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Barcarolle e lento  $\bullet = 56$

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At the last, ten - der -

ly From the walls of the pow'r - ful for-tress'd

house, From the clasp of the knit - ted locks, from the

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9 *mf* *p*

keep of the well-closed doors, Let me be

12 *mp* *p*

waft - - - ed. Let me glide \_\_\_\_\_

15 *pp*

noise - less-ly forth; With the key of soft-ness un-

18 *p subito*

lock the locks— with a whis-per

*subito p*

Ped.

20 *mf*

Set ope the doors— O soul.

*cresc.*

*mf*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

23 *pp*

Ten - - - der

Ped.

25

ly be not im - pa - tient,

27 *f cresc. poco a poco*

(Strong is your hold O mor - - - tal

*f cresc. poco a poco*

30 *ff* **Lento**  $\text{♩} = 56$

flesh, Strong is your hold O love.)

*ff*

**Lento**  $\text{♩} = 56$

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