

Long Time

Text from *Remembrance of Things Past* by
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♩ = 116 *mf* *ff* *mf*

SOPRANO
ALTO
TENOR
BASS

For a long time I used to go to bed ear-ly. Some-times, when I had

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S.
A.

put out my can-dle, my eyes e-ven time
would close so quick-ly that I had not to say "I'm go-ing to

mf

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S.
A.

sleep." And half an hour la-ter the thought that it was would a -

f *ff*
mf *f* *f*

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A.
T.
B.

wa-ken me;
I would try to put a-way the book which, I i-
-ma-gined, was still in my

f *f*

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T.
B.

all the time, while I was a-sleep, of
hands, and to blow out the light; I had been think-ing

f

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T. *f* what I had just been read-ing,

B. *f* but my thoughts had run in-to a chan-nel of their own,

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S. *ff* of my book:

A. *ff* the sub-ject

T. *ff* un - til I my - self seemed ac - tu - al - ly to have be come

B. *ff*

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S. *f* a church, a quar - tet, the ri-val - ry be-tween Fran-çois the First

A. *f* and Charles the Fifth.

T. *f*

B. *f*

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S. *mf* af - ter I was a - wake; it did not dis -

A. *mf* This im pres-sion would per - sist for some mo-ments

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S. *solo* turb my mind, but lay like scales *f (solo)* up - on my eyes and pre - ven-ted them from *tutti*

A. *f (solo)*

T. *f (solo)*

B. *f (solo)*