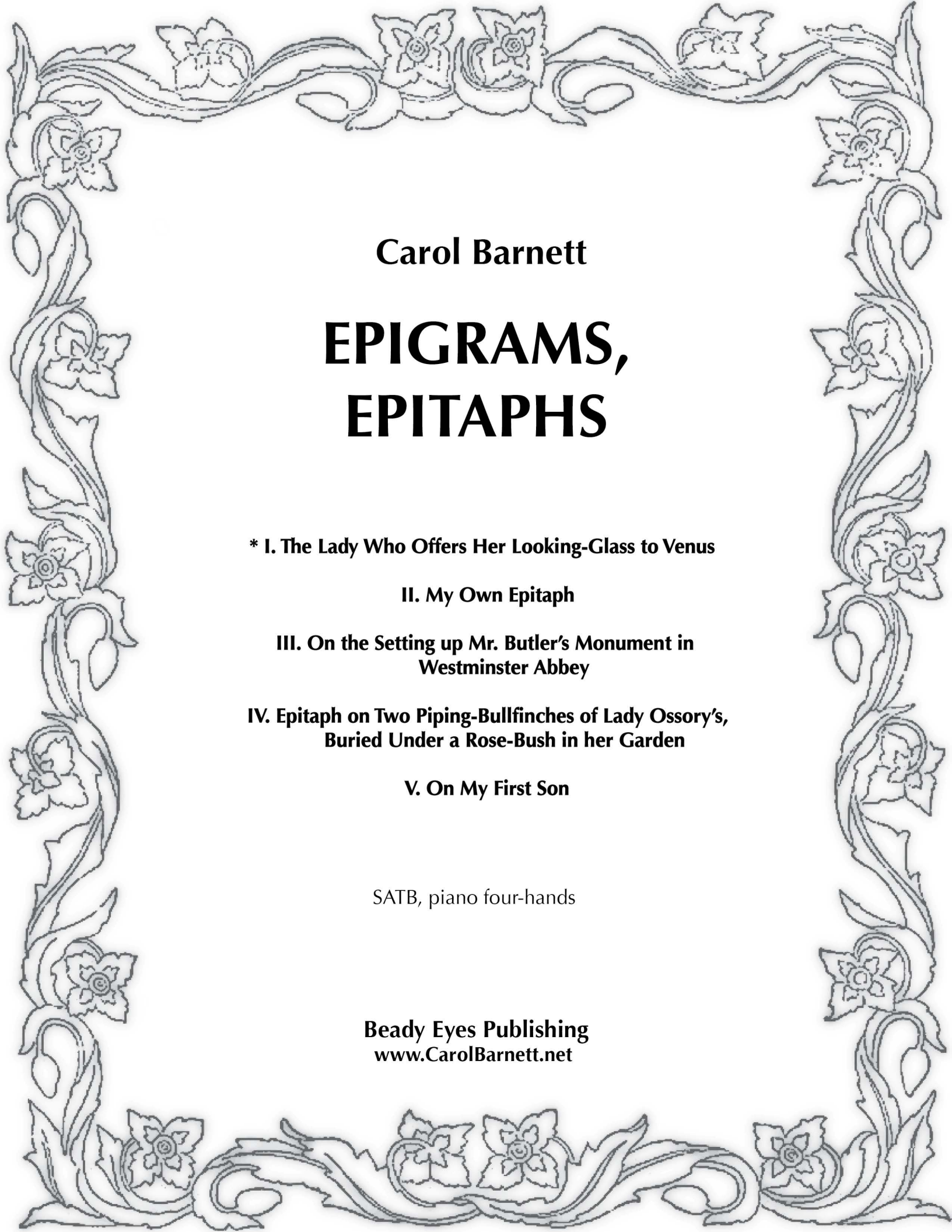


A decorative border of stylized flowers and leaves surrounds the text.

Carol Barnett

EPIGRAMS, EPITAPHS

*** I. The Lady Who Offers Her Looking-Glass to Venus**

II. My Own Epitaph

**III. On the Setting up Mr. Butler's Monument in
Westminster Abbey**

**IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried Under a Rose-Bush in her Garden**

V. On My First Son

SATB, piano four-hands

Beady Eyes Publishing
www.CarolBarnett.net

Epigrams, Epitaphs was written for the Grand Rapids Area Community Chorus. Director James Clarke wanted a companion piece to Brahms *Liebeslieder Waltzes*, hence the piano four-hand accompaniment. *The Lady who Offers her Looking-Glass to Venus* is filled with the quiet despair of lost beauty. The frequent grace-notes in the piano evoke the last wavering images in the glass; the repeated high notes represent time ticking away the remaining minutes, hours, days.

The Lady who Offers her Looking-Glass to Venus

Venus, take my votive glass;
Since I am not what I was,
What from this day I shall be,
Venus, let me never see.

Duration: c. 1:45

I. The Lady Who Offers Her Looking-Glass to Venus

Matthew Prior (1664-1721)

Carol Barnett

♩ = c.76

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano I

pp bell-like

p

Piano II

pp bell-like

beady eyes Publishing

4 *p*

S Ve - nus, take my vo - tive glass; Ve - nus,

4 *p*

A Ve - nus, take my vo - tive glass; Ve - nus,

8 *p*

T Ve - nus, take my vo - tive glass; Ve - nus,

4 *p*

B Ve - nus, take my vo - tive glass; Ve - nus,

4

Pno. I

4

Pno. II

p

For Percy & Co. Publishing

7

S
Ve - nus, _____ *mp* _____ *cresc.*
Ve - nus, take my vo-tive glass;

A
Ve - nus, _____ *mp* _____ *cresc.*
Ve - nus, take my vo-tive glass;

T
8
Ve - nus, _____ *mp* _____ *cresc.*
Ve - nus, take my vo-tive glass;

B
Ve - nus, _____ *mp* _____ *cresc.*
Ve - nus, take my vo-tive glass;

Pno. I
7 *mf sub.* *mp* *cresc.* 8^{va}
Piano I part with treble and bass staves.

Pno. II
7 *mf sub.* *mp* *cresc.*
Piano II part with treble and bass staves.

FOOTNOTES
beady eyes
Publishing

Score for 'The Rose Tree'

Vocal Parts: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B). Lyrics: "Since I am not what I".

Piano Accompaniment: Piano I (Pno. I) and Piano II (Pno. II).

Key Signature: One flat (B-flat).

Time Signature: 3/4.

Dynamic Markings: *f* (forte), *dim.* (diminuendo).

Performance Notes: The vocal parts are marked with *f* and *dim.*. The piano accompaniment includes a first ending marked *11* and a second ending marked *8va*.

13 *mp*
S was, _____

13 *mp*
A was, _____

8 *mp* *mf gently*
T was, _____ ah _____ ah _____

mp *mf gently*
B was, _____ ah _____ ah _____

(8^{va})
13 *mp* *mf*
Pno. I

13 *mp* *mf*
Pno. II

8^{vb} - - -

The musical score is for a piece titled "I. The Lady Who Offers Her Looking-Glass to Venus". It features four vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and two piano parts (Piano I and Piano II). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The score begins at measure 13. The vocal parts have lyrics: "was, _____" for Soprano and Alto, and "was, _____ ah _____ ah _____" for Tenor and Bass. The piano parts include dynamic markings: *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). The Tenor and Bass parts also have the marking *mf gently*. The piano parts have a section marked (8^{va}) for the right hand and 8^{vb} for the left hand. The score is watermarked "For Preview Only" and "beauty eyes Publishing".

