

# Ford's Monologue

(The Merry Wives of Windsor, Act II Scene II)

Simon John Wilkins

♩ = 100

Horn in F  
Piano  
Reciter

Measures 1-4: Horn in F (rest), Piano (trills and chords), Reciter (rest).

5

cad. colla parte

A tempo

stopped

Hn.  
Pno.  
Rec.

Measures 5-8: Horn (melody with dynamics *f*, *mp*), Piano (accompaniment), Reciter (pedal markings).

What a damned Epicurian rascal is this!  
My heart is ready to crack with impatience!

9

open

Hn.  
Pno.  
Rec.

Measures 9-12: Horn (melody with dynamics *mf*, *mp*), Piano (accompaniment), Reciter (pedal markings).

Who says this is improvidant jealousy? My wife has sent to him, the hour is fixed, the match is made... ...Would any man have thought this?

13 stopped

Hn. *f*

Pno.

Rec.

See the hell of having a false woman!

16 open

Hn. *mf*

Pno. *f p* *mf*

Rec.

My bed shall be abused, my coffers ransacked, my reputation gnawn at;

20

Hn.

Pno. *p*

Rec.

...and I shall not only receive this villinous wrong... ...but stand by the adoption of abominable terms, and by him that does me this wrong.

24

Hn. *mp*

Pno. *mp*

Rec. *Red.*

Terms, names! Amaimon sounds well;

28

Hn. *f* *stopped* *open*

Pno. *f*

Rec. *4/4*

Lucifer, well; Barbason, well; yet they are devil's additions, the names of fiends...

32

Hn. *ff*

Pno.

Rec. *4/4*

...but Cuckold! Wittol! - Cuckold!... ...the Devil himself has not such a name!

34 **Meno mosso**

Hn.

Pno.

Rec.

36 **A tempo** ♩ = 100

Pno.

Rec.

Page is an ass, a secure ass: he will trust his wife; he will not be jealous.

40 **accel.**

Hn.

Pno.

Rec.

I would rather trust a Fleming with my butter...

...Parson Hugh the Welshman with my cheese...

44

Hn. *mp* *gliss.*

Pno. *5* *3* *3* *8va* *p*

Rec. ...an Irishman with my aqua-vitae bottle... ...or a thief to walk my ambling gelding... ...than my wife with herself;

49  $\text{♩} = 125$

Hn.

Pno. *cresc.* *tr*

Rec. first she plots, then she ruminates, then she devises; and what they think in their hearts they may effect...

54  $\text{♩} = 120$

Hn. *tr*

Pno. *mp cresc.* *f* *p* *ped.*

Rec. ...they will break their hearts but they will effect. God be praised for my jealousy! Eleven o'clock the hour: I will prevent this!...

rall. . . . . Poco maestoso

♩=85

59

Hn. *f* 6 3 3 3

Pno. *ff* 3 3

Rec. 3/4 4/4 2/4 4/4

...be avenged on Falstaff, and laugh at Page!

63

Hn. *mp cresc.* 3 3

Pno. *p* 3

Rec. 2/4

I will be about it: better three hours too soon than a minute too late!

67

Hn. *tr* *ff*

Pno. *f* *ff*

Rec.

Fie, fie, fie! cuckold! cuckold! cuckold!