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THE BEDOUIN'S BRIDE

O clinging sword, what dost thou feel,
Here with thy charging lord?
There is no man hath seen thee kneel,
There is no flame of tempered fire,
That knows the passion of thy steel,
Or thy bright heart's desire.

Far in the tents of Aaron's kin,
There is a maid who longs,
With tawny hair like tiger's skin,
And soft dusk-veiled eyes.
But vain her pleadings, vain within
That tent where her heart sighs.

O let defeat ride on apace,
Here with my bride am I,
Clasped in each other's death embrace
Here with thy lips to mine alone,
Here with thy kiss upon my face,
And thy hand in mine own!

GORDON JOHNSTONE

I THE BEDOUIN'S BRIDE

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(Original Key)

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Allegro con fuoco

PIANO

The musical score is written for piano and voice. The piano part begins with a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo is marked 'Allegro con fuoco'. The piano part features a series of chords and arpeggios, with a 'stretto' section marked 'ff' (fortissimo). The vocal part enters with the lyrics 'O cling - ing sword, what dost thou feel, Here with thy char - ging lord?'. The vocal line is marked 'con molto fiore' (with much flourish) and 'sf' (sforzando). The piano part has 'allargando' (ritardando) markings over the first and second vocal phrases, and 'a tempo' markings over the third and fourth. The piano part ends with a 'f' (forte) marking. The vocal part ends with the lyrics 'There is no man hath'.

con molto fiore
O cling - ing

sword, what dost thou feel, Here with thy char - ging lord?

There is no man hath

seen— thee kneel, There is no flame of tem - - per'd

mf

mf *agitato e cresc.*

fire, That knows the pas - sion of— thy steel, Or thy bright

f *accel.*

sf *col voce*

heart's de - sire.

a tempo

ff *a tempo*

molto rit.

dim.

p con espressione

Andante moderato

Far in the tents of

Aa-ron's kin, There is a maid who

longs, — With tawn - - y hair like

ti - ger's skin, — And soft — dusk — veil - - ed —

mf *dim.*

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eyes. — But vain her plead - ings,

p

pp

vain with-in That tent — where her heart, her

p

poco rit. *dim.* *p* L'istesso tempo

sad heart sighs.

poco rit. *p* *sf con brio*

f *stretto* *cresc.*

f *a tempo* *f*

O let de - feat — ride on — a - pace, Here with my

bride am I,

f

f Clasp'd in each oth - er's death em - brace Here with thy

f *cresc.*

lips to mine a - lone, Here with thy kiss up - on my

f *3* *3* *3* *sf*

ten. face, And thy hand *ten. f* in mine own! *8*

ten. sf *ten. ff*

8 *presto e molto cresc. sf*

FROM MY TENT

From my tent I see her, when the turtles call,
 Dreaming near the water of the palm-kissed river,
 She, the Prophet's daughter, whose bright tresses quiver,
O'er her brown, brown shoulders, a golden waterfall.

From my tent I call her, she my soft gazelle,
 And she cometh longing, as the wind from heaven
 Cometh sweetly singing thro' the purple even,
To my waiting bosom, me she loveth well.

To my tent she wingeth, swift on raptured feet,
 Trembling like a dove-bird weary of its flying;
 She, my roe, my love-bird, weighted down with sighing,
Heaven, hast thou angel like unto my sweet?

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II FROM MY TENT

11

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Andante moderato

VOICE

PIANO

mf languidly

p

p con tenerezza

From my tent I see her, when the tur-tles

dim.

call,— Dream-ing near the wa - ter of the palm-kiss'd riv - er,

p

She, the Proph-et's daugh - ter, Whose bright tress-es quiv - er O'er her brown, brown

poco rit.

mf

shoul - ders, a gold - en wa - ter - fall. —

pp

a tempo

colla voce

L.H.

mf

p

dim.

pp

p

From my tent I call her, she my soft ga - zelle, And she com-eth

p

long - ing, as the wind from heav - en Com-eth sweet - ly song - ing

rit. ten. pp

thro' the pur-ple e - ven, To my wait-ing bos - om, me she lov-eth

a tempo

well.

a tempo
p

rit.

p poco più mosso

To my tent she wing - - eth swift on rap - tured

pp
mormorando

con Ped.

p

feet, Trem - bling like a dove - bird

mf

wear - y of its fly - - ing; She, my roe, my

mf

love - - bird, weight - ed down with sigh - - -

ing, Heav - en, hast thou an - - -

f

molto rit. *p* gel like un - to my

pp *ten.*

sweet?

delicato

pp

L.H.

