

Because

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Moderato

Oboe

Be - cause I had loved so deep-ly, Be - cause I had loved so long,

Piano

mf

8

6

Ob.

mp *dim.* *p* *mf*

God in His great com- pas- sion gave me the gift of song. Be - cause, be -

Pno.

mp *p* *mf*

11

Ob.

- cause, be - cause I had loved so long God in his great com- pas- sion

Pno.

mp

16

Ob. *gavemethe gift of song. Be - cause, be - cause, be - cause I had loved so*

Pno. *p mf mf*

21

Ob. *vain-ly And sung with such fal-ter-ing trill, The Mas -*

Pno. *mf mp cresc.*

26 *(cresc.) - - - - - f*

Ob. *-ter, in in-fi-nite mer-cy, Of - fers the boon*

Pno. *3*

32

Ob. *of death.*

Pno.