

[Alpheia]

#8 - "Prisoner of Fate"

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BORIS: It's just to the untrained eye, it seems...
ALPHEIA: Seems!? Seems!?!?

Alpheia

Piano

mf

ff

Recitative

Ah no! If on-ly life was what it

mf

1

6

A:

seems to be, and not what it is! Sure and that would be

Pno.

mf

3

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A:

dan - dy! A piece of cake! But that is - n't the way it

Pno.

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A: *6* *6* *3*

is! Nor are sit - u - a - tions al - ways the way they ap - pear. Nor are ap - pear - an - ces to be be - lieved.

Pno.

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A: *5* *6*

Nor is be - lief the an - swer to all prob - lems large or small. And, in ad - di - tion, neith - er are peop - le ex -

Pno.

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A:

act - ly the way they seem to be! *tr* *Spa* - For ex - am - ple take -

Pno. *mp*

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molto rit.

A:

me Me - me - me - me - me - me. Me - me - me - me - me - me. Me - me - me - me - me - me - ME. Yes

Pno. *p*

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Aria $\text{♩} = 80$

A:

Pno. *mf*

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A:

may ap - pear to be free to do just as I please! But

Pno.

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rit.

a tempo

A:

Pno.

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A:

and I blushto ad - mit, am a pris - 'ner of fate, in a hate - ful po - si - tion ad - dit - 'nal - ly

Pno.

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A:

grim, since the state that I'm in is a blat - ant mist - ake. I

Pno.

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A: don't un - der - stand it, it's sec - ret and ter - rib - ly tra - - - - - gic! A

Poco rit.

Piano accompaniment (Pno.)

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A: magi - i - cal sort of a trick where I'm stuck un - der my - sti - cal lock with a

a tempo

poco accel.

Piano accompaniment (Pno.)

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A: high - ly my - ster - i - ous key for the rest of my life. You may

poco rit.

Piano accompaniment (Pno.)

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(cadenza ad lib... and ad nauseum)

A: well pi - - - - ty me

Piano accompaniment (Pno.)

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