

The desert house

Text by Mary Elizabeth Coleridge

CARLES PRAT VIVES

Rain sound with the fingers during the whole piece.

expressionless

p

Soprano
There's no smoke in the chimney,

Alto
There's no smoke in the chimney,

Tenor
There's no smoke in the chimney,

Bass
There's no smoke in the chimney,

7

S
and the rain beats on the floor,

A
and the rain beats on the floor,

T
and the rain beats on the floor,

B
and the rain beats on the floor,

12

S there's no glass in the win - dow,

A there's no glass in the win - dow,

T there's no glass in the win - dow,

B there's no glass in the win - dow,

17

S there's no wood in the door _____

A there's no wood in the door

T there's no wood in the door

B there's no wood in the door _____

poco a poco più espressivo

22

mp S The hea - ther grows be - hind the house _____ and the

mp A The hea - ther grows be - hind the house and the

mp T The hea - ther grows be - hind the house _____ and the

mp B The hea - ther grows be - hind the house and the

27 *mf* *rit.* *a tempo* *mp* *cresc poco a poco*

S sand lies be - fore. No hand hath

A sand lies be - fore. No hand hath

T sand lies be - fore No hand hath

B — lies be - fore. No hand hath

32

S trained the i - vy, the walls are grey and bare,

A trained the i - vy, the walls are grey and bare

T trained the i - vy, the walls are grey and bare

B trained the i - vy, the walls are grey and bare

38 *mf* *poco allargando* *f*

S The boats up - on the sea sail by,

A The boats up - on the sea sail by,

T The boats up - on the sea sail by,

B The boats up - on the sea sail by,

4 *meno mosso*
expressionless
mp

rit.

43

S
mp
no e - ver ta - rry there.

A
mp
no e - ver ta - rry there.

T
mp
no e - ver ta - - - rry there.

B
mp
no e - ver ta - rry there.

a tempo

47

p

S
p
No _____ beast of the field come nigh,

A
p
No _____ beast of the field come nigh,

T
p
No _____ beast of the field come nigh,

B
p
No _____ beast of the field come _____ nigh,

52

pp

rit.

S
pp
nor _____ a - ny bird _____ of the air.

A
pp
nor _____ a - ny bird _____ of the air.

T
pp
nor _____ a - ny bird _____ of the air.

B
pp
nor _____ a - ny bird _____ of the air.