17

S

A

T

B

dim.

ah

p

dim.

ah

Pno. I

dim.

p

Pno. II

dim.

p

17

8va

dim.

p

dim.

p

21 *p* *cresc.*
S What, _____ what from this day _____ I shall

21 *p* *cresc.*
A What, _____ what from this day _____ I shall

8 *p* *cresc.*
T What, _____ what from this day _____ I shall

p *cresc.*
B What, _____ what from this day _____ I shall

21 *cresc.*
Pno. I

21 *cresc.*
Pno. II

The musical score is for a piece titled "I. The Lady Who Offers Her Looking-Glass to Venus". It features four vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and two piano accompaniment parts (Piano I and II). The score begins at measure 21. The vocal parts enter with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a crescendo (*cresc.*) marking. The lyrics for the vocal parts are: "What, _____ what from this day _____ I shall". The piano accompaniment parts also feature a crescendo marking. The score is written in 3/4 time and includes a large watermark reading "For Perseus Publishing".

24

S *mf* *dim.*
be, ah

A *mf* *dim.*
be, Ve - nus, ah

T *mf* *dim.*
be, Ve - nus, ah

B *mf* *dim.*
be, ah

8va

Pno. I *mf*

Pno. II *mf*

The musical score is for a piece titled 'I. The Lady Who Offers Her Looking-Glass to Venus'. It features four vocal parts: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B), along with two piano parts: Piano I (Pno. I) and Piano II (Pno. II). The score begins at measure 24. The vocal parts have lyrics: 'be, ah' for Soprano and Bass, and 'be, Ve - nus, ah' for Alto and Tenor. The piano parts provide accompaniment, with Piano I starting with a melodic line and Piano II providing harmonic support. Dynamic markings include *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *dim.* (diminuendo). A large watermark 'For Personal Use Only beady eyes publishing' is overlaid on the score.

27 *mp* *p*

S Ve - nus, let me nev - er see.

A Ve - nus, let me nev - er see.

T Ve - nus, let me nev - er see.

B Ve - nus, let me nev - er see.

Pno. I *mp* *p*

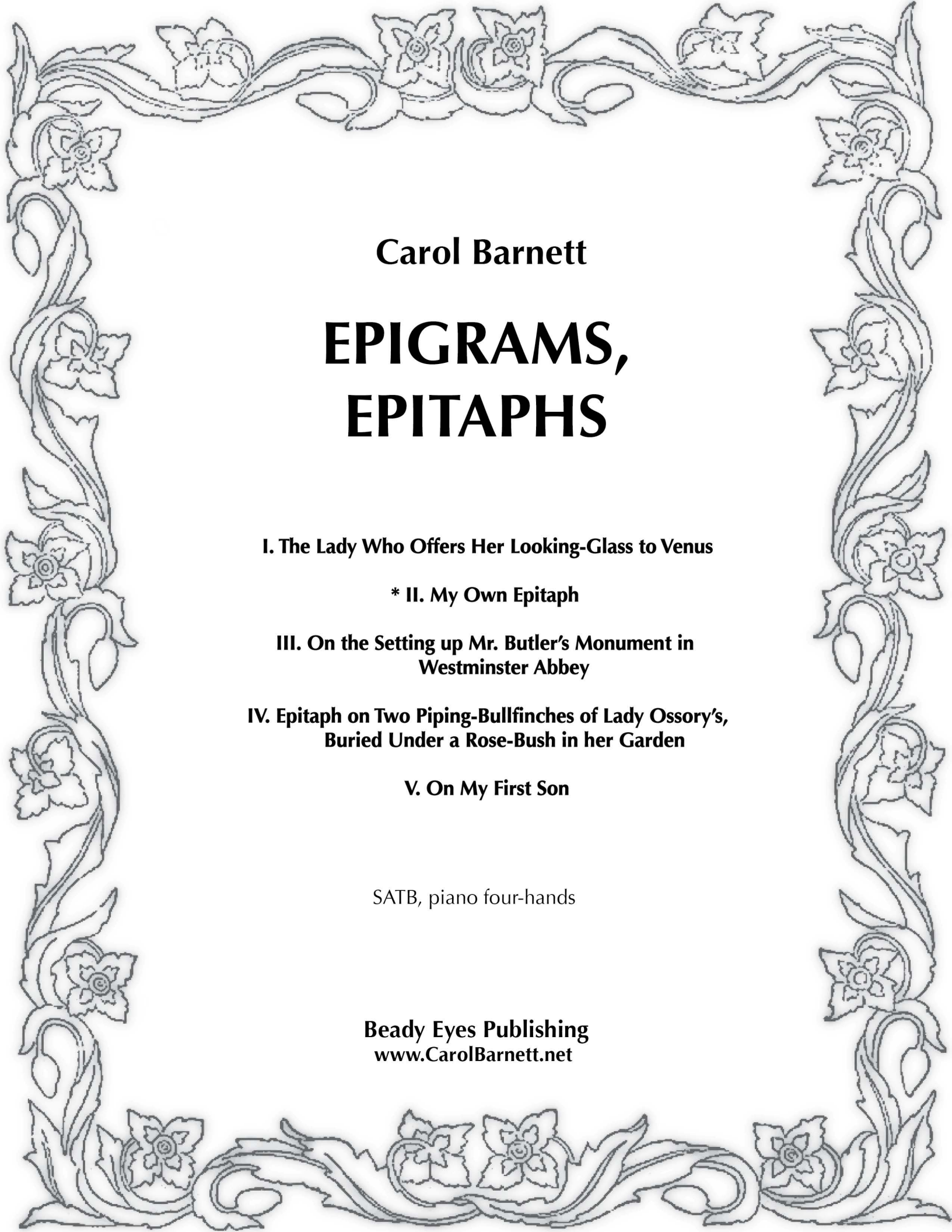
Pno. II *mp* *p*

31 *poco rit.* *pp*

Pno. I

Pno. II *poco rit.* *pp*

The musical score is for a piece titled 'I. The Lady Who Offers Her Looking-Glass to Venus'. It features a vocal quartet (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment (Piano I and II). The vocal parts have lyrics: 'Ve - nus, let me nev - er see.' The piano parts include dynamic markings such as *mp* (mezzo-piano), *p* (piano), and *pp* (pianissimo). The tempo is marked *poco rit.* (a little slower). The score is divided into two systems, with measures 27-30 and 31-34. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The time signature is 3/4. The vocal parts are in 4/4 time, while the piano parts are in 3/4 time. The score is published by beady eyes publishing.

A decorative border of stylized flowers and leaves surrounds the text.

Carol Barnett

**EPIGRAMS,
EPITAPHS**

I. The Lady Who Offers Her Looking-Glass to Venus

*** II. My Own Epitaph**

**III. On the Setting up Mr. Butler's Monument in
Westminster Abbey**

**IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried Under a Rose-Bush in her Garden**

V. On My First Son

SATB, piano four-hands

Beady Eyes Publishing
www.CarolBarnett.net

Epigrams, Epitaphs was written for the Grand Rapids Area Community Chorus. Director James Clarke wanted a companion piece to Brahms *Liebeslieder Waltzes*, hence the piano four-hand accompaniment. John Gay's *My Own Epitaph* is a rollicking commentary on the comedy of life, complete with giggles and guffaws.

My Own Epitaph

Life is a jest, and all things show it;
I thought so once, but now I know it.

Duration: 2:45

II. My Own Epitaph

John Gay (1685-1732)

Carol Barnett

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 124$

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano I

mp stacc.

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 124$

Piano II

mp stacc.

II. My Own Epitaph

9

mf

S Life is a jest, a jest, ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha

mf

A Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha

mf

T Life is a jest, a jest, ha

mf

B Life is a jest, ha

Pno. I

mf

(bell-like)

Pno. II

mf

(bell-like)

The musical score is for a piece titled "II. My Own Epitaph". It features four vocal parts: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B), along with two piano parts: Piano I (Pno. I) and Piano II (Pno. II). The score begins at measure 9. The vocal parts have lyrics: "Life is a jest, a jest, ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha" for Soprano and Alto, "Life is a jest, a jest, ha" for Tenor, and "Life is a jest, ha" for Bass. The piano parts provide accompaniment, with Piano I and II both marked *mf* (mezzo-forte). The piano parts include a section marked "(bell-like)".

