

for Aidan Soder

# [O cool is the valley now]

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(1861-1941)

(from Chamber Music, XVI)

Music: Karim Al-Zand  
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Slowly; earthy  $\text{♩} = 58$

*breathy p*  
O cool is the val-ley now and there, love, will we

⑤ *mp*  
go for man-y a choir is sing-ing now where Love did some-time go. *ppp*

⑤ *mp* *ppp*

⑩ *excitedly mf* as before  
And hear you not the thrush-es cal-ling, cal-ling us a-

⑩ *sempre ppp* *mf*

⑬ *p* *mp* *p*  
way? O cool and pleas-ant is the val-ley and there, love, will we stay.

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