

LONG LIVE THE WEEDS

for mezzo-soprano, alto flute and harp

based on a poem by Theodore Roethke

 = 180 (constant throughout)

by Cliff Crego

mezzo-soprano

f Long live the weeds that o-ver-whelm_____ My nar-row vege-ta-ble

* alto flute

f

harp

f

D C B | E F G A

ms

5

realm!_____ The bit-ter rock, the bar-ren soil_____

a-fl

hp

ms

9

That force the son of man to toil:_____ *f* All things un-

a-fl

hp

* alto flute: sounds where written

13

ms
ho - ly, marked by curse, ——— The ug - ly of the un-i-verse. The

a-fl

hp
*
f

17

ms
rough, the wick - ed and the wild ———

a-fl

hp

21

ms
That keep the spir - it un - de - filed. With these I match my

a-fl

hp

25

ms
lit - tle wit And earn the right to stand or sit.

a-fl

hp

* harp harmonics: sound where written

29

ms Hope, look, cre-ate, or drink and

a-fl

33

ms die: (drink and die)

a-fl

37

ms These shape the crea-ture that is I. (I.)

a-fl

hp

41

ms *f* Long live the weeds that o-ver-whelm— My nar-row veg'-table

a-fl *f*

hp *f*

(D C B | E F G A) *poco* *simile*

45

ms
realm!— The bit - ter rock, the

a-fl

hp

D-flat G-flat

48

ms
bar - ren soil That force the son of man to

a-fl

hp

51

ms
toil; All things un - ho - ly,

a-fl

hp

G A-flat

54

ms
marked by curse, The ug - ly of the un - i - verse. The

a-fl

hp

G-flat G G-flat D C# B | E F G# A

57

ms
rough, the wick - ed and the wild

a-fl

hp

G-flat

61

ms
That keep the spir - it un - de - filed. With

a-fl

hp

C# G#

64

ms
 these I match my lit - tle wit And

a-fl

hp

C D#

67

ms
 earn the right to stand or sit.

a-fl

hp

D-flat G-flat

69

ms
 Hope, look, cre - ate, or drink and

a-fl

hp

73

ms
die: (drink and

a-fl

hp

F# G G# G G# A#

76

ms
die) These shape the crea - ture that is

a-fl

hp
ff f

D# C B | E F# G A

79

ms
I. (I.)

a-fl

hp
ff

D-flat


duration: c. 2' 30"

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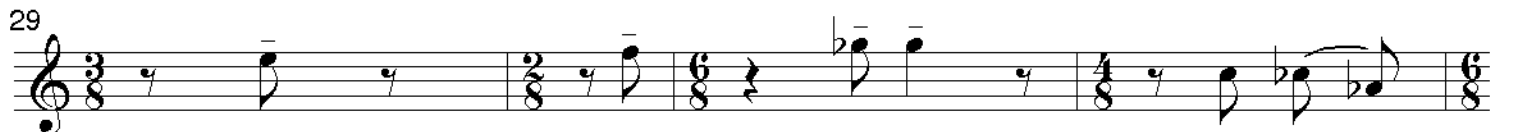
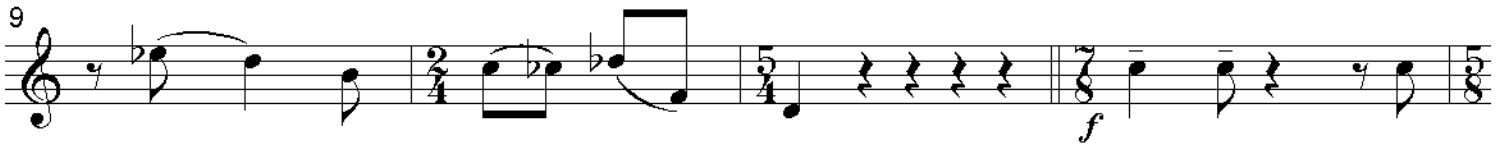
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My narrow vegetable realm!—
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That force the son of man to toil;
All things unholy, marked by curse,
The ugly of the universe.
The rough, the wicked, and the wild
That keep the spirit undefiled.
With these I match my little wit
And earn the right to stand or sit.
Hope, look, create, or drink and die:
These shape the creature that is I.

Theodore Roethke