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SONGS BY THIRTY AMERICANS



T was only the other day that Tennyson's allusion to

The early pipe of half-awakened birds

would have served famously to describe the state of affairs in the uncleared forest of American music.

It was only the other day that the whole literature of American composition might have deserved that heinous slander Mark Twain so winningly sent forth against the delectable works of Miss Jane Austen, when he said that they were the only volumes the absence of which from any library argued for its completeness. Yesterday it had been no slander to say that American music had a purely algebraic value. When you subtract a minus quantity from anything, you add to it. So the absence of American composers from a musical program was, so far as it went, a proof of discriminating culture.

But that was yesterday. This is to-day.

The deliberate Portuguese say, "Patience! to-morrow is another day!" And American music has large hopes of its *Mañana*. But meanwhile, we have also a to-day that is neither without its comforts, nor empty of pride.

For one thing, the American composer is suffering from something that looks a little like prosperity. It is hardly more than a symptom, but the pleasant disease is at work: it has fastened on the body musical of America. And, in spite of a common public fallacy that genius always dies of starvation, the fact is, of course, that periods of great and lasting artistic glory have practically always been periods of distinct personal success for the artists. Witness the ages of Perikles and Augustus, the Renaissance, the Elizabethan and Victorian eras, when artists got money from patron or publisher, wore good clothes and moved in an atmosphere of elegance. To say then that the American composer is beginning to achieve money and pub-

licity, is almost tantamount to saying that he is deserving of both; for, after all, you cannot have a Golden Age without gold, and, by corollary, an age of gold has an excellent chance of being a Golden Age.

To show how much the estate of the composer has been mollified in this country, I may not be begrudged a little personal reminiscence. Less than ten years ago, I devoted to American composers a long series of magazine articles, later revised in book-form. The material for this work was chiefly found in the unpublished works of the composers. The constant wail was, "To see me at my best, you must study my manuscripts. The publishers won't look at my good works, and neither will the performers." In those days — it seems they must have been ante-bellum days—the public singer, pianist or conductor who included an American name in his program was looked at with amazement as straining after eccentricity. A critic of prominence could say with all blandness: "I never go near a concert of native works;" and echo answered, "I don't blame him."

Then the tide turned. Or, rather, it moved; it had never gone high enough to be a tide or take an ebb before. With tide-like stealth and breadth it came in. To-day the American composer does not need to be isolated like a pest to a ward of his own. His name is seen on almost every program, -mingling with the classics and the European standards in democratic good-fellowship. And no one notes any special lack of mind or heart in the native music. The American march and dance tune have swept the world as no others of the day; and the more elaborate forms of oratorio, cantata, sonata and song are by no means infrequent in London, Berlin, Munich, Paris or Florence. At home the names of a few prominent men of the better class are almost household words, and their works almost household music.

The contrast with the condition ten years ago

is amazing; to me it is almost painful, for where at that time the composer was begging me to look at his unprintable manuscripts, now, to-day, when I am asked to compile this collection, and when I send out a gracious permission to submit manuscripts, the answer comes from almost everywhere: "I regret that all my manuscripts are printed and I am under contract for some years to such and such a publisher to give him all I can write." Yesterday I was greeted as a welcome stranger; to-day as a solicitor, a bore. It has been difficult, therefore, to compile this work, and to make it truly representative, as I think it is, of how excellently well the Yankee can write music when he sets his heart and brain upon it.

The history of American music is a short story. It could be compressed into an epigram—if one could only think of the epigram. Everything that preceded the Civil War could be lost without loss, except enough to fill a toy Noah's ark. Into this you would put a few captivating jigs like The Arkansas Traveller; perhaps a hymn or two of Lowell Mason's—if you like hymns; a few of Stephen C. Foster's folk-tunes that cuddle in the heart; that inexpressibly joyous Dixie, which the South borrowed from an Ohio minstrel whose negro-ness was only burnt-cork-deep, and which the North has since reclaimed in its war-won sanctity. You would save these tunes and a few of the more genuine and more sterling melodies of the slaves. The rest you could let go without a sigh. Yankee Doodle and The Star-Spangled Banner could be renewed from their original sources abroad. Even Columbia the Gem of the Ocean is either an English tune, or, if written in America, was written by an Englishman by the reminiscent name of Thomas à Becket.

It is hard to realize what parvenus American composers are. The name of Raff has a distinctly modern, a recent sound in European music. Yet his 205th opus and his 8th symphony, Frühlings-klänge, was written in 1878, a year before John Knowles Paine's similarly named Spring symphony, which was only the second symphony of the distinguished American composer,—the very first worth serious consideration. When our

Civil War broke out, Paine was only twenty-two years old and was still studying in Germany, where all our reputable composers were trained in the early days—if one may use the word "early" of so late a matter.

In 1865 Paine made a concert tour of Germany as an organist; and in 1867 he conducted at Berlin his Mass. His splendid oratorio, St. Peter, produced at Portland, Maine, in 1873, was the first and for some time the only real oratorio this country could boast—and this country has always done well at boasting. Paine's first, and therefore America's first, symphony was conducted by Theodore Thomas in 1876, the same year that saw the culmination of German dramatic music in the first performance of Wagner's Ring of the Nibelungs, at Bayreuth. Paine, too, wrote a grand opera, Azara, to his own libretto, but its production is not yet visible to the naked eye on the horizon of the twentieth century. Nor is the production of any other American grand opera worthy of the name to be recorded in the scrolls of the past, or espied in the promises of the future.

But all this is not to say that because American music is new, it is therefore worthless. Rather has it an advantage of its newness, for it begins when music is no longer struggling to make its tools and its technic before it can chisel its thought. Of American music at its best, in all its youthful greenness, you might quote the lines in which Theokritos described the ivy-wood bowl that was offered to the singer Thyrsis for his song. The translation is Marion Miller's and the lines picture the chalice as

Wrought so newly that still the wood hath a savor That tangs of the tool of the graver.

The point to be remembered, then, in praise of what American music has attained, and in excuse for what it has not yet done, is, that a line drawn through the year 1865 would include on its hither side practically every effort at composition that an American composer has ever made with proper tools and training and serious intent.

It is not the purpose of this book to indicate the genuinely good work done by native art in the fields of the symphony, the overture, the oratorio, the chamber-music, or instrumental music of any sort. This book is solely an anthology of American songs, not claiming completeness, but asking acceptance as a group of lyrics by thirty men who are fairly representative of American achievement. As they are all contemporaries, and

almost all alive, and as no two persons would agree on the order of precedence,—if indeed even one person could agree with himself on so foolish a whim,—it will save trouble to arrange in chronological order the brief notices that must serve to introduce them to your consideration.

Rupert Hughen

New York, May, 1904.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

JOHN KNOWLES PAINE (1839–1906)



The biography of Professor Paine, born in Portland, Maine, January 9, 1839, and his musical importance have been already discussed in the introduction. He died at Cambridge, Mass., April 25, 1906.

John Vr. Paine.

The Matin Song, which represents him here, is a lyric of simple fervor and

distinctly singable melodic outlines.

DUDLEY BUCK (1839-1909)



A composer who was born at Hartford, Connecticut, March 10, 1839, only two months later than J. K. Paine, is Dudley Buck, and he was perhaps equally influential in overcoming the inertia of the American public toward native music. At the age of nineteen Paine went to Berlin, and the same year Buck

went to Leipzig. There he studied composition under Hauptmann and Richter, orchestration under Rietz, and piano under Moscheles and Plaidy. Later he studied the organ with Schneider of Dresden, and after a year more at Paris, returned to Hartford as church organist and teacher. He began a series of organ concert tours lasting fifteen years; they were invaluable to the American public in educating it to the best music. In 1869 Mr. Buck settled in Chicago. In 1871, in

the great fire, he lost many manuscripts, and went to Boston to live. He served for some years as assistant conductor to Theodore Thomas, and settled in Brooklyn until he retired.

