

Sean Noonan

# Chapter I: King Ludwig II

from Motets of the Otherworld

1. Queen of Kings (motet 1)
2. Banshee Dance (motet 2)
3. Drop in a Cascade (motet 3)
4. Magic Mist (motet 4)

Vocal Quartet

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Composed 2020-21

Duration: 17 minutes

Score and parts available for hire

Performance Notes: Amplify the voice if performing with drum kit  
There is no drum kit part and the drummer reads and develops their part  
from the vocal score

When mirrors stare you sit and peer in their eyes of night  
 Mirrors a silent sky farther than any man who could follow to hand  
 Mirrors truth of past til now ever entombed in my castle  
 Mirror mirror why you shiver  
 My spirit cease to decease a thousand black candles lite reveals swans from the past  
 In a cool pond of mirrors bringing messages dared to share who are never mute of opinion  
 Beating bells well above my shadow  
 Go ahead look inside my tomb its empty  
 I'm here hugging myself by empty candles  
 Encircled by a thousand lovers deep never covered or buried  
 What a wonderful sight  
 See swan see swan see swan!

I Ludwig bow as your king never a weak King  
 Cause I can swim reflecting your cheeks back to you  
 Please peer into my eyes I'm no freak and never could suicide enter my mind  
 Although visions have cropped up from the spiciness of exotic mushrooms  
 For we're off on horseback riding in perpetual circles  
 Witnessing a black swan of night which never asks my name

I bow as your Queen of Kings King of Night King of dreams  
 King of swans Night of Queens Queen of Kings  
 I Ludwig uphold the most important affairs of state  
 No day shall pass when singing is not a part of our breakfast  
 There's no life without style when edelweiss sails from hand  
 I swim on air walk on water  
 My body nude swims down a rose  
 I worm in panic as the Bavarian beast listens in the wald  
 Tickling an avalanche inching stem in chase drowning me in tickles  
 From the highest summit destroying my legacy  
 If I was just deprived of my crown I could have survived  
 but to deprive me of my freedom I can never endure that

The conspirator is Wagner who joined the spree stealing librettos from me  
 I composed those silly plays!

We come and go we freeze and burn  
 We read and write we never learn  
 A sack of words can't fix a prob  
 A sack of seeds ain't the crop

Just waisting time by thinking how  
 Instead of changing everything right now  
 I fall asleep while I should fly I could at least give it a try  
 Dreambaker heartshaker rainwalker son and father cloudsailor soultaylor

A drop in a cascade I am from planet Earth here since my birth  
 Some times Eden sometimes hell  
 We live with monsters I can tell  
 Sometimes I am blind and cannot see  
 The love and the beauty surrounding me  
 In deep dark forest I hide away  
 Walking no path so I can't loose the way  
 Dreambaker  
 Drop in a cascade