The image displays a page from a musical score, likely for a vocal ensemble and piano accompaniment. The score is written for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B), Piano I (Pno. I), and Piano II (Pno. II). The vocal parts feature lyrics consisting of "ha ha" repeated throughout. The piano parts include dynamic markings such as *f*, *mf*, and *sfp*. The score is marked with a large, diagonal watermark reading "For Pearly Publishing".

Score for "II. My Own Epitaph", measures 26 to 33.

Vocal Parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass):

- Measures 26-30: Melodic line with dynamics *f* (forte) and *p* (piano). Includes vocalizations "ah".
- Measures 31-33: Sustained notes with dynamics *f* and *p*.

Piano I (Pno. I):

- Measures 26-30: Accompanying line with dynamics *f* and *mp* (mezzo-piano). Includes a *p sub.* (piano subito) marking in measure 31.
- Measures 31-33: Sustained chords with dynamics *f* and *mp*.

Piano II (Pno. II):

- Measures 26-30: Accompanying line with dynamics *f* and *mp*.
- Measures 31-33: Sustained chords with dynamics *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *f*.

Measures 33-36:

- Piano I:** Sustained chords with dynamics *f* and *sfz* (sforzando). Includes a *mp* marking in measure 34.
- Piano II:** Sustained chords with dynamics *mf* and *f*. Includes a *sfz* marking in measure 34.

41 *mp*

S life is a jest, and all things show it; *p* ah *mp* life is a jest, and

A *mp* life is a jest, and all things show it; ah

T *mp* life is a jest, and all things show it; ah

B *mp* life is a jest, and

Pno. I

Pno. II

The musical score is for a piece titled "II. My Own Epitaph". It features four vocal parts: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B), along with two piano parts: Piano I (Pno. I) and Piano II (Pno. II). The score begins at measure 41. The Soprano part starts with a melody in treble clef, marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). The lyrics "life is a jest, and all things show it;" are followed by a long note marked *p* (piano) for "ah", and then "life is a jest, and". The Alto, Tenor, and Bass parts enter later in the system, also marked *mp*, with similar lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of two staves, Pno. I and Pno. II, which provide harmonic support with chords and moving lines. A large, diagonal watermark "For Peruse Publishing" is visible across the center of the page.

46

S
all things show it, all things show it, all things show it; *f* life is a jest, *p*

A
all things show it, all things show it, all things show it; *f* life is a jest, *p*

T
all things show it, all things show it, all things show it; *f* life is a jest, *p*

B
all things show it, all things show it, all things show it; *f* life is _____ *mp*

Pno. I
46 *f* *ff* *pp sub.*

Pno. II
46 *f* *ff* *pp sub.*

52

S life is a jest, life is a jest, life is a jest, life is a jest, life is *cresc.*

A life is a jest, life is a jest, life is a jest, life is a jest, life is *cresc.*

T 8 life is a jest, life is a jest, life is a jest, life is a jest, life *cresc.*

B a jest, life is a jest, life is a jest, life is a jest, life *cresc.*

Pno. I *p* *mf* *p* *cresc.*

Pno. II *mf* *p* *cresc.*

59

S a jest, a jest, ah, life is a jest, and all things show it, *f*

A a jest, a jest, ha ha, life is a jest, and *f*

T 8 is a jest, and all things show that life is a jest, ha ha, *f*

B is a jest, and all things show that life is a jest, ha ha, *f*

Pno. I 59 *f* *dim.*

Pno. II 59 *f* *dim.*

The musical score is for a piece titled "II. My Own Epitaph". It features four vocal parts: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B), along with two piano parts: Piano I (Pno. I) and Piano II (Pno. II). The score begins at measure 59. The vocal parts have lyrics: "a jest, a jest, ah, life is a jest, and all things show it," for Soprano; "a jest, a jest, ha ha, life is a jest, and" for Alto; "8 is a jest, and all things show that life is a jest, ha ha," for Tenor; and "is a jest, and all things show that life is a jest, ha ha," for Bass. The piano accompaniment consists of two staves, Pno. I and Pno. II, which provide harmonic support with chords and melodic lines. Dynamic markings include *f* (forte) and *dim.* (diminuendo). The score is watermarked with "For Personal Use Only" and "Becky's Publishing".

64 *mp cresc. poco* *mf*

S all things show it; ah life is a jest, and all things

A all things show it; ah life is a jest, and all things

T all things show it; ah life is a jest, and all things

B life is a jest, and all things show it, all things show it, all things show it; ah

64 *mp cresc. poco* *mf*

Pno. I

64 *mp cresc. poco* *mf*

Pno. II

69

S *pp* *mp* *pp* *p* *pp*
show it, — show it; — life is a jest, and all things show it, — show it, — show it, — show it; —

A *pp* *mp* *pp* *p* *pp*
show it, — show it; — life is a jest, and all things show it, — show it, — show it, — show it; —

T *pp* *mp* *pp* *p* *pp*
8 show it, — show it; — life is a jest, and all things show it, — show it, — show it, — show it; —

B *mp* *p*
— ha ha — ha ha — ha ha —

Pno. I *mp* *p*

Pno. II *mp* *p*

73 *poco rit.* ♩. = c. 76

S *p* I thought so once, _____

A *p* I thought so once, _____

T 8 I thought so

B *pp* ha ha I thought so

Pno. I *poco rit.* ♩. = c. 76 *pp*

Pno. II *poco rit.* ♩. = c. 76 *pp* (una corda)

77

S

I thought so once, I thought so once, ah

A

I thought so once, I thought so once, ah

T

8 once, I thought so once, I thought so once, I thought so once, ah

B

once, I thought so once, I thought so once, I thought so once, ah

Pno. I

Pno. II

For Beady Eyes Publishing

80 *mf* *p*

S

A

T

B

80 *mf* *mp* *8va*

Pno. I

80 *mf* *mp*

Pno. II

83 *mp* *cresc. poco* *mf*

Pno. I

83 *cresc. poco* *mf*

Pno. II

The musical score is for a piece titled "II. My Own Epitaph". It features four vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and two piano parts (Piano I and Piano II). The score is divided into two systems. The first system starts at measure 80 and ends at measure 82. The vocal parts have a melodic line with a crescendo from mezzo-forte (mf) to piano (p). The piano parts have a complex accompaniment with a crescendo from mf to mezzo-piano (mp). The second system starts at measure 83 and ends at measure 86. The vocal parts are not present in this system. The piano parts continue with a similar accompaniment, with a crescendo from mezzo-piano (mp) to mezzo-forte (mf). The score is written in a key with one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The vocal parts are in treble clef, and the piano parts are in grand staff (treble and bass clef). The score includes dynamic markings (mf, p, mp, cresc. poco) and a crescendo hairpin. The score is marked with a double bar line at measure 82 and a repeat sign at measure 83. The score is marked with a "8va" marking above the piano part in measure 81. The score is marked with a "80" marking above the vocal parts in measure 80 and above the piano parts in measure 80. The score is marked with a "83" marking above the piano parts in measure 83. The score is marked with a "13" marking in the top right corner.

Tempo I (♩ = 124)

86 *mp* *cresc.* *ff*

S I thought so once, I thought so once, I thought so once, but now I know it.

A *mp* *cresc.* *ff*

I thought so once, I thought so once, I thought so once, but now I know it.