Though he is chiefly known as a writer of church and organ music, and has attained the foremost place among Americans in these fields, Mr. Buck has also written secular works, large and small, such as his Centennial Meditations of Columbia, written on a national commission for the Philadelphia Centennial in 1876, and performed by a choir of one thousand voices and an orchestra of a hundred pieces; a cantata, The Voyage of Columbus, which has been given in Germany; a long adaptation from The Light of Asia, which was given in London; The Golden Legend, which won the Cincinnati prize of one thousand dollars; a symphonic overture, Marmion; and other works in which his ambition has not overdrawn his resources. As an example of the distinctly lyric quality and the mellow harmony which characterize all his work, his song In Thy Dreams will serve excellently in its tender serenade spirit. He died in 1909.

HOMER N. BARTLETT (1845)



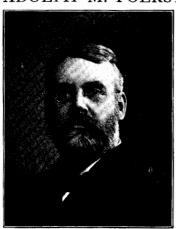
A prolific composer is Mr. Bartlett, and he has been writing for many years; but unlike the majority of composers, who began by writing popular music in this country, he has improved constantly and has kept pace with modernity. Some of his early compositions attained a tre-

Homer N. Bartlett.

mendous vogue of a sort that Mr. Bartlett would not now desire. Many of his later works deserve the favor of the most discriminating.

He was born December 28, 1845, at Olive, New York, of old New England stock. He sang correctly before he could speak, at eight was a public violinist, and at fourteen a church organist. His teachers in piano were Mills, Guyon and Pease; in organ composition Jacobson and Braun. He never studied abroad, though some of his teachers were of foreign birth. He has spent most of his life in New York as organist and teacher. For the orchestra he has written an instrumentation of a Chopin Polonaise, and a violin Concertstück. He has partially completed an oratorio, an opera and a cantata. His song Look not Upon Me with Thine Eyes shows him in his more serious vein.

ADOLPH M. FOERSTER (1854)



Robert Franz, like Wagner, Browning and many another, confessed with regret that his work was first truly appreciated in America. One of the earliest admirers and disciples of Franz was Mr. Foerster, who for eighteen years carried on an extensive correspondence with him. Mr. Foers-

ter shows in his songs the Franzian preference for the text of the poem to the catchiness of melody. He has written numerously for the orchestra, and some chamber-music, notably two quartets for violin, viola, 'cello and piano.

While his descent is German, and his education also, he was born at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1854, and has always lived there, excepting three years spent in Leipzig as a student, and a year in Indiana as a teacher. His teachers were Coccius and Wenzel for the piano; Grill and Schimon for singing; for theory E. F. Richter and Papperitz. Aside from a number of piano compositions, including two excellent concert études, the second of which, Lamentation, is remarkably full of emotion, Mr. Foerster is chiefly known as a song-writer. His subjects range widely. He has

stepped aside from the beaten track in choosing for his lyrics many poems by such older masters as Byron, who is much neglected by song-writers of to-day; and by setting a number of songs which are devoid of what might be called "human interest," in a narrower sense, and are devoted to the moods of nature. Mr. MacDowell has also written such songs. An excellent example of Mr. Foerster's broad manner is his lyric episode Tristram and Iseult, a setting of words selected from Matthew Arnold's poem of that title.

WILSON G. SMITH (1855)



A prominent member of the busy colony of musicians at Cleveland, Ohio, is Mr. Smith, who was also born in Ohio, at Elyria, August 19, 1855. He studied at Cincinnati under Otto Singer, then went to Berlin for two years and studied with Kullak, Kiel, Scharwenka,

Wilson Womit

Moszkowski and Oscar Raif. Since 1882 he has lived in Cleveland as teacher, writer, critic and composer. His piano compositions include many very graceful numbers, and several books of technical studies which have taken a high place. In his songs he seeks a simplicity which is often very deep, and full of the highest art. The song represented herewith, Kiss me, Sweetheart, is light, but full of lilting ardor.

JAMES H. ROGERS (1857)

A song-writer who in spite of popular success has preferred to write little and polish much is a phenomenon unusual enough to be welcome. Such a man is James H. Rogers, who was born at Fair Haven, Connecticut, February 7, 1857. He began studying the piano at the age of twelve, and at eighteen went to Berlin as a pupil of Loeschhorn, Roeder, Haupt and Erlich, for two years. There-

after he studied two years in Paris with Guilmant, Fissot and Widor. He then settled in Cleveland,



Ohio, and has since lived there as teacher, organist, concert pianist and publisher. He is an important contribution to the Cleveland colony of musicians, a busy little colony, which includes such composers as Johann H. Beck, Wilson G. Smith and Miss Patty Stair.

Mr. Rogers' lyrics are of many sorts, and remind one of the lyrics of Thomas Bailey Aldrich for their perfect art that does not hamper but enforces the sincerity, and for their passionate compression. His song *April Weather* is an instance of his loyalty to the text in its mad rush of springtime joy.

HENRY BICKFORD PASMORE (1857)



In the San Francisco colony a prominent place has been taken by Mr. H. B. Pasmore, born at Jackson, Wisconsin, June 27, 1857. Hewent to Germany for his musical education, and studied at the Leipzig Conservatory with Jadassohn, Reinecke

H. B. Pasmore and Papperitz. Upon his return to this

country he settled on the Pacific coast, and is known as one of the foremost teachers of voice and composition in that section of the country. Though a busy man, he has found time to write many songs and part-songs, besides works for orchestra, a mass and the score of an opera. His Northern Romance, included in this collection, is a

striking setting of Andrew Lang's sombre poem, with whose mood the music shows great sympathy, and whose color it dramatically emphasizes.

CLAYTON JOHNS (1857)



One of the most prolific and successful of American songwriters is Clayton Johns. His fertility is largely due, no doubt, to singleness of purpose, for, with the exception of a Berceuse and Scherzino for the violin, which have been played by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, a chorus

Clay for Johns.

for women's voices with string orchestra, a few part-songs and a little music for violin or piano, Mr. Johns has devoted himself strictly to lyric expression.

He was born at New Castle, Delaware, November 24, 1857, of American parents. He first took up architecture as a profession, but gave it up for music. His American teachers were the brilliant critic, William F. Apthorp, John K. Paine, and the eminent native pianist, William H. Sherwood. Mr. Johns then went abroad, and at Berlin studied under Kiel, Grabau, Reif and Franz Rummel. Upon his return to America he took up his residence in Boston, and is a prominent factor in the musical life of that city. His song If Love were not is typical of his fluent melody and unstrained effects.

HARRY ROWE SHELLEY (1858)

Mr. Shelley has the distinction of having composed one or two of the most popular songs ever written in this country, and at the same time of succeeding in more serious and larger forms, such as his notable symphony, his very successful oratorio *The Inheritance Divine*, two manuscript operas, a symphonic poem, a dramatic overture, a

suite, and much music for the piano and organ. He was born at New Haven, Connecticut, June



8, 1858, and studied under Gustave J. Stoeckel, who was professor of music at Yale University before Professor Horatio W. Parker. Mr. Shelley was afterward a pupil of Dudley Buck for several years, and like him settled in Brooklyn as organist of one the principal churches. In 1887,

he became a pupil of Antonin Dvořák, when the Bohemian composer was in this country. It was under the impetus of his personality that Mr. Shelley took up some of his more ambitious compositions. In his song *The Ride*, written especially for this volume, his avowed object was to get away from the tendency to write a lovelorn wail; to write instead a lyric full of dash and rhythm and good cheer. He has succeeded obviously.

REGINALD DE KOVEN (1859)



ised delforer.