# Queen of Kings

3

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**♩=90 Maestoso Legato**

Soprano Solo

Alto Solo

Tenor Solo

Bass Solo

**Grazioso**

S. Solo

A. Solo

T. Solo

B. Solo

**♩=52 Subito mesto misterioso**

S. Solo

A. Solo

T. Solo

B. Solo

fly fly fly

fly fly fly

fly fly fly

fly fly fly

fly won - der - ful sight

fly won - der - ful sight

fly won - der - ful sight

fly fly won - der - ful sight

mir - - - - - sta - re eyes far - ther than man

mir - - - - - sta - re eyes far - ther than man

mir - - - - - sta - re eyes far - ther

mir - - - - - mir - - - - - stare in eyes far - ther than man

13 *cresc.*

S. Solo  
 — could — un-der — stand — land — en-tomb ed — in my — in my

A. Solo  
 — could — land — land — en - tomb ed — in my

T. Solo  
 8 than man — could — land — en- tomb ed — in my cas-tle my cas

B. Solo  
 — could — land — en-tomb ed — in my — cas -

17 *mf* **con passione**

S. Solo  
 — ca-stle look in my eyes — it's en - cir-cled by a thou-sand

A. Solo  
 ca- stle — look in my eyes — it's en - cir- cled — by a thou-sand

T. Solo  
 8 tle my\_ ca - stle look in my eyes — it's en - cir - cled — by a thou-sand

B. Solo  
 tle cas - tle look in my eyes — it's en - cir - cled — by a thou-sand

22 *p* **delicato**

S. Solo  
 lov - ers — thou-sand lov-ers thou-sand lov - ers — what — won-der - ful sight —

A. Solo  
 lov - ers — thou - sand lov-ers thou-sand lov - ers — what won-der - ful sight —

T. Solo  
 8 lov - ers — thou-sand lov-ers thou-sand lov - ers — what won-der - ful sight —

B. Solo  
 lov - ers — thou-sand lov-ers thou-sand lov - ers — what won-der - ful — see

27 *mf* *p* 5

S. Solo  
see swan swan see swan

A. Solo  
see swan swan see swan

T. Solo  
see swan swan see swan

B. Solo  
see swan swan swan see swan

**Grandioso Broad**  $\text{♩} = 60$  *mf* *pp* 6

S. Solo  
bow

A. Solo  
as your King

T. Solo  
*mf* I bow as your King as your King ne-ver weak

B. Solo  
*mf* I bow as your king your king ne-ver weak

35

S. Solo

A. Solo

T. Solo  
cause I can swim ne-ver sui-cide en-ter mind

B. Solo  
cause I can swim ne-ver sui-cide could enter mind

38

S. Solo

on horse - back ri - din' cir - cles I bow as your

A. Solo

we are horse- back ri - din' cir cles I - bow as your

T. Solo

we on horse - back ri - din' cir cles bow as your

B. Solo

we are on horse - back ri - din' cir cles I - bow as your

41 *mf*

S. Solo

Queen of King - night of dream swan of King dream

A. Solo

Queen of King night of dream King knight of Queen King

T. Solo

Queen of King night of dream King of swan knight of Queen king dream

B. Solo

queen night of dream king of swan knight of Queen King

44

S. Solo

swan Queen King dream swan Queen

A. Solo

dream swan Queen dream swans queen

T. Solo

swan Queen King dream swans Queen

B. Solo

dream swan Queen dream swan Queen

47

S. Solo

King bea - tin' bells a - bove my

A. Solo

king bea - tin' bells a - bove

T. Solo

King bea - tin' bells a - bove my

B. Solo

King bea - tin' bells a - bove

50

S. Solo

sha - dow go head look in my

A. Solo

sha - dow go head look in my

T. Solo

sha - dow go head look in my

B. Solo

sha - - dow go head look in my

53

S. Solo

tomb emp - ty I hug my

A. Solo

tomb emp - ty I hug my

T. Solo

tomb emp - ty I hug my

B. Solo

tomb emp - ty emp - ty I hug my

56 *mp* *dolce* grad. cresc

S. Solo  
self I

A. Solo  
self swim nude

T. Solo  
self I swim nude

B. Solo  
self self self I swim nude

59

S. Solo  
nude I air I on

A. Solo  
walk on swim

T. Solo  
I walk on air swim on

B. Solo  
nude I walk walk on air air swim swim on

63 *mf* *p*

S. Solo  
down rose rose Ba - va - ri - an

A. Solo  
air a rose Ba - va -

T. Solo  
air down a rose a rose Ba - va rian

B. Solo  
air down rose rose rose rose Ba va rian wald



67

S. Solo *p* wald tic -

A. Solo *mf* *p* ri - an wald tic -

T. Solo 8 ba - va- rian lis - ten wald tic - kle

B. Solo Ba-va rian lis - ten wald

70

S. Solo kle a - va - lan - che drownd in tic -

A. Solo - kle a - va - lan - che drown tic -

T. Solo 8 a - va-lan - che a - va - lan - che drown tic -

B. Solo a - va - lan - he a - va - lan - che drown tic

73

S. Solo - kle from high - est

A. Solo - kle from high - est

T. Solo 8 - kle from high sum - mit

B. Solo - kle from high sum - it'

75

S. Solo

sum - - it'

ritard *p* //

A. Solo

sum - - - it'

ritard *p* //

T. Solo

sum - mit mit sum sum sum - mit

ritard *p* //

B. Solo

sum - it' sum - it' sum - it' sum sum sum - it'

ritard *p* //

78

S. Solo

A. Solo

T. Solo

B. Solo

*Ad Lib in a comical way*

it was Lud-wig who composed Wagner\_ silly\_ li - ttle\_ plays

82 **Con Brio**  $\text{♩} = 80$  11

S. Solo

A. Solo

T. Solo

B. Solo

fly fly fly fly

fly fly fly fly

fly fly fly fly

fly fly fly fly

85

*cresc.*

S. Solo

fly

A. Solo

fly

T. Solo

fly

B. Solo

fly

87

S. Solo

fly

A. Solo

fly

T. Solo

fly

B. Solo

fly

12

[illegible]

