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Oh Fair to See, op. 13b

seven songs for high voice and piano

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"I say I'll seek her"

THOMAS HARDY*

GERALD FINZI
Op.posth.

Fast. In modo appassionato [♩ = 72]

VOICE

I say, "I'll seek her side Ere hin-drance in - ter - po - ses;" But

PIANO *ff*

dim

3 3 3

ritardando

eve in mid-night clo - - ses, And here I

- in - u - en - do

a tempo (ma rubato) [♩ = 66]

still a - bide. When darkness wears I see Her

p

simile

simile

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† great eyes in a vi-sion;— They ask, ————— “What in - de-ci - sion De -
sad

- tains you, Love, from me? ————— The creak - ing

ff *p leggiero*

hinge is oiled, I have un-barred the back-way, But you

dim.

tread not the track-way; And — shall the thing be spoiled?

[p] *ad lib.*

† Hardy first used “great” in “Time’s Laughing Stocks” 1909. Later he substituted “sad?”

Far_ cock-crows e-cho shrill, The

pp

sha-dows are a - bat - ing, *tenuto*

lontano

And I am wait - ing, wait - ing; But O, you

[p]

tar - ry still." *[espress.]*

pp

2 Oh fair to see

7

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI

GERALD FINZI
Op. posth.

Lento $\text{♩} = 48$

VOICE
Oh fair to see Bloom-la-den cher-rytree, Ar-

PIANO
pp *p*

- rayed in sun-ny white, An A-pril day's de-light; Oh fair to see! *poco ritenuto* - - - *a tempo*

Oh fair to see Fruit-la-den cher-rytree, With balls of shi-ning red

Decking a lea-fy head; Oh fair to see! *poco ritenuto al fine*

mp *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *f* *mp* *pp*

1929
[1' 5"]

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As I lay in the early sun

EDWARD SHANKS*

GERALD FINZI
Op. posth.

Tempo comodo ♩. = 50

VOICE

PIANO

As I lay in the

The first system of the musical score. The voice part begins with a whole rest, followed by the lyrics 'As I lay in the'. The piano accompaniment starts with a piano (p) dynamic, featuring a series of chords in the right hand and whole notes in the left hand.

ear - ly sun, Stretched in the grass.

The second system of the musical score. The voice part continues with the lyrics 'ear - ly sun, Stretched in the grass.' The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines in both hands, marked with a mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic.

I thought up-on my true love, my dear love, Who

The third system of the musical score. The voice part continues with the lyrics 'I thought up-on my true love, my dear love, Who'. The piano accompaniment features a crescendo (cresc.) marking and continues with chords and moving lines.

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poco ritard. *a tempo*

has my heart for - ev - er, _____ Who is my

[*mf*] *p*

hap - pi - ness when we meet, My sor - row when we sev - er.

f

She is all fire _____ when I do

f

burn, Gen - tle when I mood - y turn,

mf

Brave when I am sad and hea - vy And all

[p] [mp]

The first system of the musical score is in D major (two sharps). The vocal line begins with a quarter note 'Brave', followed by a half note 'when I am sad' and a quarter note 'and hea - vy' with a long horizontal line indicating a sustained note. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note in the right hand and a half note in the left hand, marked with a piano [p] dynamic. The second measure features a mezzo-piano [mp] dynamic. The system concludes with the words 'And all'.

laugh - ter when I am mer-ry.

f dim.

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note 'laugh - ter' followed by a half note 'when I am mer-ry.' with a long horizontal line. The piano accompaniment features a half note in the right hand and a half note in the left hand. The dynamic markings 'f' (forte) and 'dim.' (diminuendo) are present. The system ends with a half note in the vocal line.

p

The third system is primarily piano accompaniment. The vocal line consists of whole rests. The piano accompaniment features a half note in the right hand and a half note in the left hand, marked with a piano [p] dynamic. The system concludes with a half note in the right hand and a half note in the left hand.

