

TWO POEMS
BY *GOVERNEUR MORRIS*
FOR SOLO VOICE
WITH PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT

By
VICTOR HARRIS



LADY SPRING .60
High in F Low in D

LADY LAUGHTER .50
High in F Low in D



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LADY LAUGHTER

SHE's all laughter, my goddess,
Her name's Very Sweet,
And she's one Dearest Dear
From her head to her feet.
With her wonderful ways and her wonderful eyes,
She is all to me foolish and all to me wise.

Less a girl than a goddess—
Here Fancy proposes,
Not a goddess so much
As an armful of roses.
And all my world blooms with her, since it all lies
In those wonderful ways and those wonderful eyes.

She's all to me always,
That goes without saying;
My prayers are of her,
And they go without praying.
May sweet dreams possess her, may Fortune caress her!
Her name's Very Sweet, and my name is God bless her.

GOUVERNEUR MORRIS

Lady Laughter

Poem* by
Gouverneur Morris

Music by
Victor Harris

Moderately fast, but with great freedom

Voice

mf

She's all laugh-ter, my god-dess, Her name's Ver - y Sweet, And she's

Piano

mf

one Dear-est Dear_ From her head to her feet. With her won-der-ful_

p *f*

ways and her won-der-ful_ eyes, She is all to me fool - ish and_

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all to me wise. Less a girl than a god - dess -

p cantabile

Here Fan - cy pro - pos - es, Not a god - dess, not a god - dess so much As an arm - ful of

p molto sostenuto

cresc.

ros - es, an arm - ful of ros - es. And all my world blooms with her,

since it all lies - In those won - der - ful ways - and those

dim. *p rall.*

won - der - ful - eyes, — those won - der - ful - eyes.

Come prima *mf*

She's all to me al-ways, That goes with - out say-ing; My_ prayers are

of her, And they go_ with - out pray-ing. May sweet dreams pos - sess her, may

p parlato *p*

For - tune ca - ress her! Her name's Ver - y Sweet, and my name's God bless her.