Red.

SONG OF JAMI

A breath of the myrrh is my beloved,
A garden of green herbs sweet,
A beam of the sun her tresses soft
Where the golden shadows meet.
The sheen of the moon her pale, pale cheek,
And the silver mist her feet.

The flower that swoons in a lotus pool
Knows no such perfumed sighs,
The stars that faint on the field of night
Are vanquished by her eyes.
The path that lures to her white abode
Is Jami's paradise.

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III SONG OF JAMI

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VOICE

PIANO

Moderato

mf *tranquillo* *p*

pp

3

A breath of the myrrh is my be - lov -

ed, A gar - den of green herbs sweet, A

beam of the sun— her tress - es soft Where the gold - en

f *dim.* *mf*

shad - ows meet. The sheen of the moon her

p *pp*

pale,— pale cheek, And the sil - ver mist her feet.

pp a tempo *rall.* *p*

The flow'r that

mf

p *dim.* *p* *mf*

Detailed description: This system contains the first line of the song. The vocal line begins with a whole rest for four measures, then enters with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note Bb4. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note Bb3 in the left hand and a half note G3 in the right hand. The right hand features a series of chords and moving lines, including a triplet of eighth notes in the third measure. Dynamics include piano (*p*), diminuendo (*dim.*), mezzo-forte (*mf*), and piano (*p*).

swoons in a lo - tus pool — Knows no — such per - fumed

3

Detailed description: This system contains the second line of the song. The vocal line continues with a half note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a half note G4, and a half note F#4. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines, including a triplet of eighth notes in the second measure. Dynamics include piano (*p*), diminuendo (*dim.*), piano (*p*), and mezzo-forte (*mf*).

sighs, — The stars — that faint on the field of

cresc. *f*

Detailed description: This system contains the third line of the song. The vocal line continues with a half note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a half note G4, and a half note F#4. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines, including a triplet of eighth notes in the second measure. Dynamics include piano (*p*), crescendo (*cresc.*), and forte (*f*).

night Are van - quish'd by — her eyes. — The

pp

path — that lures to her white — a - bode Is Ja - mi's par - a -

mf

mf

dise. —

pp

dim. e rall.

pp

SLAVE SONG

In the silver clouds I see thy form,
In the stars, my lord, thine eyes ;
In the wind-caress that my lips warm,
Thy bridal sighs, thy bridal sighs.

Fairest of dreams, if thou should'st lean
Thy cheek to my thirsting kiss,
Thy mouth to my own like sun to rose
And heavy-sweet with bliss!

Thou art fair as sunbeam on the grass,
Alas ! I am naught to thee,
But a slave to watch thy shadow pass
In agony, in agony.

Ah, would with thine hand upon thy sword
Thou hadst taken my last breath,
That I might be fore'er with thee,
Fore'er with thee in death !

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IV SLAVE SONG

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Allegro moderato

VOICE

PIANO

f *con fuoco*

mf

dim. *p*

In the sil - ver - clouds I —

see thy form, In the stars, — my lord, thine eyes; In the

wind - ca - res that my lips warm, Thy bri - dal sighs, Thy bri - dal

sighs. _____

dim. *slentando p*

Andante con moto *p affettuoso*

Fair- est of dreams, if thou should'st lean Thy

pp *con Ped.*

cheek to my thirst - ing kiss, _____ Thy mouth to my own like

sun to rose _____ And heav- y - - sweet _____ with bliss! _____

pp

Thou art fair as sun-beam on the grass;— A-las! I am

cresc.

naught to thee, But a slave to watch thy

cresc.

f *rit.* *ten.*

shad-ow pass In a-go-ny, In a-go-

rit. *ten.* *sf*

L'istesso tempo

ny.

f *dim.*

f
Ah, would with thine hand up - on thy sword Thou hadst

p *mf*

ta - ken my last breath, That I might be for -

f *rit.* *f*
e'er with thee, For - e'er with thee in death!

f *rit.* *cresc.* *ff* *molto accel.*

accel. *f* *f*

