

It's the Limelight!

An aria about the lighting fixture

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$\text{♩} = 40$

S.A.

T.B.

Soloist

p

What's this bright, blin-ding white light shi-ning in my eyes? _____

Piano

p

Red. *

5

SA

TB

Solo

While the rest of my world's gone dark, and lost in the gloom?

Pno.

(Red.) *

9

SA *pp*

TB *pp*

Solo *mp dolce*

Pno.

It's the place I've al - ways want-ed to be, The place I've longed for since

(Red.) * Red. * Red. * Red. *

13

SA

TB

Solo *with some intensity*

Pno.

pu - ber-ty, Where I'm the cen-ter of all the at-tention in the

Red. * Red. * Red.

17 $\text{♩} = 70$

SA

TB

Solo *mf*

room! The lamp now shi-ning on me has lime in the fix-ture. —

Pno. *mf*

(Red.) ❄

21 altos *mp*

SA

TB

Solo

kind of lime that grows on a tree.

Pno.

25

sopr *p*

SA Ah _____ A hunk of cal - ci-um

f

TB _____ *unis. f*

A hunk of cal - ci-um

Solo

8 It's a hunk of cal - ci-um ox-ide.

Pno.

f

29

SA ox-ide.

TB ox-ide.

Solo

8 Called quick-lime, be - cause it's made u-sing lime - stone, you

Pno.

mf

33 *mf* quick-lime sits in a pa - ra - bol - ic re -

mp Ah

mp Ah

Solo see. The quick-lime sits in a pa - ra - bol - ic re -

Pno.

flec-tor, if such a re - flec - tor ex - ists, with a blow-torch hea-ting it

36

SA

TB

Solo flec-tor (some-times), With a blow-torch heat-ing it

Pno.

up 'til its mount-ing will strain, un - til its mount-ing will strain.

39

SA

TB

Solo

Pno.

up 'til its mount-ing will strain. It

glows__white hot, just as bright as can be, and its beam__shoots out and lands

42

SA

TB

Solo

Pno.

glows white hot, just as bright as can be, and its beam shoots out and lands

beam__shoots out and lands

45

SA right on— me, *mp* Ah

right on— me, *mf* And in— that mo-ment, I stand trans-formed on a

TB

Solo *mp cresc.*

8 right on me, and in that mo-ment, I stand trans-formed on a

Pno. *cresc.*

48

SA high - er plane, a high plane, it's the lime The lime-light! The

TB high - er plane, a high plane, it's the lime The lime-light! The

Solo *(cresc.) f*

8 high - er plane: It's the lime-light!

Pno. *(cresc.) ff*

Red. *

51

SA

lime-light! The lime-light! The lime-light! The lime-light!

TB

lime-light! The lime-light! The lime-light! The lime-light!

Solo

8

It's the lime-light! It's the

Pno.

54

SA

TB

Solo

8

lime-light! Now in

Pno.

mf

mf

58

SA

TB

Solo

Pno.

truth, no lime-light's been used in o - ver a cent-ch'ry,— Arc lamp

62

altos *mp*

SA

TB

Solo

Pno.

have been a - round since eigh-teen nine-ty three.

search-lights have been a - round since eigh-teen nine-ty three.

65

SA

TB

Solo

Pno.

Ah

The car-bon arc spot-light was all the rage, through the

68

SA

TB

Solo

Pno.

twen-tieth cent-ch'ry to light up the stage, and now the fol-low spot's of-ten lit up by an

72 *mf* oh, the term is still part of our

SA *mp* Ah

TB *mp* Ah

Solo 8 L. E. D.. But the phrase, the term, is still part of our

Pno.

lan-guage, it's part of our lan - guage to - day, be - ing in the lime-light means

76

SA

TB

Solo 8 lan - guage. Be - ing "in the lime-light" means

Pno.

you're in the pub - lic eye, you're in the pub lic eye. we per-for-mers, it

79

SA

TB

Solo

8

Pno.

you're in the pub - lic eye. And to we per-for-mers, it

means the same, this crown of light might bring me glo - ry and fame;

83

SA

TB

Solo

8

Pno.

means the same, this crown of light might bring me glo - ry and fame; But

mf

mp

subito *mp*

86 *mp* Ah

SA
e ven if not, for as long as it lasts, I'll shine on

TB

Solo
cresc.
e - ven if not, for as long as it lasts, I'll shine on

Pno.
cresc.

89

SA
high, — on high! It's the lime The lime-light! The lime-light! The lime-light!

TB
The lime-light! The lime-light! The lime-light!

Solo
(cresc.) — — — *f*
high! It's the lime-light! — — — It's the

Pno.
(cresc.) — — — *ff*

92

SA

The lime-light! The lime-light! The lime-light! The lime-light!

TB

The lime-light! The lime-light! The lime-light! The lime-light!

Solo

lime-light! — It's the limelight! The

Pno.

95

SA

The lime-light! The lime - light! —

TB

The lime-light! The lime - light! —

Solo

lime-light! The lime - light! —

Pno.

ff *rall.* —

fff