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ALGEBRA OF NIGHT

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To the Memory of My Parents

MOON

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EUGENE O'BRIEN

Violin *) with mute
 (without mute)
 Viola
 (without mute)
 Cello
 pp
 ♩ = 63 - 66 ca. *Calm, unhurried*
 Piano
 pp
 Ped. → → →
 4
 ppp pp ppp
 pp p pp
 mp
 pp p pp
 mp
 4
 (loco) 6
 pp
 8va--
 3

**) The muted violin should be at least one dynamic-level softer than the viola and cello. The muted sound should differ in color and tone quality from the viola and cello, but should be warm and not thin (i.e., not like harmonics).*

Musical score for piano showing measures 7 through 11. The score consists of four staves: treble, bass, alto, and bass. Measure 7 starts with dynamic *mp*. Measures 8-9 start with dynamic *mf*. Measure 10 starts with dynamic *p*. Measure 11 starts with dynamic *pp*. Various performance instructions like *(loco)* and *3* are present.

Musical score for piano, measures 11-12. The score consists of four staves. Measure 11 (measures 11-12) starts with dynamic *mp*, followed by a dynamic change to *p*. Measure 12 begins with *mf*, followed by *mp*, then *mf*, then *mp*, then *p*. Measure 13 starts with *mf*, followed by *mp*, then *mf*, then *mp*, then *p*. Measure 14 starts with *p*, followed by a dynamic change to *8va -*, then *(loco)*, then *6*, then *3*. Measure 15 starts with *p*, followed by a dynamic change to *8va -*, then *(loco)*, then *6*, then *3*.

15

18

15

(Ped.)

19

(with mute)

19

O - - - pen the book of even - ing to the page where the moon, _____ al-ways the

17

22

22

moon, _____ ap-pears be-tween two clouds, mov-ing so slow-ly _____

25

[29]

without mute

hours will seemed to have passed
be - fore you reach the next page

[29]

[33]

where the moon, now bright-er, low - ers a path to lead you a -

[33]

(*loco*)

(Ped.)