It sounds very ominous to call so young a man the father of American comic opera, but not when you observe how young a thing is American comic opera. With Robin Hood, American comic opera of the better sort may be said to have had its first birthday. Numerous other works

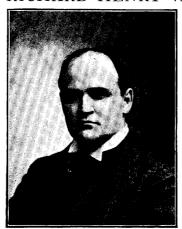
by Mr. de Koven have thrown their weight into the cause of refinement, elaborate ensemble and real lyric development.

Mr. de Koven was born at Middletown, Con-

necticut, April 3, 1859, and spent the years between eleven and twenty-four in Europe, where he studied music under many masters, including Speidel, Lebert and Pruckner at Stuttgart; Huff in Leipzig, and Genée and Von Suppé at Vienna. Healso studied singing at Florence under Vannucinni. He thereforeentered the field well equipped to accomplish something in American comic opera. But success does not come from teachers alone, and so Mr. de Koven is the victim of much railing on the charge of reminiscence. This is chiefly due to two facts: the first, that it is impossible to write much popular and whistlable music without using the common expressions; and in the second place, because Mr. de Koven has stood in the fierce white light of popularity in which many of his bitterest rivals have failed to arrive, and in which others would have looked perhaps even less original. From hearing and seeing many unproduced American operas, I may the better be able to whisper this scandal: not the only reminiscent operas are those that achieve publicity and success.

Mr. de Koven's work in opera left him little inclination to compose songs, but he has written a few, especially excellent examples of the ballad type, to which he is chiefly inclined. His *Cradle Song* is interesting in its appropriate simplicity, and has an accompaniment of much grace.

RICHARD HENRY WARREN (1859)



Musical dynasties are not common in America, and it is rare that the son succeeds to his father's music. But Mr. Warren, himself a distinguished organist, is a son and pupil of the distinguished organist, George William Warren. He was Albany, born in

New York, September 17, 1859, and at the age of twenty-one went to Europe for study and obser-

vation, making a second trip abroad in 1886. From 1880 to 1886, he was organist of All Souls Church in New York, and since that time he has been the organist of St. Bartholomew's Church. He was the organizer and conductor of the Church Choral Society, which has made itself noteworthy for producing works never before heard in America. It was for this society that Horatio W. Parker composed his important Hora Novissima. Mr. Warren has written much church music, including two complete services. He has also written operettas, a string quartet, and has a distinct knack of instrumentation. He has written very few songs, -- which becomes matter for regret when one observes the fascinating simplicity and charm of his When the Birds go North Again.

GERRIT SMITH (1859–1912)

One of the best comosers in the smaller ms of short songs short piano is Gerrit ces hith, who was born Hagerstown, aryland, Decemr 1 1, 1859. He was iduated at Hobart llege in 1876, and nt thence to Stuttrt to study music

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He came back in a year and studied the organ with Samuel P. Warren, and the piano with Eugene Fair and William Sherwood. After a few years as organist in Buffalo, he went again to Germany and studied the organ with Haupt, and theory with Rohde. Later he placed himself under Merkel and Ritter, and spent a month with Grieg at the latter's home in Norway. He then became the organist at St. Peter's in Albany, and eventually in New York at the South Church, which is famous for its musical services. He won much success as a concert organist, having

toured both America and Europe, and until his death in 1912, gave over three hundred organ recitals at the South Church. He was among the earliest to take up the cause of the American composers, and was one of the founders, and for some years the president, of the Manuscript Society. His compositions, while they include a sacred cantata, King David, for voices and orchestra, and many anthems and other church music, are chiefly, to repeat, confined to short songs and short piano pieces. Typically graceful with typical touches of originality is his song Dreaming.

WILLIAM ARMS FISHER (1861)



Mr. Fisher was born in San Francisco, California, April 27, 1861, of New England parentage, and studied harmony, organ and piano with John P. Morgan. After a varied business experience, he decided at the age of twenty-nine to take up music profession-

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ally, and went to New York, where he studied singing with several teachers, and later with William Shakespeare in London. On returning to New York he became a pupil of Horatio W. Parker in counterpoint and fugue, and of Dvořák in composition and instrumentation. He was instructor in harmony at the National Conservatory for several years, until, in 1895, he went to Boston, where he now lives.

That the song impulse has always been the dominant one in Mr. Fisher's creative work is shown by the fact that more than fifty of his published compositions are in the lyric form. In his very first opus was a striking setting of Nur wer die Sehnsucht kennt, since which he has given voice to many and widely varied moods. One has but to mention the lovable group of children's songs, Posies from a Child's Garden of Verses, the poetical setting of Shelley's World's Wanderers, the

rollicking measures of Falstaff's Song, the folksong naïveté of O for a Breath of the Moorlands, or the passionate tenderness of Softly in a Dream, to show the range of his emotional expression. Mr. Fisher's songs are uniformly well thought from the singer's standpoint, and he has known how to secure his dramatic and lyric effects without violating the canons of good vocal art. He has always contended that a musical composition in order to be ranked as a successful art-product must be adapted to the instrument chosen for its expression—that great ideas must lose part of their greatness if incapable of effective rendition. A song which is representative of his melodic and artistic skill is When Allah Spoke, a setting of verses by Arlo Bates, broadly conceived and of wide emotional range.

HENRY HOLDEN HUSS (1862)



Few American composers have a more substantial reputation than Mr. Huss, who combines unusual erudition with dramatic force. He was born in Newark, New Jersey, June 21, 1862. His first teacher was O. B. Boise; in 1883, he went to Munich for three years and stud-

Henry Holden Huss

ied counterpoint under Rheinberger, winning public mention for efficiency. In 1886, when he was again in America, the Boston Symphony Orchestra produced his Rhapsody in C Major for piano and orchestra, the composer playing the piano part, as he has on many similar occasions in the case of this and others of his compositions, notably his very successful piano concerto. Other important compositions of his have been an Ave Maria for women's voices, string orchestra, harp and organ; a Polonaise for violin and orchestra, which was brought out in 1889 at the Paris Exposition by Van der Stucken, on the occasion of

his concerts of American works; a Violin Concerto, a prelude for orchestra, To the Night, and various vocal works with orchestral accompaniment. Among the most notable of these, both for originality and power, are two settings of Shakespeare's texts, The Death of Cleopatra and the Seven Ages of Man.

The song My World, which is presented in this volume, is not built on such elaborate lines as many of his compositions, but it shows his learning in harmony, and the dignity and deep emotion of his musical individuality.

ETHELBERT NEVIN (1862-1901)



Few composers of genuine culture have been content to confine themselves to one form of composition. Men like Chopin, who devote alife to the piano, or like Franz, who expressed himself altogether in songs, are rare. But versatility no more implies importance than quan-

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tity implies quality. To both the critical and the lay mind, composers are apt to seem powerful, like Egyptian kings, in direct ratio with the size of the pyramids they may heap together for their monuments. On this account, the work of Ethelbert Nevin is more often judged by its bulk than by its specific gravity. With the exception of a small number of piano lyrics, which reached a considerable popularity and deserved in some cases even more than they received, and with the exception of a pantomime or two and a few song-cycles, his life was entirely given up to the composition of songs. These did not sweep the country as thoroughly as many examples of triumphant music-hall trash, and yet they acquired a popularity enjoyed perhaps by no other American composer, except Stephen C. Foster, who at his best trembled on the razoredge between the perfect simplicity of folk-song and the maudlin banality of street-song.

Nevin, who was born in Edgeworth, Pennsylvania, November 25, 1862, and died in New Haven, Connecticut, February 17, 1901, may be safely said to be the first American composer who forced his way into the program of song-recitals of the better class; here his songs played a prominent part, both at home and abroad. The encore song was the entering wedge, and it was he who drove it home; latterly the American song has become almost an indispensable feature of any American recital.

