

Ah! Sweet Mystery Of Life

Lyrics by
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Music by
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Moderato

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a piano introduction in the key of B-flat major, 3/4 time, marked *Moderato*. The piano part features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, with dynamics ranging from *mf* to *f*. The introduction includes triplet figures and an *accel.* marking. The vocal line enters at measure 3 with the lyrics "Ah! sweet mys - ter - y of life, at last I've". The piano accompaniment continues with a steady accompaniment pattern, marked *f* and *pp colla voce*. The vocal line continues with "found thee, Ah! I know at last the se - cret of it all; All the" at measure 5. The piano accompaniment maintains its accompaniment pattern. At measure 8, the tempo is marked *poco rit.* and the vocal line concludes with "long - ing, seek - ing, striv - ing, wait - ing, yearn - ing, — The burn - ing hopes, the joy and i - dle tearsthat". The piano accompaniment also concludes with a *poco rit.* marking.

fall! _____ For 'tis love, and love a-lone, the world is seek - ing; And 'tis

a tempo

love, and love a-lone that can re - pay! 'Tis the an - swer, 'tis the end and all of

allargando **ff**

liv ing, — For it is love a-lone that rules for aye! For 'tis love, and love a-lone, the world is

ten. **Grandioso**

ten. *molto cresc.*

21

seek - ing; For 'tis love, and love a-lone that can re - pay! 'Tis the

8^{vb}

24

an - swer, 'tis the end and all of liv - ing, — For it is love a - lone that rules for

ten.

ten.

pesante

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aye! —

ff allargando

ff

ffz

8^{va}