LA CROSSE
CENTENNIAL

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OPUS 18

Piano

Forcefully (d=94)

(spoken): In November of 1841, Nathan Myrick, seeking his destiny as a trader in furs, settled on Prairie LaCrosse.

As a youth of nineteen, he pioneered the growth of our great city: For which we are ever gratefully indebted to him.

Vamp 15

a tempo From trading post to lumber camp The tiny village grew.

The Tiny

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Vamp 15

The tiny village grew.
The tiny village grew. Poco rit.
With settlers coming from the East and many other lands.
dim.

The village grew.
Poco cresc.
mf a tempo f
dim.

The tiny village grew.
With settlers coming from the East and many other lands.
dim.

They have heard the fertile soil.
Piu Messo (d=108)

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Piu Messo

lands many other lands.
on the banks of the Mississippi River, called by the Indians The Father of Waters.

Con espressione

Briskly (d=112)
These men were not ordinary people; they were made of that stern stuff as required of

[Musical notation]

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[Musical notation]

all pioneers They knew that theirs was an easy task—that many hardships faced them a-

[Musical notation]

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[Musical notation]
long the way, yet they faltered not, their steps were firm.

f cresc.
f can moto

dim.

mp
Slowly (\textit{e} 66)

\begin{align*}
\text{Slowly} & \quad \text{The years passed and nature took her toll} \quad \text{and by the turn of the century}
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
\text{Slowly} & \quad \text{They had stripped the valley of the timber that was once the pride of the Win-no-sheik.}
\end{align*}
But the people of La Crosse continued to plan and build - plan and build a great city - Inhabited by peoples of

crese.
Deliberately (\(\times = 96\))

To its several hundred factories, large and small,
which

Deliberately

To its several hundred factories, large and small, several hundred, which

Deliberately (\(\times = 96\))

(speaking) La Crosse can well point with pride of lasting achievements.
Operate to the mutual benefit of all.

Poco rit. mp a tempo poco cresc. mf
To its many stores and shops and banks which together weld a firm com-

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Poco rit. a tempo

commercial framework.

Più mosso

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To its hospitals and its clinics which so
nobly serve the community in preservation of health and peace of mind.
To its modern and attractive schools,

with their capable staff of teachers —,
Into whose hands we entrust the safety and future of our children.

Dim. poco rit.

-i- 

Dim. poco rit. mp

Con espressione

Briskly (dot=16)
La. Crasse is not without its re-cre-a-tion

The golf course, the swimming pool, the tennis courts are
crowded in their season.

The school athletic contests

The many baseball
Teams and leagues have all become a vital part.

Many baseball teams and leagues have all become a vital part.

Vital part, vital, vital.

Part, vital, vital.

Part, vital.

Sempre f

mf - dim.
part of the city's care-free hours -
With a lift

With a lift (d. 66)

The hunter and the fisherman have much for which to be thankful.
The snow-clad hills and shining rings do
light the lover of winter-time.
The spacious parts of fer rest and re-pose in their gras-sy ha-
v\v
vens.
Our many churches of all denominations

Feed and nurture, feed and nurture our
soul -- So that we may bet --

f

soul -- So that we may bet --

f

bet --

f

mf

f

fter serve -- our God --

fter serve -- our God --

fter bet-ter serve our God --
rit. (spoken) Such has been our past; but what does the future hold for us?
Steadily, as in a chant (\( \text{\textit{d}} = 88 \))

If our fair city—shall continue

\( \text{\textit{p}} \) sempre

Steadily, as in a chant (\( \text{\textit{d}} = 88 \))

\( \text{\textit{pp}} \) poco cresce.

\( \text{\textit{p}} \) sempre

to expand—there must be no let-down,

We cannot rest—shall continue to expand—there must be no let-down

We
In this changing world, we must be prepared.
pared to adjust ourselves according to the times.

must be prepared to adjust ourselves according to the
times.

To meet each new responsi-
times.

mf sempre
bility with firmness and de-ter-

re-sponsi-bility with firmness and de-ter-

na-tion.

We must con-

mi-na-tion.

We must con-

mf sempre
We must continue to work to our mutual prosperity and happiness —

With utter disregard to race, religion, creed, or happiness —

We must continue to work to our mutual prosperity and happiness —

With utter disregard to race, religion, creed, or happiness —

With utter disregard to race, religion, creed, or happiness —
We represent a

true melting pot. And therein

f sempre

f sempre
lies our strength

Crisply (d=96)

Grandioso (d=80)

rit. If we shall follow the paths of our Fathers
Through the next one hundred years,

We shall truly remain one of America's great
cities, one of God's great communities

cities, one of God's great communities

broaden
broaden
broaden