The popularity of Nevin's songs and the spontaneity of their lyric flight often deceive the critic as to their dignity. But Nevin was a true songster; he had the lyric fire of a Schubert, whom the public never found hard to understand, once he was presented to them, and whom the student respects for his wonderful compromise between lyric feeling and emotional depth. So Schubert was a revolutionary in the world of song without ever demanding any special training or analysis from his audience. Like Schubert, Nevin has been a distinct influence for the betterment of his native song. He did not form a school, any more than Schubert did, and I cannot pretend that he has the world-wide importance of Schubert, especially as he never ventured into the orchestral field. But we of to-day say of a certain manner that "it suggests Nevin;" and this manner will almost always be found to consist of two qualities: a lyric thrill, more passionate than is characteristic of Anglo-Saxon expression; and an accompaniment which goes its own way, with a passion of its own, a contra-melody of its own, and a marked richness of harmony.

In his children's songs, Nevin has been true to the spirit of childhood, without sacrificing his art. A good proof is found of this in his Bed-time Song, included in this volume. Its present form is a revision made shortly before the composer's death; it was originally dedicated to the woman who later became his wife, and to whose artistic support and sympathy he always paid glowing tribute. She has since established a music schol-

arship in his name for poor children. The song is a fair type of Nevin at his best, with its graceful and gracious and very singable air, the accompaniment full of luscious harmony and subtle modulations into unexpected keys, and the wistful appeal that both comes from and goes to the heart.

FREDERIC FIELD BULLARD (1864–1904)



A field of song which has been chiefly tilled by the cheaper sort of composer, and that without good reason, is what one might call the ballad of bravery. Similarly, the military march, which is supposed to appeal to the noblest and most self-sacri-

Frederic F. Bulland ficing emotions, has been chiefly given

over to composers who are not only unimportant, but impossible. Perhaps the chief reason why the songs of bravery have been neglected by the more thoughtful composers is, that their psychology is not involved, and their chief virtue is frankness, bordering on bluster. But just this distinction between bravery and bravado is a hard one to keep, and worthy of any composer's attention.

In America, almost the only cultivated musician who gave special attention to this style was Mr. Bullard. He avoided bluster and achieved vigor with pronounced success. He wrote songs not only of soldiers, but also of the roystering brawl of tavern-friends, the breeze and blarney of Irishmen, and the bluff contentment of old salts. In fact, Mr. Bullard's musicis distinctly masculine.

This predilection for the non-erotic emotions did not prevent his writing various love songs, ranging from cheerful duets in canon-form to ballads of almost melodramatic force. His graceful lyric Beam from Yonder Star is a type of his style in the serenade, and is preferred in a collection such as this to some of his songs more exclu-

sively for bass or baritone singers.

Mr. Bullard was born in Boston, September 21, 1864, and was at first a chemist; but he preferred to devote himself to the qualitative analyses of harmonies of compositions and the molecular energies of melody. At the age of twenty-four, that is, in 1888, he went to Munich as a pupil of Rheinberger. He remained there four years, and after a short sojourn in London and Paris returned to Boston, where he occupied himself with teaching and composing, until his untimely death, June 24, 1904, cut short a career which promised richly a still further achievement.

W. J. BALTZELL (1864)



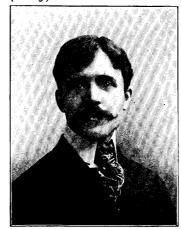
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The editor of The Étude shows, as a song-writer, an editorial regard for the meaning of the text. Mr. Baltzell was born December 18, 1864, at Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania. He was educated at Harrisburg, and was graduated at the Lebanon Valley College with first honors. He entered the publishing business for

some years, and did not take up music professionally until 1888, when he studied in Boston with Stephen A. Emery (theory) and A. W. Thayer (singing). Later he studied theory in London with Sir J. Frederick Bridge, and singing with W. F. Parker. He also sang in church and trained the boy soloists. In 1891 he returned to America and taught at Reading, Pennsylvania, studying at the same time with Dr. H. A. Clarke at the University of Pennsylvania, for which he received the degree of Mus. Bac. In 1897 he went to Philadelphia and took up editorial work, which was interrupted by a year of teaching the history and theory of music at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

His compositions have been mainly songs, of which a good example is the rushing emotion of *Thou art Mine*.

HARVEY WORTHINGTON LOOMIS (1865)



Greater New York can add to its contributions to American music Harvey Worthington Loomis, who was born in Brooklyn, February 5, 1865, and has had both his entire musical training and his musical life in New York proper. He is one

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Dvořák trained during his sojourn in America. The Bohemian master cannot be credited with giving Mr. Loomis his remarkably distinct and determined musical personality, but he deserves at least the credit for encouraging him to continue along his own lines. Loomis has been left practically alone in America in his special devotion to what may be called pantomimic music in the higher sense of the word. He has not only succeeded in humorous musical expression, but in dramatic and emotional presentation no less, and a number of his pantomimes have been acted with artistic success. On somewhat similar lines are the recitatives, which he calls "musical backgrounds," the music being intended to illuminate and ennoble the recitation of some poem. These musical backgrounds, as his Sandalphon, his Story of the Peartree, Story of the Faithful Son and The Coming of the Prince, are in a sense dramatic recitatives of the highest order. The words are to be spoken, not sung indeed, but they are made wonderfully effective by the profound intelligence and the daring imagination with which the piano or the other instrumental parts are written. I know of no other living composer more intensely original with perfect sincerity to the situation, or more fearless in the invention of harmonic novelties which may be compelled by the unhampered progression of the different parts. He seems not to fear any rigor of dissonance, provided it is logically arrived at and not untrue to the spirit of the moment. For this reason many of his piano pieces and accompaniments are difficult to comprehend at the first hearing. But as was the case with Schumann, what looks sometimes to be a small affectation or studied eccentricity, turns out to be the inevitable result of musical candor and directness. This is true of two sorts of compositions in which he excels, laughter-provoking humor and the bitterest tragedy. Loomis has written a great number of songs, and In the Foggy Dew, which represents him in this volume, is very characteristic in its rich harmonic scheme, melodic flow and distinct atmosphere.

NATHANIEL IRVING HYATT (1865)



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When Mendelssohn founded the " Conservatorium" at Leipzig, he little knew how much it would add to the education of American composers. Among the many who have been taught there is Mr. Hyatt, who was born at Lansingburgh, New York, April 23, 1865, and studiedat Troy, New

York, with C. A. White and Dr. Jefferey before he went abroad. He was at Leipzig from 1887 to 1892, and his teachers in theory were Schreck and Reinecke, and in piano, Bruno Zwintscher. Returning to America, he taught three years at Troy; then four years at Syracuse University as professor of piano and theory; since which time he has been the head teacher at St. Agnes' School, Albany.

His compositions include a Symphony in A Minor, an overture, *Enoch Arden*, and a string quartet; a suite for two pianos, and various cho-

ruses; also various songs, one of the best of which is *The Spring of Love*.

HOMER A. NORRIS (1865)



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The French critic Lalo has recently created a great stir by advancing the claim of France to high consideration in Europe as a serious musical entity; he complains that German books ignore French composers, except in the field of light opera, and insists that there are no German sym-

phonists equal to certain of the French. However this may be, it is certain that American music has been too completely under German control, and there is a very welcome relief through the influence of Edward MacDowell, who had some French training, and of Ethelbert Nevin, who lived for some time in Paris and showed much Gallic spirit, and of Norris, who has had all his training in France, and has been an active crusader for the claims of French authority in the theory of music.

