

for Kristopher Irmiter

John G. Neihardt (1881-1973)

Let Me Live Out My Years

Gary Bachlund

$\text{♩} = 60$

Let me live out my years in heat of blood!

6 Let me die drunk-en with the dream-er's wine! Let me

11 not see this soul-house built of mud go top-pling to the dusk --

16 a va-cant shrine.

ritardando molto

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22 ♩ = 70

Let me go quick-ly, like a can - dle light,

26 *ritardando* *a tempo*

snuffed out just as at the hey-day of its glow. Give me high noon --

and let it then be night! Thus would I

37 *ritardando* *tempo primo*

go. And grant that

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when I face the gris - ly Thing, the gris - ly Thing, _____ my song may

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trum - pet down the gray Per - haps. _____ Let me be as a

51

tune swept - fid - dle - string that feels the Mas - ter Me - lo - dy -- _____

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...the Mas - ter Me - lo - dy -- _____ and _____ snaps!

ritardando molto

circa 3' 00"