

Autumn

for Bass-Baritone Solo

Rainer Maria Rilke (1875–1926)
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Andante con moto ♩ = 90
pp *lamentoso*

The leaves are fall - ing. Fall - ing as if from far off As
5 though far gar - dens with - ered in the skies. They are fall - ing.
10 with slow and de - ny - ing ges - tures. And in the nights the
14 heav - y earth is fall - ing From all the stars, down in - to the lone - li - ness.
20 We all are fall - ing. This hand falls. And look at oth - ers
24 it is in them all. And yet there is one who holds this fall - ing
28 End - less - ly, gent - ly, in his hand. mm

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