T *mp* *cresc.* *ff*

8 I thought so once, I thought so once, I thought so once, but now I know it.

B *mp* *cresc.* *ff*

I thought so once, I thought so once, I thought so once, but now I know it.

Tempo I (♩ = 124)

86 *p* *cresc.* *ff* *8va* *manic*

Pno. I

Tempo I (♩ = 124)

86 *mp* *p* *cresc.* *ff*

Pno. II

The musical score is for a piece titled "II. My Own Epitaph". It features four vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and two piano parts (Piano I and Piano II). The tempo is marked "Tempo I (♩ = 124)". The vocal parts have lyrics: "I thought so once, I thought so once, I thought so once, but now I know it." The piano parts provide accompaniment, with Piano I featuring a "manic" section marked "8va". The score is in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The vocal parts have dynamics of *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *cresc.* (crescendo) leading to *ff* (fortissimo). The piano parts have dynamics of *p* (piano) and *cresc.* leading to *ff*.

II. My Own Epitaph

15

(8va)

93

Pno. I

Pno. II

p

p

100

S

A

T

B

p

p

p

Life is a jest, and all things show it; I thought so once, but now I know it.

ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha

ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha

Life is a jest, and all things show it; I thought so once, but now I know it.

100

Pno. I

Pno. II

107

S *mp* *f* *mf*

A *mp* *f* *mf*

T *mp* *f* *mf*

B *mp* *f* *mf*

Life is a jest, life is a jest, and all things show it;

107

Pno. I *mf* *pp*

Pno. II *mf* *mf*

The musical score is for a vocal quartet (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment (Piano I and Piano II). The vocal parts enter at measure 107 with the lyrics "Life is a jest, life is a jest, and all things show it;". The dynamics for the vocalists are *mp* (mezzo-piano), *f* (forte), and *mf* (mezzo-forte). The piano accompaniment also begins at measure 107. Piano I has dynamics *mf* and *pp* (pianissimo), while Piano II has *mf* dynamics. The score is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a common time signature. A large, diagonal watermark "For Previews only beady eyes Publishing" is visible across the page.

114

S I thought so once, but now I know it. *mp*

A I thought so once, but now I know it. *mp*

T I thought so once, but now I know it. *mp*

B I thought so once, but now I know it. *mp*

Pno. I *mf* *sub.* *mp*

Pno. II *mp*

The musical score is for the song "The Rose Tree" and includes the following parts:

- Vocal Soloists:** Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). They perform the lyrics: "The rose tree, the rose tree, / The rose tree, the rose tree, / The rose tree, the rose tree, / The rose tree, the rose tree." The lyrics are repeated in each measure.
- Piano I (Pno. I):** Provides harmonic support with chords and melodic lines.
- Piano II (Pno. II):** Provides harmonic support with chords and melodic lines.

The score includes the following musical notation:

- Measures 121-124:** The score is divided into four measures, each containing a vocal line and piano accompaniment.
- Lyrics:** The lyrics are repeated in each measure: "The rose tree, the rose tree, / The rose tree, the rose tree, / The rose tree, the rose tree, / The rose tree, the rose tree."
- Dynamic Markings:** The score includes dynamic markings such as *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *p* (piano).
- Performance Instructions:** The score includes performance instructions such as "stagger breathing" and "p" (piano).

[illegible]

144

S *mf* *ff* *mp*

A *mf* *ff* *mp*

T *mf* *ff* *mp*

B *mf* *ff* *mp*

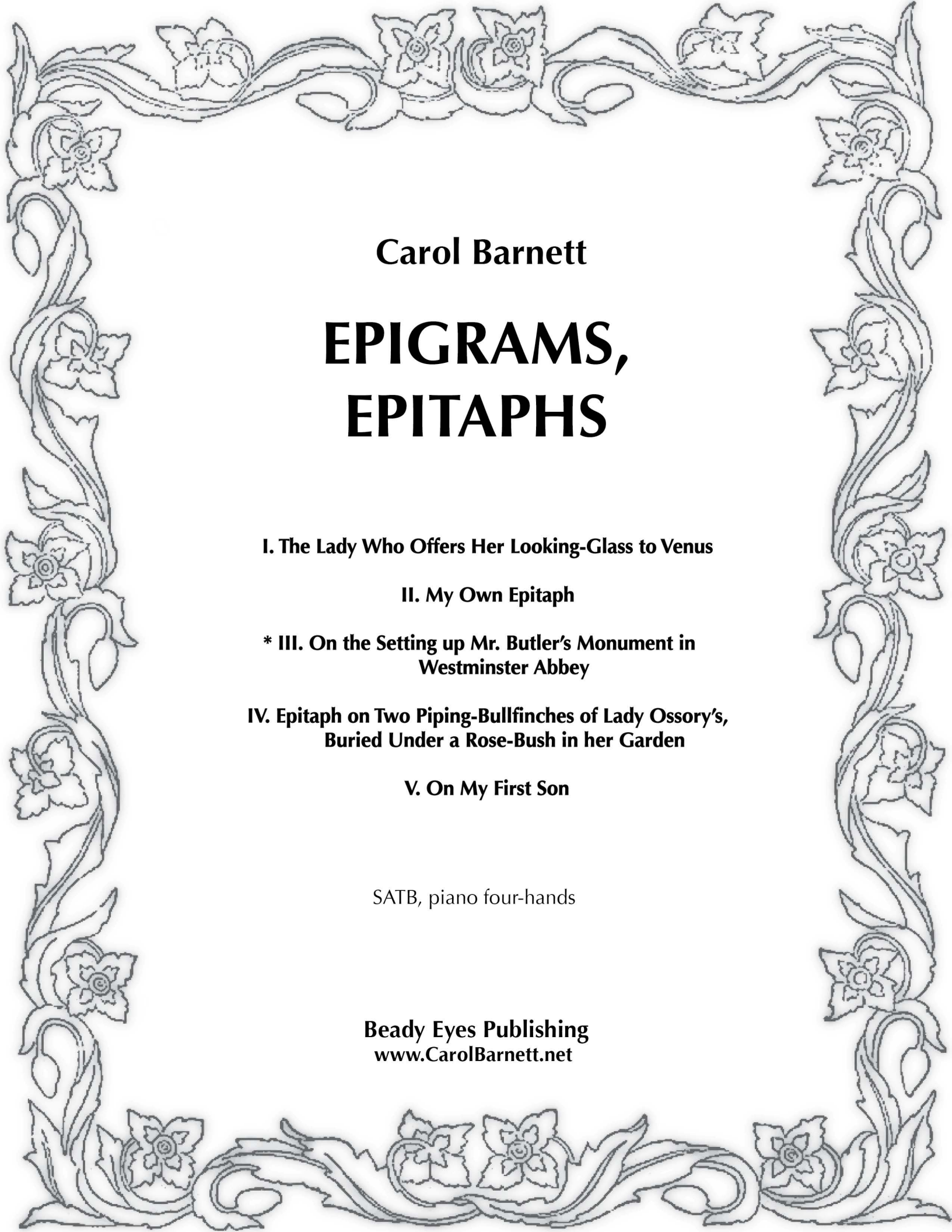
ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha

144

Pno. I *mf* *p*

144

Pno. II *mf* *sfz*

A decorative border of stylized flowers and leaves surrounds the text.

Carol Barnett

EPIGRAMS, EPITAPHS

I. The Lady Who Offers Her Looking-Glass to Venus

II. My Own Epitaph

*** III. On the Setting up Mr. Butler's Monument in
Westminster Abbey**

**IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried Under a Rose-Bush in her Garden**

V. On My First Son

SATB, piano four-hands

Beady Eyes Publishing
www.CarolBarnett.net

Epigrams, Epitaphs was written for the Grand Rapids Area Community Chorus. Director James Clarke wanted a companion piece to Brahms *Liebeslieder Waltzes*, hence the piano four-hand accompaniment. Samuel Wesley's *On the Setting up Mr. Butler's Monument in Westminster Abbey* comments ironically on the proposed placement of a monument to poet Samuel Butler (1613-1680) in Westminster Abbey, noting that despite being the author of a lengthy poem much celebrated during his lifetime, he died a pauper and servant; his burial and the monument were paid for by others. Great bells in the accompaniment and mournfully solemn melodic lines memorialize a poet who never quite achieved financial security and independence while alive.

