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# "My Father Is Telling Me the Story"

Sylvia Gray

--W.S. Mervin

**Moderato** *mf*

You have ne-ver known the pitch or tim - bre

**Moderato** *mp*

*Ped.*  $\wedge$  *con pedale*

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of your fath-er's voice nor the force or shape of his hands nor the way his brow

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fur-rowed as he squint-ed at small print you have not known what he

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turned a - way from clos - ing the door ex - cept\_ you are that per - son

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you have not known what he made of night sky or the way sun at dawn in No-ven-ber glist-ens

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you have not known his shoes or watch-es or ties his gait or re - li- gion or lack of

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it nor his sis - ters nor his broth - ers and of your mo-ther you lack all the

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same you look in the mir - ror and do not think of this now. dolce

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you hear through the win-dow a bird <sup>3</sup> you re-cog-nise but can - not name

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*rit.* you look in the mir-ror but not for who is there