Heiligenstadt Testament

Ludwig Van Beethoven's will,
Heiligenstadt, October 6 and 10th, 1802

Relaxed \( \text{\( \frac{4}{4} \)} = c. 52 \)

You hold me to be

You know nothing of the reasons that make me appear so.

How incapable I was of saying.

*SPEAK UP!  SHOUT!

For I am deaf.*

*Observing the silence here is of the utmost importance.

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And therefore, please forgive me when I would enjoy your company, you see me withdraw from you.

Whisper-like draw from you. 

Solitary 

I am forced to live as an exile When I do approach the company of others, I feel a terror.
fear of circumstances that might cause my condition to be noticed.

when someone standing next to me heard a flute in the distance or a shepherd singing.

And I heard nothing.

Such despair,

It would have taken very little for me to end my life.

Nothing but art held me.
Dear

back, until I brought forth all I could.

God, grant me one day of joy.

as the autumn leaves fall and wither, so it is with my hope.

Farewell.

with desperate pleading