On the Setting up Mr. Butler's Monument in
Westminster Abbey

While Butler, needy wretch! Was yet alive,
No gen'rous patron would a dinner give:
See him, when starved to death and turned to dust,
Presented with a monumental bust!
The poet's fate is here in emblem shown:
He asked for bread, and he received a stone.

Duration: c. 2:00

III. On the Setting up Mr. Butler's Monument in Westminster Abbey

Samuel Wesley (1691-1739)

Carol Barnett

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 88$ (2+2+2+3)

Soprano *p* *mf*
While But - ler, need - y wretch! — was yet a - live,

Alto *p* *mf*
While But - ler, need - y wretch! — was yet a - live,

Tenor *p* *mf*
While But - ler, need - y wretch! — was yet a - live,

Bass *p* *mf*
While But - ler, need - y wretch! — was yet a - live,

Piano I *p* *mp*
 $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 88$ (2+2+2+3)

Piano II *p* *mp*
 $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 88$ (2+2+2+3)

6

p *pp*

solo S a - live, a - live,

p *mf*

S No gen-'rous pa-tron would a din-ner give:

p *pp*

solo A a - live, a - live,

p *mf*

A No gen-'rous pa-tron would a din-ner give:

p *pp*

solo T a - live, a - live,

p *mf*

T No gen-'rous pa-tron would a din-ner give:

p *pp*

solo B a - live, a - live,

p *mf*

B No gen-'rous pa-tron would a din-ner give:

6

p *p* *mp* *dim.*

Pno. I

6

p *p* *mp*

Pno. II

6

[illegible]

16

solo S *mf* see, see

S *mp* See, — see him, when starved to death and turned to dust,

solo A *mf* see, see

A *mp* See, — see him, when starved to death and turned to dust,

solo T *mf* see, see

T *mp* See, — see him, when starved to death and turned to dust,

solo B *mf* see, see

B *mp* See, — see him, when starved to death and turned to dust,

Pno. I *mp* *p* *mp* *cresc.* 8va

Pno. II *mp* *p* *mp* *cresc.*

21

solo S

him, see him,

S

f *ff* *cresc.*

Pre - sent - - - ed with a mon - u -

solo A

him, see him,

A

f *ff* *cresc.*

Pre - sent - - - ed with a mon - u -

solo T

8 him, see him,

T

f *ff* *cresc.*

Pre - sent - - - ed with a mon - u -

solo B

him, see him,

B

f *ff* *cresc.*

Pre - sent - - - ed with a mon - u -

(8va) -----

21

Pno. I

f *ff*

elbow chord-
white keys

8va -----

21

Pno. II

f *ff*

8vb -----

This musical score is for a vocal and piano ensemble. It features five vocal parts: solo Soprano (S), Soprano (S), solo Alto (A), Alto (A), solo Tenor (T), Tenor (T), solo Bass (B), and Bass (B). The vocal parts are arranged in pairs, with the solo parts on the top staff of each pair and the ensemble parts on the bottom staff. The lyrics are: 'him, see him, Pre - sent - - - ed with a mon - u -'. The music is in 3/4 time and features a variety of dynamics, including *f* (forte), *ff* (fortissimo), and *cresc.* (crescendo). The piano accompaniment consists of two parts, Pno. I and Pno. II, which provide harmonic support for the vocalists. The score includes a large watermark 'beady eyes publishing' across the center.

26 *fff*

S men - tal bust! _____

A men - tal bust! _____

T men - tal bust! _____

B men - tal bust! _____

Pno. I

26 *ff* *dim.*

Pno. II

26 *ff* *dim.*

8^{va}

Pno. I

31 *p*

Pno. II

31 *p*

36 *mp* *p* *mp*

S The po-et's fate _____ is here in em-blem shown: _____ He asked for bread, _____

A The po-et's fate _____ is here in em-blem shown: _____ He asked for bread, _____

solo T 8 *mf* need-y wretch!

T 8 *mp* *p* *mp*

T The po-et's fate _____ is here in em-blem shown: _____ He asked for bread, _____

B *mp* *p* *mp*

B The po-et's fate _____ is here in em-blem shown: _____ He asked for bread, _____

(8va) -

36 *p*

Pno. I

36 *p*

Pno. II

8vb

42

S *p*
and he re - ceived a stone.

A *p*
and he re - ceived a stone.

solo T *mp*
wretch!

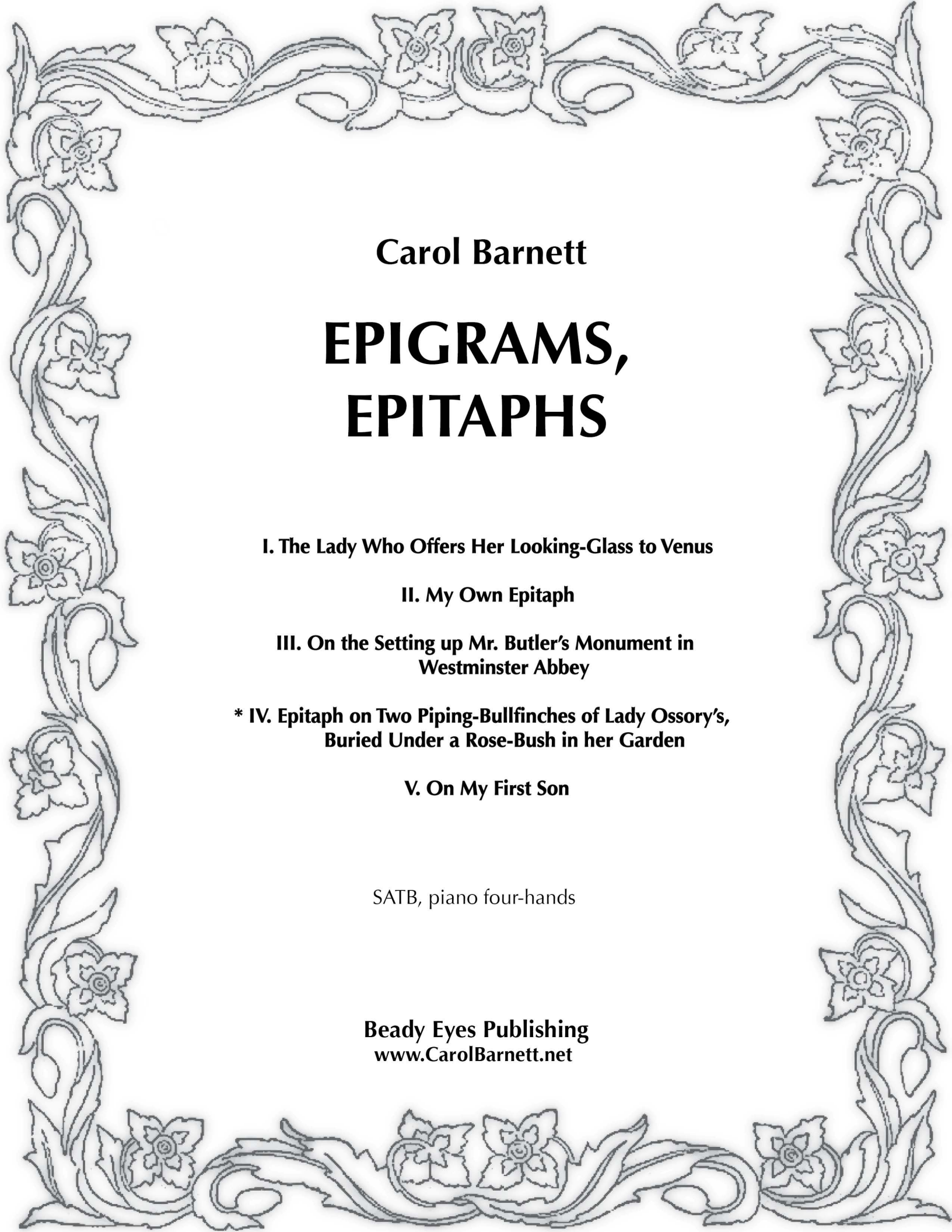
T *p*
and he re - ceived a stone.

