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Ode to Women

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$\text{♩} = 88$

Listen, *mp* for when women ga - ther Listen, *mp* oh when women ga - ther to

Listen, *mp* listen, oh, listen, *mp* listen, oh, to

Listen, *mp* listen, oh, listen, listen, oh, to

Lis-ten, oh, listen, to

mp

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hold hands *mp* to ge-ther, *cresc.* their hums rise and ri-pple

hold hands *mp* to ge-ther, *cresc.* their hums rise and ri - pple oh, wo-men

mp hold hands to ge-ther, *cresc.* their hums rise and ri - pple,

hold hands to - ge - ther, oh, their hums rise and ri-pple

mp *cresc.*

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sway like can - dles, a sym - pho - ny of light. A

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sway like can - dles, a sym - pho - ny of light. A

f

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sym-pho-ny of light. *dim.* O-ye, el can-to de/es-pe-ran-za de las mu-

sym-pho-ny of light. *dim.* *f* o-ye oh

sym-pho-ny of light. *dim.* *f* O-ye o-ye, oh

sym-pho-ny of light. *dim.* O-ye oh

f

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je-res - vue-la/al to-pe de los pi - nos, el so - ni - do de la
mf *cresc.*

o - ye o - ye los pi - nos el so - ni - do de la
mf *cresc.*

o - ye, o - ye los pi - nos el so - ni - do de la
mf *cresc.*

o - ye oh el so - ni - do de la
mf *cresc.*

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luz de la lu - na a - ca - ri - cia la me -

luz de la lu - - - na a - ca ri - cia la me -

luz de la lu - na a - ca - ri - cia la me -

luz de la lu - na a - ca - - - ri - cia la me -

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ji - lla de un ni - ño, la me ji - lla de un ni - ño,
ff *mp*

ji - lla de un ni - ño, la me ji - lla de un ni - ño,
ff *mp*

ji - lla de un ni - ño, la me ji - lla de un ni - ño
ff *mp*

ji - lla de un ni - ño la me - ji - lla de un ni - ño
ff *mp*

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Listen, lis-ten, lis-ten bed of mu-sic that
mf

lis-ten mu-sic that
mf

Lis-ten, to the place where life grows the dark seed - bed of mu-sic that
mf

lis-ten, oh, lis-ten, the dark seed - bed of mu - sic that
mf