

# Gregory's Lament

from "The Illuminator" - Scene 1 \*

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Gregory (Baritone)

*f*

Lord, -

Piano

*mf* *mp*

G. 5

*mf* *mp*

Lord, - Why have You a-ban-doned me? Why have you left me

G. 10

here? Do I wake? Do I sleep? — I can-not dream, I can - not weep, An

\* (St. Gregory of Armenia survived for 13 years, it is said, imprisoned by the king in a hole in the ground. Here, he is near the end of his endurance, lamenting his painful situation.)

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G. *poco cresc.*

hour - is a day, a day - a year - Each day a hun-dred days, — each

*poco cresc.*

18

G. *mp* (B)

year — a hun - dred years. Lis - ten: Mas - ter of all mas - ters,

*p*

21

G. *f* *mp*

Mas - ter of the U - ni - verse: I ask you

*f* *mp*

24

G. 3

now to let me die! Not, not that I ques - tion your ways, but... Yes, I do,

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28 C

G.   
I be-gin to, I ask: What have you... Ne - ver mind. It's

33 D *mf*

G.   
time I think to pray a - gain. And so I pray. And so I

38

G.   
pray Lord, I do ask, send the king - Send him light,

42 *(falls asleep)*

G.   
send him wis-dom, send him... *poco rit.*