B *p*
and he re - ceived a stone.

Pno. I

Pno. II *pp*
8vb

The musical score is for a vocal and piano ensemble. It features five vocal parts: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Solo Tenor (solo T), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The piano accompaniment consists of two grand pianos, Pno. I and Pno. II. The score begins at measure 42. The vocal parts have lyrics: 'and he re - ceived a stone.' The Solo Tenor part has the lyric 'wretch!'. The piano parts include dynamic markings such as *p* (piano), *mp* (mezzo-piano), and *pp* (pianissimo). The Solo Tenor part is marked *mp* and has a fermata over the word 'wretch!'. The piano parts have various musical notations, including slurs, ties, and a '8vb' (8va) marking at the end of the Pno. II part. The score is watermarked with 'For Personal Use Only' and 'beady eyes publishing'.

A decorative border of stylized flowers and leaves surrounds the text.

Carol Barnett

EPIGRAMS, EPITAPHS

I. The Lady Who Offers Her Looking-Glass to Venus

II. My Own Epitaph

**III. On the Setting up Mr. Butler's Monument in
Westminster Abbey**

*** IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried Under a Rose-Bush in her Garden**

V. On My First Son

SATB, piano four-hands

Beady Eyes Publishing
www.CarolBarnett.net

Epigrams, Epitaphs was written for the Grand Rapids Area Community Chorus. Director James Clarke wanted a companion piece to Brahms *Liebeslieder Waltzes*, hence the piano four-hand accompaniment. Of the five movements, *Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's, Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden* is the most obvious parody of the Brahmsian style, in keeping with the mock solemnity of the epitaph itself.

Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of
Lady Ossory's, Buried under a Rose-Bush
in her Garden

All flesh is grass, and so are feathers too:
Finches must die, as well as I and you.
Beneath a damask rose, in good old age,
Here lies the tenant of a noble cage.
For forty moons he charmed his lady's ear,
And piped obedient oft as she drew near,
Though now stretched out upon a clay-cold bier.
But when the last shrill flageolet shall sound,
And raise all dickybirds from holy ground,
His little corpse again its wings shall plume,
And sing eternally the self-same tune,
From everlasting night to everlasting noon.

On the Other Bull-finch, Buried in the Same Place

Beneath the same bush rests his brother--
What serves for one will serve for t'other.

Duration: c. 3:15

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's, Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

Horace Walpole, Earl of Orford (1717-1797)

Carol Barnett

♩ = 168

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano I

Piano II

mp *mf* *mp*

mp *mf* *mp*

8vb_ _l

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

7 *mp*

S All flesh — is grass, ————— and so are feath-ers

7 *mp*

A All flesh — is grass, ————— and so are feath-ers

8

T flesh is grass, ————— and so are feath-ers

B flesh is grass, ————— and so are feath-ers

Pno. I

Pno. II

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

3

13

S

too, _____ and so are feath-ers too:

A

too, _____ and so are feath-ers too:

T

8

too, _____ and so are feath-ers too: ____

B

too, _____ and so are feath-ers too:

Pno. I

13

Pno. II

13

f sub.

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

20 *f*

S Finch-es must die, _____ finch - es must die, _____

A *f*
Finch-es must die, _____ finch - es must die, _____

T *f*
Finch-es must die, _____ finch - es must die, _____

B *f*
Finch-es must die, _____ finch - es must die, _____

Pno. I *f*

Pno. II

The musical score is for a vocal quartet (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and two pianos (Pno. I and Pno. II). The vocal parts enter at measure 20 with the lyrics "Finch-es must die, _____ finch - es must die, _____". The Soprano part begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The piano accompaniment for both Pno. I and Pno. II also begins at measure 20. Pno. I features a forte (*f*) dynamic and a complex, arpeggiated texture. Pno. II provides a more rhythmic and harmonic accompaniment. The score is written in common time (C) and the key signature has one sharp (F#). A large, diagonal watermark "For Perisai Publishing" is visible across the center of the page.

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

5

27 *mf* *mp*

S as well as I and you.

A as well as I and you.

T as well as I and you.

B as well as I and you.

Pno. I *mf* *mp*

Pno. II *mf* *mp*

33

Pno. I

Pno. II

beady eyes publishing

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

39 *p espress.*

S Be - neath a dam - ask rose, in good old age, Here lies the

A *p espress.*

A Be - neath a dam - ask rose, in good old age, Here lies the

T *p espress.*

T Be - neath a dam - ask rose, in good old age, Here lies the

B *p espress.*

B Be - neath a dam - ask rose, in good old age, Here lies the

Pno. I

39 *ppp*

Pno. II

39 *pp*

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

47

S ten - ant of a no - ble cage. For for - ty moons he

A ten - ant of a no - ble cage. For for - ty moons he

T ten - ant of a no - ble cage. For for - ty moons he

B ten - ant of a no - ble cage. For for - ty moons he

Pno. I *ppp*

Pno. II *p*

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

54 *leggiere*

S charmed his la - dy's ear, And piped o - be - dient, and piped o -

A charmed his la - dy's ear, And piped o -

T 8 charmed his la - dy's ear, And piped o - be - dient, *leggiere*

B charmed his la - dy's ear, And

54 *pp* *p* *8va*

Pno. I

54

Pno. II

For Peadar beady eyes Publishing

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

61

S be - dient, ah, oft, oft, oft as she drew near,

A be - dient, ah, oft, oft, oft as she drew near,

T 8 and piped o - be - dient oft, oft, oft as she drew near,

B piped o - be - dient oft, oft, oft as she drew near,

Pno. I

Pno. II

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

69 *p* *mp*

S ————— Though now stretched

A *p* *mp* ————— Though now stretched

T *p* *mp* ————— Though now stretched

B *p* *mp* ————— Though now stretched

Pno. I *mp* *mp*

Pno. II *mp* *mp*

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

11

75

S out, _____ stretched out up - on a clay - cold bier. _____ *p*

A out, _____ stretched out up - on a clay - cold bier. _____ *p*

T out, _____ stretched out up - on a clay - cold bier. _____ *p*

B out, _____ stretched out up - on a clay - cold bier. _____ *p*

75

Pno. I *mp*

75

Pno. II *p*

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

83

S *f* But when the last shrill fla-geo-let shall

A *f* But when the last shrill fla-geo-let shall

T *f* But when the last shrill fla-geo-let shall

B *f* But when the last shrill fla-geo-let shall

Pno. I *f sub.*

Pno. II *f sub.*

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

13

90

S
sound, _____ And raise _____ all _____ dick - y - birds from ho - - - ly

A
sound, _____ And raise all dick - y - birds from ho - - - ly

T
8
sound, _____ And raise _____ all _____ dick - y - birds from ho - - - ly

B
sound, _____ And raise all dick - y - birds from ho - - - ly

Pno. I
90
8^{va}
mf

Pno. II
90
mf

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

96 *mf* *mp*

S ground, _____ His lit - tle

A *mf* *mp*

A ground, _____ His lit - tle

T *mf* *mp*

T ground, _____ His lit - tle

B *mf* *mp*

B ground, _____ His lit - tle

Pno. I *f* *mp sub.* *p*

Pno. II *mp* *p*

8va

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

15

103

S *p* (echo) *mf* *mp*
corpse — a - gain its wings shall plume, shall plume, shall plume, And sing — e - ter-nal-ly the