Mr. Norris was born in Wayne, Maine, October 4, 1865. He was graduated from the New England Conservatory, and then studied for four years in Paris at the Conservatoire under Théodor Dubois, Guilmant, Gigout and Godard. Returning then to Boston, he occupied himself with teaching and various writings, including two books of harmony and counterpoint on a French basis. He has also composed a concert overture, Z_0 roaster, a cantata, Nain, and a number of songs, in almost all of which some distinct and worthy harmonic idea is set forth with unusual sympathy and directness. His song Dearie is of the Scotch school, full of candid pathos; underneath its simplicity it shows much musical learning. The ending is full of surprise and yet is enriched with an elegiac regret.

N. CLIFFORD PAGE (1866)



So much of American blood is foreign that it is only natural for an American composer to put the expression of his emotions in various national dialects. Mr. Page was born in San Francisco, California, October 26, 1866, and for many years lived there. His tuition is

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principally due to one of our most notable composers, Edgar Stillman Kelley, whose influence he shows in many ways, especially in the writing of Chinese music, to which indeed there is much temptation in view of the great number of Chinese in San Francisco. Mr. Page has also shown great interest in Oriental music, as the song Regrets of Bökhära gives charming proof. He had composed operas at the age of twelve, and claims to have used in later years to advantage some of the ideas that were imbedded in these childish beginnings. At the age of sixteen he began to study music as a career. He became quickly adept in orchestration, and his first opera, composed and orchestrated before he was twenty-one, was produced at San Francisco. Certain of the scenes were laid in Morocco, and the Oriental color is noteworthy. Mr. Page became a conductor at an early age and has done some of his best work in writing incidental music. It was he who wrote the vivid accompaniment to the Chinese dramas, The Cat and the Cherub and Moonlight Blossom. He has also done other excellent orchestral work, such as a Caprice, in which one eight-measure theme is developed through five elaborate movements.

HENRY F. GILBERT (1868)

Of experimenters in novel harmonic effects, we have not many who go so far or reach so striking results as Mr. Gilbert. He was born in Somerville, Massachusetts, September 26, 1868, where

he still lives. His first studies were on the violin under Emil Mollenhauer; his teacher in harmony



Henry F. Gilbert.

was George H. Howard, and later, for three years, E. A. MacDowell. He has been interested in Slavic music, and has assisted Professor J. D. Whitney of Harvard University in giving concerts in its illustration.

After six years spent in business without any musical activity, Mr. Gilbert

went abroad and heard Charpentier's opera Louise in Paris. He was thereby moved to give himself entirely to musical composition. He has written some works for orchestra, and a few songs with orchestral accompaniment; also a piano sonata and various lyrics. His Croon of the Dew, reproduced herewith, is an extraordinarily unconventional song, both in subject and in treatment. In view of the thousands of compositions that are poured forth without a new progression or a new combination to their backs, originality of effort is always to be welcomed. When it is evinced with so much emotion and artistic feeling as this composition of Mr. Gilbert's, its reception should be still more cordial.

VICTOR HARRIS (1869)

Another contribution made by New York to the successful musicians of America is Victor Harris, who was born in the metropolis, April 27, 1869, and has won a large fame as the most artistic and successful of accompanists. He is also kept busy as a teacher and coach for operatic singers. In his early years Mr. Harris was well known as a boy soprano. At the age of twenty-six he was assistant-conductor to Anton Seidl. His teacher of harmony was Frederick Schilling.

As would be expected, Mr. Harris, who is so excellent an interpreter of other men's songs, is also



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skilful in construction of songs of his own. He has not been especially prolific in them, but those he has written show very graceful melodic contours and are warmly harmonized. A typical song is his Hills o' Skye, with its expression of tender melancholy and admirable touches of

HENRY K. HADLEY (1871)



The most welcome qualities that youth can give to art are intense enthusiasm both in joy and grief. There is, however, in the average young creator a fear of his own muscles and his own zeal. In consequence it often happens that one becomes old before he realizes the true

charm of youthful exuberance; and we are the victims of this paradox, that most of the young men of talent are trying to write venerably, and most of the old men are aping the manners of the young. When, therefore, we meet a young man who dares to feel and be young, he is thrice welcome. For this reason the music of Mr. Hadley is thrice welcome.

He has written a splendid symphony called Youth and Life, and, deserving its title, its sorrow is the wild melancholy of youth, and its joy is the frantic joy of hot blood. Anton Seidl produced this symphony in 1897. Three years later Mr. Hadley brought out a second symphony called The Seasons, and a ballet suite was produced by

the American Symphony Orchestra. Other orchestral works have met success, and Mr. Hadley has been recently tempted into the field of comic opera.

He was born at Somerville, Massachusetts, December 20, 1871, and was the son of a teacher of music, who furthered his musical education. His teachers in America were Emery, Chadwick, Heindl and Allen, all of Boston. Before he was twenty-one he had written a dramatic overture and other ambitious works. In 1894 he went to Vienna as the pupil of Mandyczevsky, returning to America in 1896. Along with its splendid vigor, Mr. Hadley's music is characterized by a decided harmonic bravery. His music is not self-conscious, and not afraid of itself or the consequences of emotion. In the fervid expression Mrs. Browning gave to her love in the Sonnets which she by a subterfuge of modesty called *Portuguese*, Mr. Hadley has found the inspiration for a very powerful lyric, How do I Love Thee? In the sweep of the emotion he has disguised the difficulties of the verse-form, which are somewhat incommensurate with the usual type of lyric, but which here give all the splendor of the words and the sentiments their full value and share in the song.

CHARLES FONTEYN MANNEY (1872)



Charle Antigo Maurey

To adapt the music to the spirit of the words is an ideal which has constantly to be renewed in the world of music, always as a re-discovery. To say that the music should fully express the words is only to say what Peri said in Italy in 1600, and Harry Lawes said in England a

few years later, win-

ning thereby Milton's praise; and Gluck said in the next century; and Wagner, Schumann and Franz in the next after that. It is a good thing for composers to keep saying, and it is all the better if they look upon the ancient ideal as their own original discovery, for then they will be the more sincere. An especially good example of musical fidelity to its text is Mr. Manney's Orpheus with his Lute. In this poem of Shakespeare's, one of the most charming effects is the very appearance of awkwardness. Just observe the amount of apparent unskilfulness packed into these three lines:

Orpheus with his lute made trees And the mountain-tops that freeze Bow themselves when he did sing.

Yet as the song moves on you see that this very effect was intentional, and it is charming. So Mr. Manney in his setting of the poem has begun with the same quaint gaucheries, and develops the same warmth of treatment and charm.

Mr. Manney was born in Brooklyn, New York, February 8, 1872, and as a boy was for several years solo soprano in a vested choir. He began the study of musical theory with William Arms Fisher, and later, after his removal to Boston, he continued his studies with J. Wallace Goodrich and Dr. Percy Goetschius. Besides a number of songs and piano pieces he has published two successful cantatas, as well as a quantity of choral music.

ARTHUR FARWELL (1872)



William Morris was an artist, both in the composing and printing of poetry. We have no American poets who have practised publication as a fine art, but we have a composer who, in addition to writing some of the best American songs, has been impelled to establish a press from

which he issues oc-

casional compositions by his fellow-countrymen, in a distinctly artistic manner. This is Arthur Far-

well, of the Wa-Wan Press, at Newton Centre, Massachusetts. Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, April 23, 1872, he has made a special study of Indian melodies, and has harmonized many of them and written developments of them. But his own songs do not show any rash effort to express his emotions barbarically; for, after all, we Americans have no more right to ape the musical mannerisms of the strange people whom our forefathers found it so hard to get along with, except at the end of a gun or through the music of wampum, than we have to enslave and call our own the melodies and scales of those unfortunate foreigners whom we imported to this country very much against their will in the steerage of slave-ships. Both the Indian and the so-called Ethiopian schools of music show splendid material for composition, but the European has as much right to these as the American.

