

[Baritone] (slow but determined) The earthquake must have scared these cats and dogs out of their hiding places... Let's gather them over here at the edge of this tunnel. (*start herding animals*) C'mon over here – that's it... yeah, good job...hey, this is pretty easy (*taken aback by largest animals' growling*) Whoa! Except for these tough guys – What's with them? (*heroically*) Watch out, everyone – I'll take care of this. Shoo! Back! No snapping! Don't scratch me! Stop that growling!... That's better. Good puppy, nice kitty.

Aria: baritone ("Come to me")

Slow, hypnotic ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 69$)*(Baritone staggers back onstage acting huge and weird and he places a magnet necklace on each ANIMAL.)*

763

B.

p hypnotic *mf*

Ped.

766

B.

p *mf*

Come to me, my pals and

mp *p* *mf*

769

B.

p *mf*

bud-dies Leave those three old fud-dy

mp *p* *mf*

772

B.

f forceful *mp*

dud-dies Lightning struck now I'm mag-

mp *f* subito

774

B. net - - - ic Su - per strong while they're pa -

mp *f* *mp*

mp *f subito*

776

B. thet - - - ic Me - te-ors fell,

p

p

778

B. cos - mic met-als! Gra - vi-ty's gift up -

f *p*

f *p*

780

B. on me set - tles!

f *p*

f *p*

782

f resonant

B.

Feel _____ my force _____ be -

784

rit.

B.

hold _____ my pow - - er, be -

A Tempo

786

ff _____ *f*

B.

hold _____ my pow - er, Let the oth - ers

molto rit.

mp mockingly

p 75

789

B. cringe and cow - er

mf

p

791 **A Tempo** (♩ = ca. 69)

B.

pp

tr

793 *p* *mf*

B. Rise and join my bold pro - ces - sion

p

mf

mp

tr

796 *p* *mf*

B. Weak - ness is its own op - pres - sion

p

mf

mp

tr

799

B. *p* Weak - - ness is its own *mf* op - pres - sion...

801 *a piacere*

B.