91

S. Solo

fly

fly

fly

fly

fly

A. Solo

fly

fly

fly

fly

fly

T. Solo

fly

fly

fly

fly

fly

B. Solo

fly

fly

fly

fly

fly

**Dolce**

94

S. Solo

fly \_\_\_\_\_

A. Solo

fly \_\_\_\_\_

T. Solo

fly \_\_\_\_\_

B. Solo

fly \_\_\_\_\_

96

S. Solo

A. Solo

T. Solo

B. Solo

fly

fly

fly

fly

98

*cresc.*

S. Solo

A. Solo

T. Solo

B. Solo

fly

fly

fly

fly

100

S. Solo

A. Solo

T. Solo

B. Solo

fly

fly

fly

fly

102 *fp*  $\text{♩} = 112$  **Subito Fuoco**

S. Solo to death

A. Solo fly to death

T. Solo fly to death cry cry

B. Solo fly to death cry cry

105 *mf*

S. Solo cry deer

A. Solo cry of deer

T. Solo of deer of deer cry cry of deer of deer

B. Solo of deer of deer cry cry of deer of deer

108 **marcato sempre**

S. Solo cry of deer weep'n red

A. Solo cry of deer weep'in red

T. Solo cry cry of deer of deer weep'in red

B. Solo cry cry of deer of deer weep'in red

111 15

S. Solo  
eyes ban- shee Lud wig.

A. Solo  
eyes ban- shee de-clare lud-wig dead

T. Solo  
eyes eyes ban- shee de-clare lud-wig great

B. Solo  
eyes eyes ban shee de- clare lud-wig great

114 *parlando* *simile*

S. Solo  
honk honk black swan honk honk to Donn

A. Solo  
*parlando* *simile*  
swan swan black swan honk to Donn

T. Solo  
King dead great King dead dead

B. Solo  
King dead great King dead dead

118

S. Solo  
black swan honk honk honk black swan

A. Solo  
honk black swan honk honk black swan

T. Solo  
dead honk honk black

B. Solo  
dead honk honk black

122

S. Solo

through\_\_\_\_\_ mist\_\_\_\_\_ honk black swan

A. Solo

through\_\_\_\_\_ mist\_\_\_\_\_ honk black\_\_\_\_\_ swan honk

T. Solo

*cresc.*

\_\_\_\_\_ swan\_\_\_\_\_ honk honk to Donn honk swan

B. Solo

*cresc.*

swan\_\_\_\_\_ honk honk to\_\_\_\_\_ Donn honk honk

126

S. Solo

honk honk black swan honk honk wo - man\_\_\_\_\_

A. Solo

\_\_\_\_\_ honk\_\_\_\_\_ honk\_\_\_\_\_ honk\_\_\_\_\_ wo - man

T. Solo

\_\_\_\_\_ swan\_\_\_\_\_ honk honk honk honk

B. Solo

black\_\_\_\_\_ swan\_\_\_\_\_ honk through mist\_\_\_\_\_ wo - man\_\_\_\_\_

130

S. Solo

\_\_\_\_\_ of mist\_\_\_\_\_ sti- cks\_\_\_\_\_ wo -

A. Solo

\_\_\_\_\_ of\_\_\_\_\_ mist\_\_\_\_\_ ga - ther - in'\_\_\_\_\_ sti- cks\_\_\_\_\_

T. Solo

wo- man ga-ther - in' sti - cks wo- man\_\_\_\_\_

B. Solo

\_\_\_\_\_ of\_\_\_\_\_ mist\_\_\_\_\_ ga - ther in'\_\_\_\_\_ sticks



134

S. Solo

- man of mist ga - ther - in' sti-cks

A. Solo

wo - man of mist ga - ther - in' sti-cks

T. Solo

of mist ga - ther - in' sti - cks

B. Solo

wo - man of mist ga - ther in' Sti-cks



# Banshee Dance

$\text{♩} = 87$  Religioso

139 *f*

S. Solo

ban - shee dance dance dance dance dance dance dance dance dance ban - shee dance dance dance