Mr. Farwell studied first with Homer A. Norris of Boston, and later in Germany with Humperdinck. This latter teacher seems not to have influenced Mr. Farwell to the same school in which he has himself attained such distinction, for Mr. Farwell's songs are likely to be of a very serious nature and intensely matured sentiment. His song Wenlock Town is a remarkably poignant expression of homesickness, and his Strow Poppy-buds is notably original. He has set to music four songs by Johanna Ambrosius, that Sappho whose bitterly humble existence did not prevent her poetry from being thrilled with strangely rich refinement of expression and of thought. One of these, Drücke mich an deine Brust, or Meeting, is reproduced in this volume in its very free but strong translation by Mr. Farwell. The melodic suspensions and anticipations show a certain Wagnerian influence, but they are not imitative and they express the words. The harmonic structure is most unhackneyed, and I find the climax of the song peculiarly haunting.

RUBIN GOLDMARK (1872)

"There are two Goldmarks," exclaimed Dvořák, when the twenty-year-old nephew of the famous Carl Goldmark produced a trio at the Conserva-

tory Concert in New York. The nephew of the eminent German composer was born in New York



City, August 15, 1872, and had his first musical training there, going at the age of seventeen to Vienna, where he studied piano with Livonius and Door, and composition with Fuchs. Two years later Mr. Goldmark returned to New York, and became the pupil of Joseffy and Dvořák for a

year. In 1892 his health took him to Colorado Springs, where he established a conservatory, and acted as director and lecturer. After spending some years there, he returned to New York, where he now lives.

In 1895 an orchestral theme with variations was produced in New York by Anton Seidl; it had been written by Mr. Goldmark at the age of nineteen. Mr. Goldmark's music is noteworthy for its harmonic originality and experiment; his cantata for orchestra and chorus, The Pilgrimage to Kevlaar, being an example of his learning. A piano and violin sonata is another excellent composition. His Hiawatha Overture was performed by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and Mr. Huneker called it "bewilderingly luscious."

In his songs, Mr. Goldmark shows the same vitality and wealth of resource. *The Passionate Shepherd to his Love* is an excellent example of his lyric style.

H. CLOUGH-LEIGHTER (1874)

One of the youngest of American composers, and one of the most artistic in the composition of songs, Mr. H. Clough-Leighter is also to be noted as an exception to the rule that all good American composers go to Germany soon after they are born.

He was born in Washington, District of Co-

lumbia, May 13, 1874, and as a child began his musical studies early under the care of his mo-





ther, who taught him harmony as well as piano from the age of five. At nine he was a boy soprano, as was Ethelbert Nevin. His first teacher outside of his home was Dr. E.S. Kimball, under whom he studied theory of music. When his soprano voice left him, he studied composition

with Henry Xander. He also spent three years at organ playing and organ construction. At the age of thirteen he entered Columbian University, obtaining a scholarship; but he did not continue his college course. At fifteen he was a professional organist. He also passed the examination in music at Trinity University, Toronto, Canada, under Dr. J. Humphrey Anger. It is small wonder that such close application from so early an age should have broken down his health. At the end of a year of rest, he resumed work.

The thoroughness of his study accounts for the remarkable harmonic richness and freedom of his songs, and his early training as a singer started him on the path of real lyricism. He has well stated his ideal, which has been indeed the ideal of all true song-composers from old Harry Lawes down, though not all of them have so well expressed or so well practised their ideal.

"The objective point with me is to search out and create the most perfect union between the poet's lyrical thoughts and the composer's most sympathetic response to them in his music; the melody of the one being so closely woven and interlaced with the melody of the other, that when once wedded they become inseparable and interdependent. In other words, the memory of one is ever haunted by the memory of the other."

His song I Drink the Fragrance of the Rose is

typical of both aspects of his art, the harmonic and the lyric. Swiftly as it rushes on its way, it is yet clothed in all the silks and velvets of rich color.

JOHN PATTON MARSHALL (1877)

A pupil of three of America's best composers,— Mac-Dowell, Chadwick, and Homer Norris,— Mr. Marshall has provided his art with a solid foundation. He was born at Rockport, Massaetts, January 9, and came to on at sixteen to study the piano and

composition with B. J. Lang, later studying also with the composers previously mentioned. He was appointed professor of music at Boston University in 1903, and is also organist and choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church in Boston. He has been an enthusiastic student of plainsong, though his compositions are of modern feeling. His publications are of limited number, and include a graceful concert waltz in B flat, and a Book of Four Songs, two of them in the old English manner. But of all his songs, his O Mighty One is in harmony the richest, and in sentiment the most vital.

DAVID STANLEY SMITH (1877)





In his native city, Toledo, Ohio, where he was born, July 6, 1877, Mr. Smith had lived in a musical atmosphere, his father being an amateur organist, having a pipe organ in the home. He studied at Toledo with S. W. Cushing, A. W. Kortheuer and Mrs. H. B. Jones. During his course at Yale

Mr. Smith studied zealously under Horatio Parker, acted as music director and organist at the Centre Church, New Haven, and produced various compositions at other places. On his graduation day, 1900, his Commencement Ode was performed under the bâton of Horatio Parker, with a full orchestra, bass solo and chorus of fifty; this being the only time an undergraduate has been granted such an honor. During the same festivities, his Commencement March was given by a full orchestra under his own direction. From Yale he went abroad for two years to study under Thuille in Munich, and Widor in Paris. While still abroad he was elected instructor in theory at Yale.

His compositions include various anthems and a number of songs, of which his *Rose Song* has achieved a success its exquisite harmony and sentiment have well earned.

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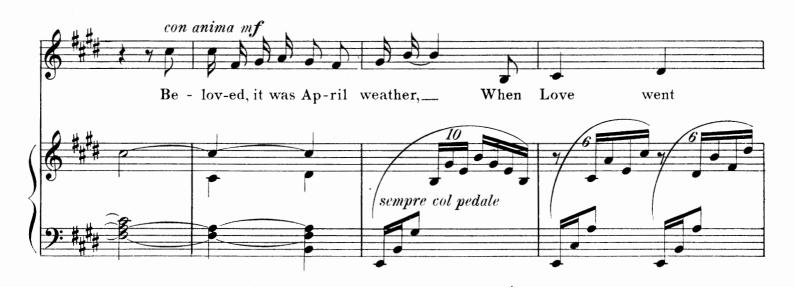
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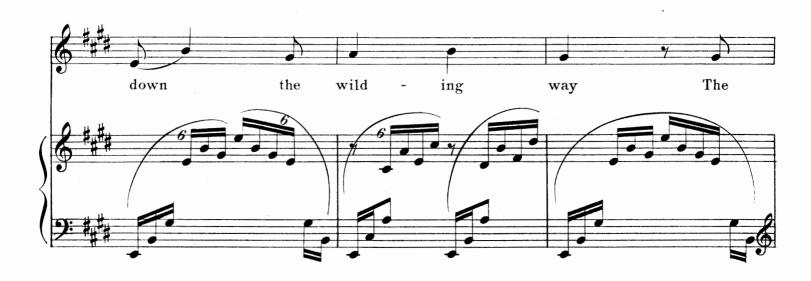
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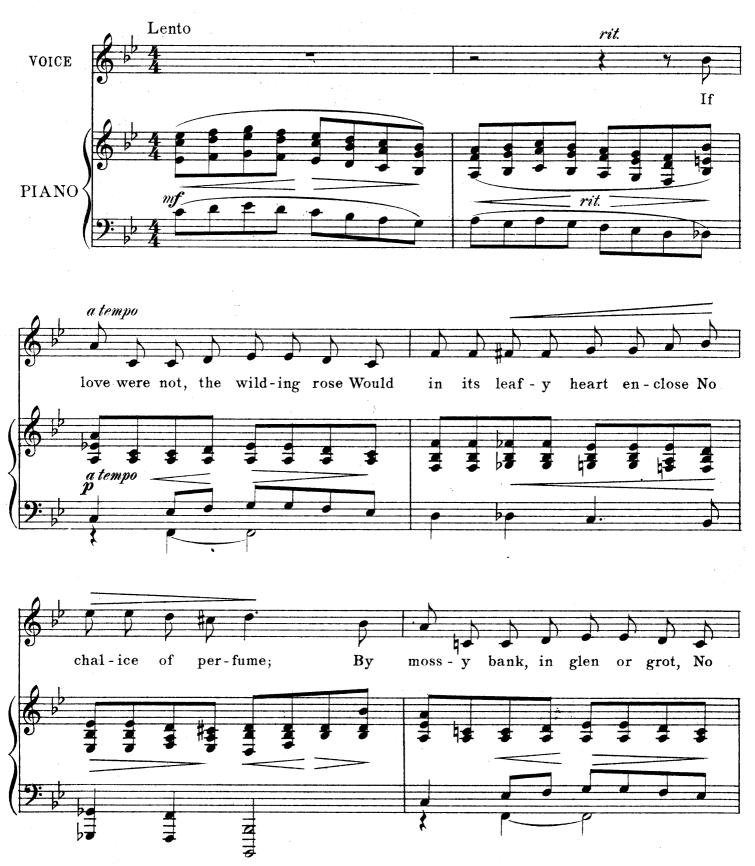


