

# Now Sleeps The Crimson Petal

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*Slow, and with emphasis*

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff shows measures 1 through 3. The middle staff shows measures 4 through 5, with lyrics: "Now sleeps the crimson petal, now the white;". The bottom staff shows measures 6 through 7, with lyrics: "Nor waves the cypress in the palace walk;". Measure numbers 1, 4, and 6 are explicitly marked above their respective staves. Measure 3 ends with a fermata over the vocal line. Measure 5 begins with a dynamic *p*. Measure 6 begins with a dynamic *f*. Measure 7 begins with a dynamic *p*.

Now sleeps the crimson petal 2

**f**

8

Nor winks the gold fin in the porph - 'ry font; The

10

fire - fly wa - kens; wa - ken thou with

12

me.

with *passion*

15 **pp**

Now folds the li - ly all her sweet - ness up,

**pp**

17

And slips in - to the bo - som of the lake:

19

So fold thy - self, my dear - est, thou, and slip,

*ad lib.*21 ***pp*** ad libitum, slowly

Slip in - to my bo - som, and be lost, be

23

lost, in me.

*dying away*