

# Sonnet XXIII

## As an unperfect actor

dedicated to Frédéric Albou and Michelle Assay  
who have commissioned the piece

Words: William Shakespeare  
Music: Jean-Christophe Rosaz

$\text{♩} = 120$

sottovoce  
*pas plus qu'un souffle*  
**p**

*apparaît dans la résonance*

As an un - per - fect ac - tor

cluster chromatique la-do

**pp**

oscillation inégale

L.V.

poco **sf**  $\text{♩}$   $\text{8va}$  L.V.

5

B

on the stage Who with his fear is put be - sides his

Pno

5

9

B

*poco accel. rall.* **mp**

part, Or some fierce thing re - plete with too much

L.V.

Pno

9

L.V.

**mp**

$\text{8va}$

cluster chromatique mi-sol

clust. chrom. ré-fa

cl. ch. do# - mi