IF LOVE WERE NOT

(Original Key, Db)

FLORENCE EARLE COATES

CLAYTON JOHNS







THE RIDE

(Original Key)

HARRY ROWE SHELLEY ANNA ALICE CHAPIN Allegro PIANO dim. f con brio Ga1 lop, and lop, and gal The The to-day, strong sun streams on the





















CRADLE SONG

(Original Key, G)

THOMAS BAILEY ALDRICH

REGINALD DE KOVEN



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WHEN THE BIRDS GO NORTH AGAIN

(Original Key)





DREAMING

(Original Key, Db)





WHEN ALLAH SPOKE

(Original Key, B)







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MY WORLD

(Original Key)



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^{*)} Be exact in the duration of this tone, no ritardando

A BED-TIME SONG







ML-716-2

BEAM FROM YONDER STAR

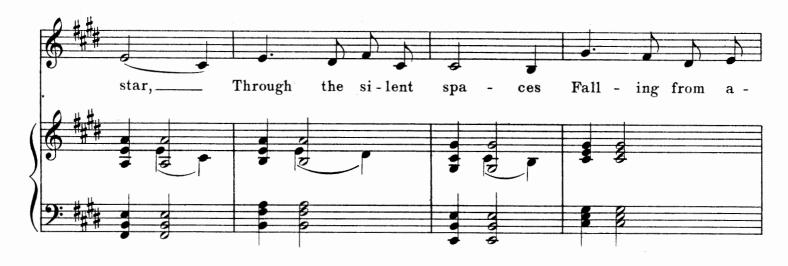
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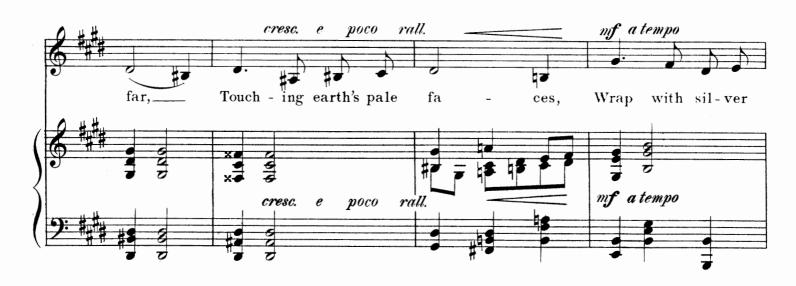
(Original Key, G)

WILLIAM PRESCOTT FOSTER

FREDERIC FIELD BULLARD











THOU ART MINE

(Original Key, E)

W.J. BALTZELL EDMUND CLARENCE STEDMAN (1833 -) Allegro con passione VOICE Thou art mine, thou art PIANO mine, thou art mine. Thou art colla voce a tempo rit. Close, mine, thou art mine, thou hast giv en thy word; close my

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(Original Key, C)

HARVEY WORTHINGTON LOOMIS





ML-719-5





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THE SPRING OF LOVE.

 $(Original\ Key, D)$

STOPFORD A. BROOKE (1832-)

NATHANIEL IRVING HYATT









DEARIE

(Original Key, Eb)

HOMER A. NORRIS







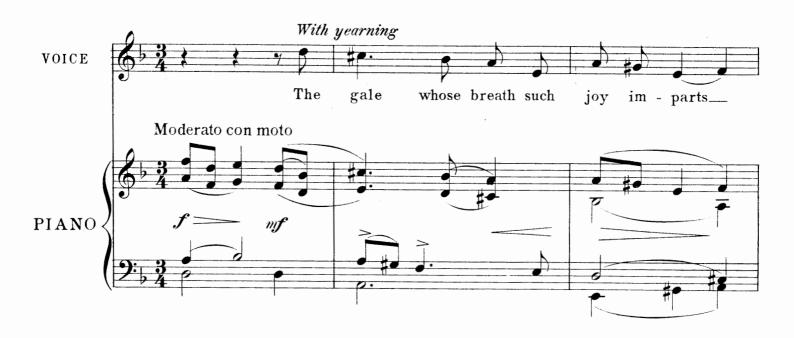
THE REGRETS OF BÖKHÄRA

"It is related of Roduki, that the prince under whom he lived, having removed his court from Bökhära to Heråt, became so attached to the latter city that he delayed his return, much to the regret of his courtiers, who employed the powers of the poet to induce the monarch to give up his new passion and restore them to their homes and friends. Roduki fully entered into their views, and the following verses, sung with great feeling to the barbut or viol, on which instrument he was a skillful performer, accomplished the end desired, and the prince, Umir Nussar, again took route to Bökhära."

From the Persian of RODUKI

(Original Key)

N.CLIFFORD PAGE













CROON OF THE DEW

(Original Key, D minor)











THE HILLS O'SKYE

(Original Key, F)

WILLIAM MC LENNAN

VICTOR HARRIS Op.23, N? 1



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Note. The English equivalent of the Scotch may be freely used











HOW DO I LOVE THEE?

(SONNET FROM THE PORTUGUESE, Nº XLIII)













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SONG from "HENRY THE EIGHTH"



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MEETING

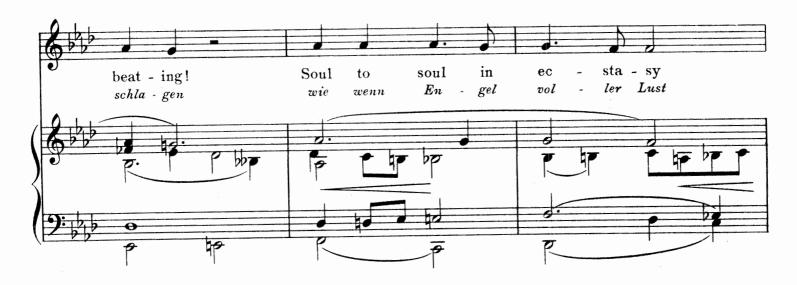
(DRÜCKE MICH AN DEINE BRUST)

(Original Key, C)