A *p* (echo) *mp*
corpse a - gain its wings shall plume, shall plume, shall plume, the

T *p* (echo)
corpse a - gain its wings shall plume, shall plume, shall plume,

B *p* (echo)
corpse a - gain its wings shall plume, shall plume, shall plume,

Pno. I 103
Pno. II 103

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

110

S self - same tune, the self - - - same

A self - same tune, the self - - - same

T *mp* 8 the self - - - same tune, the self -

B *mp* the self - - - same tune, the self -

8^{va}

Pno. I *pp* *(p)*

Pno. II *(p)*

110

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

17

116

S tune, — And sing e - ter - nal - ly, sing e - ter - nal - ly the self-same *f*

A tune, — And sing e - ter - nal - ly, sing e - ter - nal - ly the self-same *f*

T 8 - same tune, — And sing e - ter - nal - ly, sing e - ter - nal - ly the self-same *f*

B - same tune, — And sing e - ter - nal - ly, sing e - ter - nal - ly the self-same *f*

(8^{va})

116

Pno. I *mf*

116

Pno. II *mf*

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

123

S
tune, the self - same tune, From ev - er - last - ing, *dim. poco a poco*

A
tune, the self - same tune, From ev - er - last - ing, *dim. poco a poco*

T
8
tune, the self - same tune, From ev - er - last - ing, *dim. poco a poco*

B
tune, the self - same tune, From ev - er - last - ing, *dim. poco a poco*

Pno. I
123 *pp* *8va-* *dim. poco a poco*

Pno. II
123 *dim. poco a poco*

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

19

129

S night _____ to ev - er - last - ing noon. _____

A ev - er - last - ing, ev - er - last - ing, ev - er - last - ing

T ev - er - last - ing, ev - er - last - ing, ev - er - last - ing

B ev - er - last - ing, ev - er - last - ing, ev - er - last - ing

(8^{va})

129

Pno. I

129

Pno. II

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

135 *p*

S

p noon. *mp* *giocoso* Be - neath the same bush rests his broth - er, What

A

p noon. *mp* *giocoso* Be - neath the same bush

8 T

p noon. *mp* *giocoso* Be - neath the same bush rests his

B

p noon. *mp* *giocoso* Be - neath the

135 *p*

Pno. I

135 *p*

Pno. II

solo (spoken): "On the Other Bull-finch, Buried in the Same Place"

For Perusal only
beady eyes
Publishing

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

21

139

S serves for one will serve for the oth - er, Be - neath the same bush rests his broth - er, What

A rests his broth - er, What serves for one will serve for the oth - er, Be - neath the same bush

T 8 broth - er, What serves for one will serve for the oth - er, Be - neath the same bush rests his

B same bush rests his broth - er, What serves for one will serve for the oth - er, Be - neath the

Pno. I

139

Pno. II

mp

For Perusal only
beady eyes Publishing

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

143

S serves for one will serve for the oth-er, oth-er, *mp*

A rests his broth-er, What serves for one will serve for the oth-er.

T 8 broth-er, What serves for one will serve for the oth-er, oth-er, oth-er, *mp*

B same bush rests his broth-er, What serves for one will serve for the oth-er.

Pno. I *f* *dim.*

Pno. II *mf* *dim.*

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

23

148 *p* **G.P.** *mp*

S oth-er, oth-er. All finch-es must

A **G.P.** *mp* All finch-es must

T *p* **G.P.** *mp* All flesh is grass,

B **G.P.** *mp* All flesh is grass,

Pno. I **G.P.** *mp*

Pno. II *p* **G.P.** *mp*

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

155

S die, as well as I and

A die, as well as I and

T 8 as well as I and

B as well as I and

p

p

p

p

Pno. I

155

Pno. II

p

8vb_ _ _ _ _ |

IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried under a Rose-Bush in her Garden

25

163

S

you.

A

you.

T

8

you.

B

you.

Pno. I

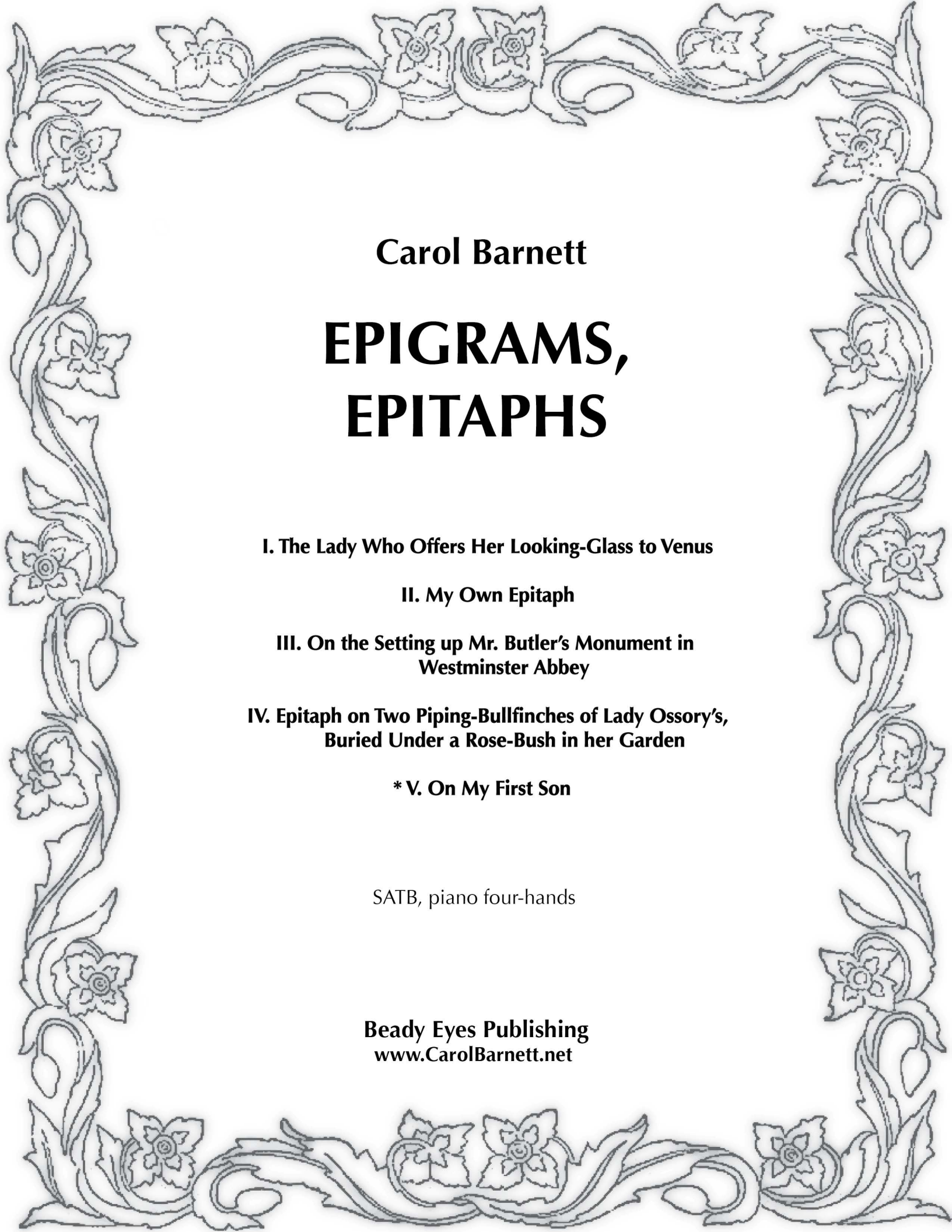
p

pp

Pno. II

pp

This musical score page features four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and two piano staves (Piano I and Piano II). The vocal parts are in G major and 4/4 time, with lyrics 'you.' under the first five measures. The piano accompaniment begins at measure 163. Piano I has a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, marked *p* and *pp*. Piano II has a bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand, marked *pp*. A large diagonal watermark 'For Personal Use Only' is visible across the page.

