*

S

uf - fish thought he stood, The Jab - ber - wock, with eyes of

Pno.

cresc.

55 *p*

S

flame, Came whif - fling whif - ling whif - ling through the tul - ge y wood,

Pno.

p

The Jabberwocky

10 *mf* *f*

S
And bur - bled as it came! One,

Pno. *mf* *f*

61

S
two! One, two! And through and

Pno. *fp* *f*

65

S
through The vor-pal blade went snic-ker - snack! sni-cker-snack! sni-cker-sni-cker

Pno. *fp* *f*

The Jabberwocky

S 68
sni - cker - sne - cker - sne - cker snack! He left it

Pno. 68 *8^{va}*

S 70
dead, and with its head He

loco

Pno. 70

Andate, tranquillo

$\text{♩} = 54$

p

S 72
went ga - lum - phing back. "And, has thou slain the Jab - ber-wock?"

Pno. 72 *pp*

8^{va}
ped. * *ped.*

The Jabberwocky

12
76

S

Come to my arms, ³ my beam - ish boy! ³ loco

Pno.

(8^{va}) - - - *

79

S

ppp f (in bitter sorrow)

O frab - jous day! Cal - looh! Cal - lay! He chortled in his joy — his joy —

Pno.

83

S

pp sweet

his joy. ossia

allegro ma non troppo ♩ = 60

15^{ma} - - - - -

Pno.

p

The Jabberwocky

86 *pp* *rit.* 13

S
86 (15^{ma}) - - - - - Twa 5 - - - - - as

Pno.

allegro con spirito
♩ = 112
mf

S
88 bril - lig, and the sli - thy toves Did gyre and gim - ble in the

Pno.
88 *mf* *pp*
loco

allegro ma non troppo ♩ = 60 *molto rit.*

S
91 wabe; All

Pno.
91 *f* *sfz p*

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14

allegro con spirito

S 93 $\text{♩} = 112$
mim - sy were the bo - ro - goves, And the

Pno. *f sfz mp sfz*
8va

S 95
mome raths out - grabe out -

Pno. *pp p*
3 3
8va

S 97
grabe out - - - - - grabe.

Pno. *mf f pp f sffz*
6 3
*Leg. **