

No. 21 FATHERS OF FATHERS

(MAN 1, MAN 2 and MAN 3)

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Moderato, in steady tempo (♩ = c. 80)

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MAN 1: (As if at a maternity ward window) *mp*

Hey, Bil - ly, — my ba - by, — Hey,

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kid, look at me. It's clear you've got your moth - er's eyes, But who do they

16

see? The nurse just called me "Fa - ther." — Well, hell, I guess that's what I am. But

MAN I

poco rit. *a tempo*

what makes her think I'm a fam - i - ly man? Those fa - thers of

poco rit. *a tempo*

fa - thers, Fa - thers of moth - ers, How can you know what it's

worth? For all my as - pi - ra - tion — Are you to be the in - di -

cresc. *mf*

ca - tion — That I walked the face of this earth?

cresc. *mf*

MAN 1

MAN 3: *mf*

My chil-dren,— I miss you.— How

much you can't know. I laughed with you, I cried with you, Helped each of you

grow. I kissed you ev - 'ry bed - time,— Your laugh - ter woke me ev - 'ry

MAN 3

dawn. Then one day I woke, And you'd grown and

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gone. And fa - thers of fa - thers, Fa - thers of moth - ers,

poco rit. (mf) *a tempo*

poco rit. *a tempo*

67

Strange how kids mea - sure your worth. They're here and then they

MAN 3:

72

scat - ter, — But in some way they make it mat - ter — That I walked the face of this

cresc.

cresc.

77

earth.

81

84

MAN 2: *mf*

Hey, fa - ther, — I love you. — I pray you'll pull

88

through. You cared for me, It's my turn now To take care of you. I've

93
 MAN 2
 tried to show my chil-dren — The kind of strength you showed to me. I feel such a

mf

98
 long - ing to be a son. In - stead now I'm one of those

cresc. *rall.*

rall.

103
 MAN 1
 Fa - thers of fa - thers, Fa - thers of moth - ers,
 MAN 2 and MAN 3:
 Fa - thers of fa - thers, Fa - thers of moth - ers,

ff a tempo

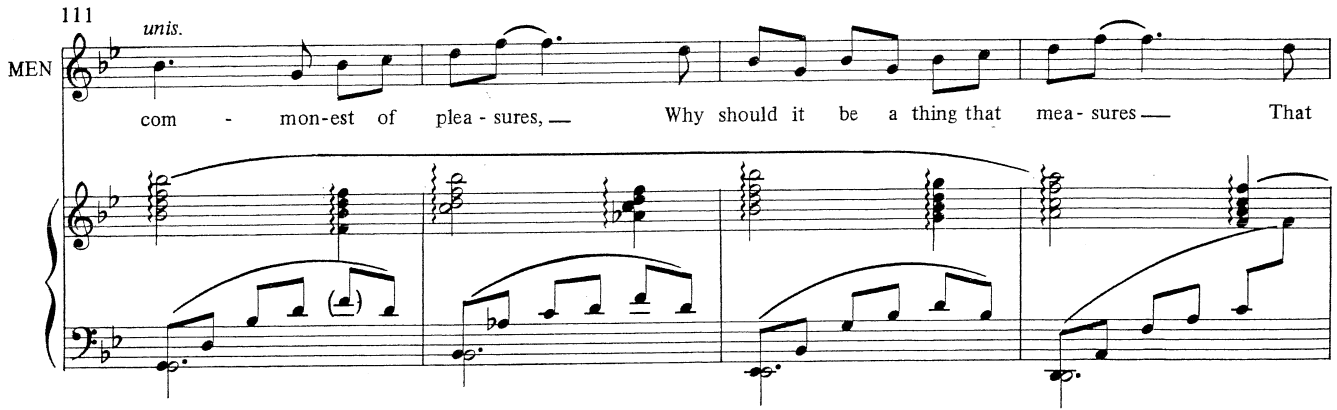
ff a tempo

107
 What man can say what's it's worth? — The
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111 *unis.*
MEN
com - mon-est of plea - sures, — Why should it be a thing that mea - sures — That



115 *ff*
AN 1
I walked the face of this earth? —

AN 2
AN 3
I walked the face of this earth?



120 *Broadly*
— Ah — Ah —

— Ah — Ah —

