

SM 1483

Ah! Sweet Mystery Of Life

(The Dream Melody)

Lyric by
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For It Is Love Alone
That Rules For Aye!

Music by
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Moderato

mf *accel.*

The piano introduction is in 3/4 time, marked Moderato. It begins with a melody in the right hand starting on G4, moving through A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, and then descending through F5, E5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4. The left hand provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The piece concludes with a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) in the right hand and a triplet of eighth notes (G4, F4, E4) in the right hand, with a fermata over the final notes.

Andante

f *pp cola voce*

Ah! sweet mys - ter - y of life, at last I've

The first system of the vocal and piano accompaniment is marked Andante. The vocal line begins with a fermata on A4, followed by the lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The dynamics range from *f* to *pp cola voce*.

found thee, Ah! I know at last the se - cret of it

The second system continues the vocal and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a fermata on A4, followed by the lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar harmonic structure.

all; All the long - ing, seek - ing, stri - ving, wait - ing,

The third system continues the vocal and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a fermata on A4, followed by the lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar harmonic structure.

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yearn - ing, — The burn - ing hopes, the joy and i - dle tears that

fall! — For 'tis love, and love a - lone, the world is

seek - ing; And 'tis love, and love a - lone, that can re -

pay! 'Tis the an - swer, 'tis the end and all of liv - ing, — For it is

allargando *ff*

ten.
love a-lone that rules for aye! For 'tis love, and love a-lone, the world is

Grandioso
ff *ff*

ten.
cresc. molto *ff* *ff*

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

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

ten.
ten.
pesante

aye!

ff *allargando* *ff* *ff/2*

Ah! Sweet Mystery Of Life

(The Dream Melody)

For It Is Love Alone
That Rules For Aye!

— O —

Ah! sweet mystery of life, at last I've found thee,
Ah! I know at last the secret of it all.
All the longing, seeking, striving, waiting, yearning,
The burning hopes, the joy and idle tears that fall!
For 'tis love, and love alone, the world is seeking;
And 'tis love, and love alone, that can repay!
'Tis the answer, 'tis the end and all of living,
For it is love alone that rules for aye!
For 'tis love and love alone, the world is seeking,
For 'tis love and love alone that can repay!
'Tis the answer, 'tis the end and all of living!
For it is love alone that rules for aye!

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