JOHANNA AMBROSIUS
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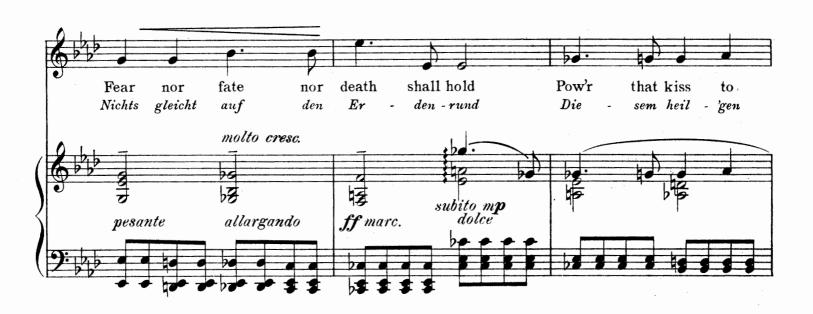
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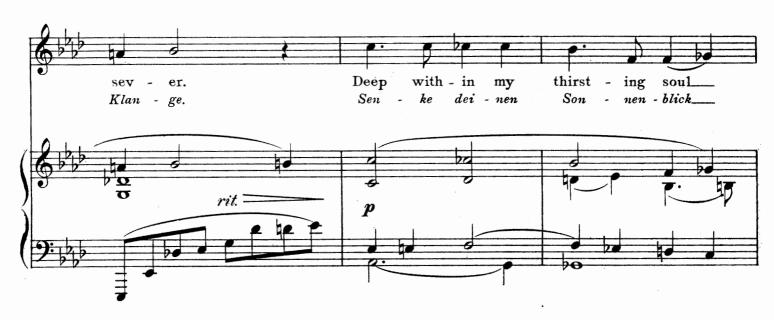














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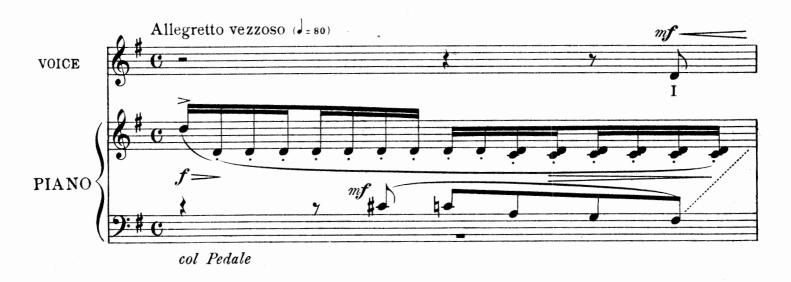


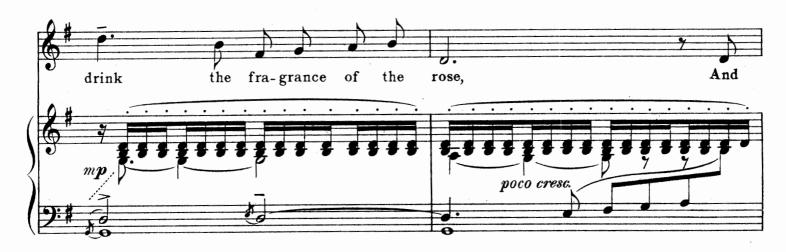


I DRINK THE FRAGRANCE OF THE ROSE

CHARLES HANSON TOWNE

H. CLOUGH-LEIGHTER Op. 19, Nº 1







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O MIGHTY ONE

(O MAÎTRE DE TOUT)

SONG from "IZEYL"

(Original Key, Eb)

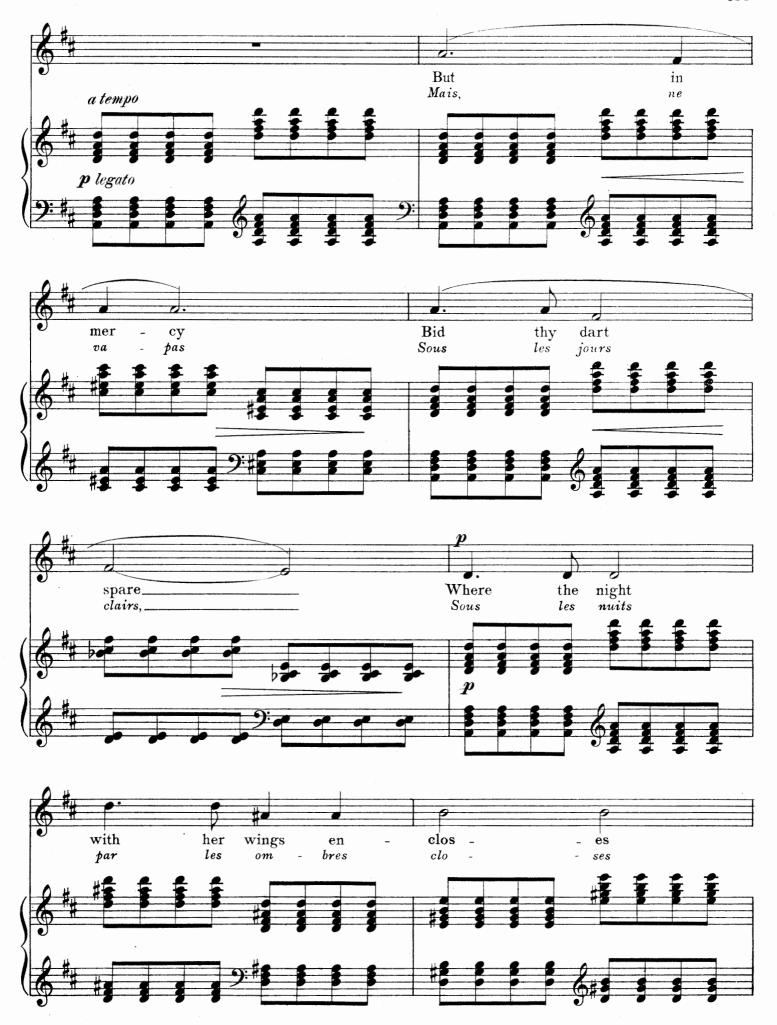
ARMAND SILVESTRE (1839-1901)
Translated by Charles Fonteyn Manney

JOHN P. MARSHALL





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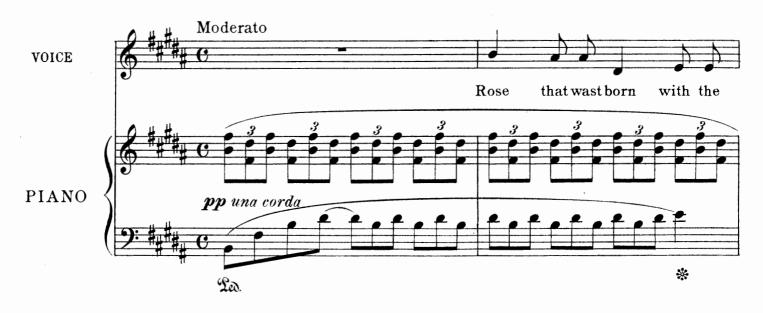


ROSE SONG

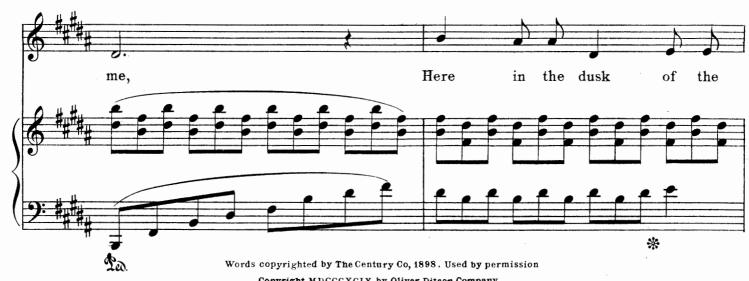
(Original Key, Db)

CHARLOTTE FISKE BATES (Mme Adolphe Rogé)

DAVID STANLEY SMITH







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