A decorative border of stylized flowers and leaves surrounds the text. The border is composed of repeating floral motifs connected by flowing, vine-like lines. The flowers are simple, five-petaled shapes with a central dot, and the leaves are elongated and pointed.

Carol Barnett

EPIGRAMS, EPITAPHS

I. The Lady Who Offers Her Looking-Glass to Venus

II. My Own Epitaph

**III. On the Setting up Mr. Butler's Monument in
Westminster Abbey**

**IV. Epitaph on Two Piping-Bullfinches of Lady Ossory's,
Buried Under a Rose-Bush in her Garden**

*** V. On My First Son**

SATB, piano four-hands

Beady Eyes Publishing
www.CarolBarnett.net

Epigrams, Epitaphs was written for the Grand Rapids Area Community Chorus. Director James Clarke wanted a companion piece to Brahms *Liebeslieder Waltzes*, hence the piano four-hand accompaniment. One of Ben Jonson's most moving epigrams, *On My First Son* is set simply and solemnly, with somber bells in the background. The mixed meters and pauses mirror the distracted disorientation of grief.

On My First Son

Farewell, thou child of my right hand, and joy;
My sin was too much hope of thee, lov'd boy,
Seven years thou wert lent to me, and I thee pay,
Exacted by thy fate, on the just day.
O, could I lose all father, now. For why
Will man lament the state he should envy?
To have so soon 'scap'd world's, and flesh's rage,
And if no other misery, yet age?
Rest in soft peace, and, ask'd, say here doth lie
Ben. Jonson his best piece of poetry.
For whose sake, henceforth, all his vows be such,
As what he loves may never like too much.

Duration: c. 3:30

V. On My First Son

Ben Jonson (1572-1637)

Carol Barnett

Espressivo, poco rubato
♩ = 50; ♪ constant

Soprano
p
Fare - well, thou child of my right hand, and joy; _____

Alto
p
Fare - well, thou child of my right hand, and joy; _____

Tenor
p
Fare - well, thou child of my right hand, and joy; _____

Bass
p
Fare - well, thou child of my right hand, and joy; _____

Piano I
Espressivo, poco rubato
♩ = 50; ♪ constant
mf

Piano II
Espressivo, poco rubato
♩ = 50; ♪ constant
p

Pedal ad lib.
(very resonant but clean)

V. On My First Son

5

S *mp*
My sin was too much hope of thee, lov'd boy, Sev - en years thou wert

A *mp*
My sin was too much hope of thee, lov'd boy, Sev - en years thou wert

T *mp*
My sin was too much hope of thee, lov'd boy, Sev - en years thou wert

B *mp*
My sin was too much hope of thee, lov'd boy, Sev - en years thou wert

Pno. I *mp*

Pno. II *mp*

8vb_ J

The musical score is for a vocal and piano setting of 'V. On My First Son'. It features four vocal parts: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The lyrics are: 'My sin was too much hope of thee, lov'd boy, Sev - en years thou wert'. The score is in G minor (three flats) and 2/4 time. The tempo is marked 'mp' (mezzo-piano). The piano parts (Pno. I and Pno. II) provide accompaniment. The score includes a large watermark 'For Preview Publishing' and a small '8vb_ J' marking at the bottom.

10

S
lent to me, — and I thee pay, Ex - act - ed by thy fate, —

A
lent to me, — and I thee pay, Ex - act - ed by thy fate, —

T
8
lent to me, — and I thee pay, — Ex - act - ed by thy fate, —

B
lent to me, — and I thee pay, Ex - act - ed by thy fate, —

Pno. I
10

Pno. II
10

13

S — on the just day. *p* *mp* O, could I

A — on the just day. *p* *mp* O, could I

T — on the just day. *p* *mp* O, could I

B — on the just day. *p* *mp* O, could I

Pno. I 13 *p* *mp*

Pno. II 13 *p* *mp*

The musical score is for a vocal and piano piece. It features four vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and two piano parts (Piano I and Piano II). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The score begins at measure 13. The vocal parts have lyrics: "— on the just day. O, could I". The piano parts have dynamics *p* (piano) and *mp* (mezzo-piano). The score is marked with a large, diagonal watermark reading "For Preview Only" and "headbanger Publishing".

17

S lose all fa - ther, now. For why Will man la - ment the state he should

A lose all fa - ther, now. For why Will man la - ment the state he should

T 8 lose all fa - ther, now. For why Will man la - ment the state he should

B lose all fa - ther, now. For why Will man la - ment the state he should

Pno. I 17

Pno. II 17

21

S en - vy? To have so soon 'scap'd world's, and flesh - 's

A en - vy? To have so soon 'scap'd world's, and flesh - 's

T en - vy? To have so soon 'scap'd world's, and flesh - 's

B en - vy? To have so soon 'scap'd world's, and flesh - 's

Pno. I

Pno. II

21

21

25

S *mf* *p*
rage, And if no oth - er mis - er - y, yet age?

A *mf* *p*
rage, And if no oth - er mis - er - y, yet age?

T *mf* *p*
rage, And if no oth - er mis - er - y, yet age?

B *mf* *p*
rage, And if no oth - er mis - er - y, yet age?

Pno. I *mf* *p*

Pno. II *mf* *p*
(b) .

28

S *pp* Rest in soft peace, and, ask'd, say

A *pp* Rest in soft peace, and, ask'd, say

T *pp* Rest in soft peace, and, ask'd, say

B *pp* Rest in soft peace, and, ask'd, say

Pno. I *pp*

Pno. II *pp*

8vb

32

S here doth lie Ben. — Jon - son his best piece of po - et - ry. *mp* *p*

A here doth lie Ben. — Jon - son his best piece of po - et - ry. *mp* *p*

T here doth lie Ben. — Jon - son his best piece of po - et - ry. *mp* *p*

B here doth lie Ben. — Jon - son his best piece of po - et - ry. *mp* *p*

Pno. I 32 *mp* *p*

Pno. II 32 *mp* *p*

The musical score is for a vocal and piano setting of 'V. On My First Son'. It features four vocal parts: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The lyrics are: 'here doth lie Ben. — Jon - son his best piece of po - et - ry.' The score is in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. The vocal parts enter at measure 32. The piano parts (Pno. I and Pno. II) also enter at measure 32. The score includes dynamic markings of mezzo-piano (*mp*) and piano (*p*). The piano parts provide harmonic support for the vocal lines. The score is published by Beady Eyes Publishing.

36

S

A

T

B

For whose sake, — hence - forth, all his vows be

Pno. I

Pno. II

For Pervasive Publishing

40

S *mp* *pp*
such, _____ As what he loves _____ may nev - er like _____ too much.

A *mp* *pp*
such, _____ As what he loves _____ may nev - er like _____ too much.

T *mp* *pp*
such, _____ As what he loves _____ may nev - er like _____ too much.

B *mp* *pp*
such, _____ As what he loves _____ may nev - er like _____ too much.

Pno. I *mp* *pp*

Pno. II *mp* *pp*
8vb. _ _ _]

45 *rall.*

Pno. II 8vb. _ _ _ _]