

LETTERS

from the opera "Werther"

Charlotte at her mother's death-bed had promised to marry a family friend. She has done so and dismissed the poetic Werther who was in love with her, and she half in love with him. He still writes to her and she cannot resist poring over his letters.

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Charlotte, alone, sitting near
the work table. (Pensively)

Voice

1^{er} Mouvement

PIANO

f *mf* *dim.* *pp* *pp* *mf* *pp*

p *p*

mf *mf*

Werther... Werther...
O Werther, O Wer-ther!

express.

Qui m'aurait dit la pla - ce que dans mon coeur il oc - cupe au - jour -
Who ev - er could have thought he would hold to - day such a place in my

p *dol.*

express. *cresc.*

d'hui?
heart?

De-puis qu'il est par-ti,
Yet ev - er since he left,

mal-gré moi, tout me
life is drea-ry and