text: W.S. Merwin
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The First Composer

music: Robert Adámy Duisberg

Serenely \( \frac{d}{4} = 88 \)

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Silence is

Silence is my shepherd born

Leaves understand flow'res leaves understand flow'res

— my silence is my shepherd born once born for—
The image contains a musical score with partially visible text in Italian, including phrases like:

- "born once born forever leaves understand flow'res leaves understand flow'res leaves under"
- "Silence is my shepherd born once born forever silence"
- "semi-poco a poco crescendo"

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