A. Solo

ban - shee dance dance dance dance dance dance dance ban - shee dance dance

T. Solo

ban - shee dance dance ban - shee

B. Solo

ban - shee dance dance ban - shee dance

142

S. Solo

dance dance dance ban - shee dance dance dance dance dance ban - shee dance dance dance

A. Solo

dance dance ban - shee dance dance dance dance ban - shee dance dance

T. Solo

dance dance dance ban - shee

B. Solo

ban - shee dance ban - shee dance

145 *Con Passione*

S. Solo

cry o - ther world cry *p*

A. Solo

cry o - ther world cry *p*

T. Solo

cry o - ther world cry *p*

B. Solo

cry o - ther world cry cry *p*

**Espressivo Con Dolore**

150 *pp* *cresc.*

S. Solo shee in' death\_of great king comb - in' hair

A. Solo *pp* *cresc.*  
ban sing death a king comb - in' hair

T. Solo *pp*  
comb - in' long hair

B. Solo *pp* *cresc.*  
death of a great king comb-in' long hair

157 *mf*

S. Solo night moon bright

A. Solo *mf*  
through be- neath moon bright

T. Solo *mf* *mp*  
through night be - neath moon bright eye

B. Solo *mf* *mp*  
through night be - neath moon bright eye

**In One-Facilmente**

163

S. Solo 5 5 5 5  
through win-dow through win - dow through win - dow to o - ther to o - ther world to o - ther world

A. Solo  
to o - ther world

T. Solo  
through win - dow o - ther

B. Solo 3 3 3 3  
through win - dow to o - ther world

167

S. Solo

to o - ther world close cur - tain close cur - tain

A. Solo

to o - ther world close cur - tain close cur - tain cur - tain cur - tain co - ver mirr - or co -

T. Solo

close cur - tain close cur - tain close cur - tain close cur - tain cur - tain co - ver mirr - or

B. Solo

cur - - - tain co - ver

*legato*

*legato*

171

S. Solo

ver mirr - or mirr - or put cat out put cat out put cat out cat out stop the clock stop the clock

A. Solo

co - ver mirr - or put cat out cat out stop the clock stop

T. Solo

mirr - or mirr - or put cat out stop stop stop stop stop stop the

B. Solo

175

S. Solo

stop the clock stop the clock stop

A. Solo

stop the clock stop the clock stop the clock stop clock

T. Solo

the clock stop clock

B. Solo

clockclock clock clock clock stop the clockclock clock clock clock stop stop stop

*pp*

*pp*

*pp*

# Drop in a Cascade

21

178 **delicato** **p** **Slargando** **mf**

S. Solo  
drop time drop time cas - cade

A. Solo  
drop time drop time time cas - cade

T. Solo  
drop time time drop in a cas - cade

B. Solo  
drop drop in a cas - cade

**Subito Soave** **p** **mp** **mf**

184

S. Solo  
cas - cade cas-cade drop drop drop in a cas - cade cas - cade

A. Solo  
a cas - cade a cas - cade cas-cade cas-cade cas-cade

T. Solo  
in cas - cade in cas - cade

B. Solo  
in cas - cade cas - cade

191 **10**

S. Solo  
we come we come and go and go and go and go and go

A. Solo  
we come we come we come and go and go and go

T. Solo

B. Solo  
we come we come we come come and go and go and go and

## Gradually Building Intensity

193

S. Solo *10* *10*

we freeze we freeze we freeze we freeze we freeze we freeze we burn we burn we burn we burn we burn

A. Solo *11*

we burn we burn we burn we burn we burn we burn burn

T. Solo *p*

we freeze we freeze we freeze we freeze we freeze we freeze we burn we burn we burn we burn

B. Solo *7*

we freeze we freeze we freeze we

195

S. Solo *10* *10*

we read we read we read we read we read we read we write we write we write we write we write

A. Solo *11* *11*

we read we read we read we read we read we read we read we read we write we write we write we write we write

