

**MY TONGUE-TIED MUSE***(from "Book of Sonnets" - for Leslie)*

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Soprano *p*  
My tongue - tied Muse in man - ners holds her still,

Alto *p*  
My tonuge - tied Muse in man - ners holds her still,

Baritone *p*  
My tongue - tied Muse in man - ners holds her still,

Piano *f*

6 *mf*  
My tongue - tied Muse in man - ners holds her still,

*mf*  
My tongue - tied Muse in man - ners holds her still,

*mf*  
My tongue - tied Muse in man - ners holds her still,

*mf*

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*mf* While com - ments of your praise rich - ly com - pil'd,

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*mf* While com - ments of your praise rich - ly com - pil'd,

14

Re - serve their cha - rac - ter with gold - en quill, And

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pre - cious phrase by all the Mus - es fil'd.

pre - cious phrase by all the Mus - es fil'd.

And pre - cious phrase by all the Mus - es fil'd.

22

I think good thoughts, whilst o - thers write good words,

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And like un - let - ter'd clerk still cry "A - men" To

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30

ev - 'ry hymn that a - ble spir - it af - fords In pol - ish'd

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*poco cresc.*

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form of well - re - fin'd pen.

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form of well - re - fin'd pen.

36

Hear - ing you prais'd, I say, "'Tis so, 'Tis true."

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And to the most of praise add some - thing more:

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44

But that is in my thought, whose love to you

But that is in my thought, whose love to you

But that is in my thought, whose love to you *f* Though

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words come hind - most, holds his rank be - fore.

*cresc.*

52

*f* Then, o - thers, for the breath of words Re - spect

*f* Then, o - thers, for the breath of words Re - spect

*f* Then, o - thers, for the breath of words Re - spect

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Me For my dumb thoughts, Speak - ing in ef - fect.

Me For my dumb thoughts, Speak - ing in ef - fect.

Me For my dumb thoughts, Speak - ing in ef - fect.

*dim.*

*dim.*

*dim.*

*molto dim.*

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*poco rit. pp*

*poco rit. pp*

*poco rit. pp*

*rall.*

*rall.*

*rall.*

*ppp*

*ppp*

*ppp*