

for Maureen

# The Pessimist

Benjamin King (1857-1894)

Peter Wishart (1921-1984)

Voice

Piano

*p* *cresc.*

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*p*

No-thing to do but work, no-thing to eat but food. No-thing to wear but clothes to

*p*

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keep one from go - ing nude. No-thing to breathe but air, quick as a flash 'tis gone,

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*cresc.* *f*

No-where to fall but off, no-where to stand but on.

*cresc.* *f*