T. Solo

we read we read we read we read we write we write we write we write

B. Solo

197

S. Solo *mf Agitated* *12*

sc of word sac of word sac of word sac of word

A. Solo *11* *mf* *11*

ne-ver learn ne-ver learn ne-ver learn ne-ver sac of word sac of word sac of word word word

T. Solo

ne - ver learn ne - ver learn ne - ver

B. Solo *9* *mf* *9*

ne - ver learn ne - ver learn ne - ver learn sac of word sac of word sac of word

199

S. Solo

can't fix prob can't fix prob can't fix prob can't fix prob

A. Solo

can't fix prob can't fix prob can't fix prob can't fix

T. Solo

*mf*

can't fix prob can't fix prob can't fix prob can't fix

B. Solo

can't fix prob can't fix prob can't fix prob

201

S. Solo

sac of seeds sac of seeds sac of seeds sac of seeds

A. Solo

can't fix prob can't fix prob can't fix prob can't fix sac of seeds sac of seeds sac of seeds sac of

T. Solo

prob can't fix prob can't fix prob

B. Solo

can't fix prob can't fix prob sac of seeds sac of

203

S. Solo

ain't the crop ain't the crop ain't the crop ain't the

A. Solo

T. Solo

ain't the crop ain't the crop ain't

B. Solo

ain't the crop

**Subito Exhausted**

204

**S. Solo** *14*  
 crop ain't the crop ain't the crop ain't the crop ain't the crop ain't

**A. Solo**

**T. Solo** *6*  
 ain't the crop ain't the crop just waste time

**B. Solo** *3*  
 aint' the crop just was - tin time *5*

206 **Subito Playful Non-stacatto**

**S. Solo** *7*  
 think - in how think - in how think in - stead of in - stead of stead

**A. Solo** *11*  
 think-in how think-in how think-in how think-in in-stead of in-stead of in-stead of in-stead

**T. Solo**

**B. Solo** *5*  
 think - in' how think - in' in - stead of in - stead

208 **Subito Stacatto**

**S. Solo** *5* *3* *f*  
 chang - in change in change right now

**A. Solo** *3* *f*  
 right now

**T. Solo** *7* *9* *f*  
 chang - in chang - in chang - in in right now right now right now right now right now

**B. Solo** *10* *11* *f*  
 chang-in chang-in chang-in chang-in chang-in right now right now right now right now right now



## Subito Dark Mysterious

211 *mp*

S. Solo I fall a - sleep while I should fly

A. Solo *mp* I fall a - sleep while I should fly

T. Solo *mp* I fall a - sleep while I should fly

B. Solo *mp* I fall a - sleep while I should fly

216

S. Solo while I should fly I could give

A. Solo while I should fly I could

T. Solo while I should fly I could

B. Solo I should fly I could

220 *mf* Legato Slargando *f*

S. Solo a try cas- cade we

A. Solo give a try cas - cade we and

T. Solo give a try drop in a cas - cade come and

B. Solo give try drop drop in a cas - cade come and

226 *p*

S. Solo

go we freeze we burn read write learn

A. Solo

freeze we read write ne - ver learn

T. Solo

we freeze burn we read and write ne - ver learn

B. Solo

freeze burn and write ne - ver learn

$\text{♩} = 60$  **Mysterious Dark**

232 *mp simile*

S. Solo

some - time I'm blind some - time I'm blind

A. Solo

some - time I'm blind some - time I'm blind

T. Solo

some - time I'm blind some - time I'm blind

B. Solo

some - time I'm blind some - time I'm blind

236

S. Solo

can't love beau - ty

A. Solo

can't love beau - ty

T. Solo

can't see love beau - ty

B. Solo

can see love beau - ty

240  $\text{♩} = 60$  **Dark**  
*mf*

S. Solo  
in\_ deep dark for-est in\_ deep dark for-est

A. Solo  
*mf*  
in\_ deep\_ dark\_ for - est in\_ deep\_ dark\_ for - est

T. Solo  
*mf*  
in\_ deep dark for-est in\_ deep dark\_

B. Solo  
*mf*  
in deep dark for - est deep dark for -

**agitated**

244 *f*

S. Solo  
I hide a - way\_ path\_

A. Solo  
*f*  
I hide a - way walk in' no\_ path\_

T. Solo  
*f*  
I\_ hide a-way walk - in' no\_ path

B. Solo  
*f*  
- est hide walk - in' no path\_

249 **Subito Calmer**

S. Solo  
no\_ path\_ so\_ I\_ can't lose\_

A. Solo  
no\_ path so\_ I\_ can't\_ lose\_

T. Solo  
no\_ path so\_ I\_ can't\_

B. Solo  
no path

253 **Con Forza**

S. Solo

way \_\_\_\_\_ can't \_\_\_\_\_ lose \_\_\_\_\_ way \_\_\_\_\_ walk - in'

A. Solo

way \_\_\_\_\_ can't \_\_\_\_\_ lose \_\_\_\_\_ way \_\_\_\_\_ walk - in' \_\_\_\_\_

T. Solo

so \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ can't \_\_\_\_\_ lose \_\_\_\_\_ way \_\_\_\_\_ walk - in'

B. Solo

so \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ can't \_\_\_\_\_ lose \_\_\_\_\_ way \_\_\_\_\_ walk - in

♩=80 **Marcato**

S. Solo

dream\_ ba-ker dream\_ ba-ker baker dream dream ba-ker

A. Solo

dream \_\_\_\_\_ ba - ker \_\_\_\_\_ dream dream dream ba-ker

T. Solo

dream \_\_\_\_\_ ba - ker dream dream dream ba-ker

B. Solo

dream \_\_\_\_\_ ba - ker dream \_\_\_\_\_ dream ba-ker

S. Solo

sha-ker walk-er and fa-ther fa - ther son\_ cloud\_ sail-or

A. Solo

heart sha-ker rain\_ walk-er son and fa-ther fa - ther son\_ cloud\_ sail-or

T. Solo

heart\_ sha-ker rain\_ walk-er son and fa-ther fa - ther son\_ cloud\_ sail-or

B. Solo

heart\_ sha-ker rain\_ walk-er son and fa-ther fa - ther son\_ could\_ sail-or

# Magic Mist

29

**Subito Magical**

267

*p*

S. Solo

soul of mist \_\_\_\_\_ mist(ss) t ma - gic \_\_\_\_\_ mist -

A. Solo

soul of mist \_\_\_\_\_ mist (ss) t ma - gic \_\_\_\_\_ mist (ss) -

T. Solo

soul of mist \_\_\_\_\_ mist (ss) t ma - gic \_\_\_\_\_ mist (ss) -

B. Solo

soul of mist \_\_\_\_\_ mist (ss) t ma - gic mist

**2nd time: each voice Ad. Lib until inaudible**

271

*mf* *p* (unpitched) (unpitched)

S. Solo

(ss) mist \_\_\_\_\_ mist (ss) \_\_\_\_\_ t mist (ss) \_\_\_\_\_ t

A. Solo

\_\_\_\_\_ mist \_\_\_\_\_ mist (ss) \_\_\_\_\_ t mist (ss) \_\_\_\_\_ t

T. Solo

\_\_\_\_\_ mist \_\_\_\_\_ mist (ss) \_\_\_\_\_ t mist (ss) \_\_\_\_\_ t

B. Solo

\_\_\_\_\_ mist (ss) \_\_\_\_\_ t mist (ss) \_\_\_\_\_ t

277

(unpitched) (unpitched)

S. Solo

\_\_\_\_\_ mist (ss) \_\_\_\_\_ t \_\_\_\_\_ mist (ss) \_\_\_\_\_

A. Solo

\_\_\_\_\_ mist (ss) \_\_\_\_\_ t \_\_\_\_\_ mist (ss) \_\_\_\_\_

T. Solo

\_\_\_\_\_ mist (ss) \_\_\_\_\_ t \_\_\_\_\_ mist (ss) \_\_\_\_\_

B. Solo

\_\_\_\_\_ mist (ss) \_\_\_\_\_ t \_\_\_\_\_ mist (ss) \_\_\_\_\_

280

S. Solo

(unpitched)

t mist (ss) ts

A. Solo

(unpitched)

t mist (ss) t

T. Solo

(unpitched)

t Mist (ss) t

B. Solo

(unpitched)

t mist (ss) ts