And so I lay and dreamed and dreamed,

The fourth system features the vocal line with a half note 'And so I lay' followed by a half note 'and dreamed' and a half note 'and dreamed,' with a long horizontal line. The piano accompaniment consists of a half note in the right hand and a half note in the left hand. The system concludes with a half note in the vocal line and a half note in the piano accompaniment.

And so the day wheeled on,

While all the

mp

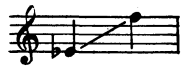
birds with thoughts like mine were sing-ing

to the sun.

(non ritard.)

Only the wanderer

IVOR GURNEY*

GERALD FINZI
Op. posth.

Placido ♩ = c. 69

VOICE

PIANO

mp *sostenuto*

mp

p

On - - -

- ly the wan - der - er Knows Eng - - land's gra - ces,

mf *dim.*

Or - - can a - new see clear - - Fa - mil - iar fa - ces.

p *mf*

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And who loves joy as

dim. *pp*

This system shows the first vocal entry. The vocal line begins with a half rest followed by a quarter note G4, then a half note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment features a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand and a single eighth note in the left hand, both moving in a descending line. The dynamic markings *dim.* and *pp* are present.

he That dwells in sha-dows?

mp *espress.* *ritard.*

The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "he That dwells in sha-dows?". The piano accompaniment continues with similar triplet patterns. The dynamic markings *mp*, *espress.*, and *ritard.* are indicated.

a tempo

Do not for - get me quite, O Se-vern mea - dows.

p tranquillo

The third system begins with the tempo marking *a tempo*. The vocal line has the lyrics "Do not for - get me quite, O Se-vern mea - dows.". The piano accompaniment features multiple triplet patterns. The dynamic marking *p tranquillo* is present.

pp *mp* *pp* *chiaro*

The final system on the page. The piano accompaniment features a series of triplet patterns in the right hand. The dynamic markings *pp*, *mp*, and *pp* are used. The word *chiaro* is written above the piano part. The system concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

5 To Joy

EDMUND BLUNDEN*

GERALD FINZI
Op. posth.

Grave ♩ = 100

VOICE

Is not this e - nough for moan—

PIANO

pp

sostenuto

To see this babe all mo-ther-less— A babe be -

-loved— thrust out a - lone— Up - on death's wil-der-ness?

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First system of music. The vocal line is in B-flat major, 4/2 time. The piano accompaniment features chords marked *pp* [sub.] in the first and third measures.

Second system of music. The vocal line continues with the word "Our". The piano accompaniment is marked *pp teneramente*.

Third system of music. The vocal line includes the lyrics "tears fall, fall, fall". The piano accompaniment is marked *mp*.

Fourth system of music. The vocal line includes the lyrics "I would weep My blood a - way to make her warm,". The piano accompaniment is marked *p*.

Who ne-ver went on earth one step, Nor

[mf] *[mp]* *dim.*

tenuto *Tempo I*

heard the breath of the storm.

[espress.] *pp*

How shall you go, my lit - tle child, A -

- lone on that most win - try wild?

[mp] *pp*

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Harvest

EDMUND BLUNDEN*



GERALD FINZI

Op. posth.

Andante espressivo [♩ = 60]

pensieroso

VOICE

PIANO

*sostenuto**p*

So there's my year, the twelve-month du - ly

told Since last I climbed this brow and gloat-ed round Upon the lands heaped with their wheaten gold,

f

And now a - gain they spread with wealth im - browned — And

p

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thrift-less I mean-while, What ho-ney combs have I to take, what sheaves to pile?

I see some shrivelled fruits up-on my

tree, And glad-ly would self-kindness feign them sweet; The bloom smelled heavenly,—

can these strag-glers be The fruit _____ of that bright birth?

accel. - - - - - 3 - - - - -

and this wry wheat, Can this be— from those spires Which I, or fan-cy,— saw

mp [*f dim.*] *p* *cresc.*

ritard.

leap— to the spring sun's fires?—

f

a tempo

I peer, I count, but

dim. *p*

anxious is not rich, My har-vest is not come,— the weeds run high;

mp

deliberato

E-ven poi-son berries ramp-ing from the ditch Have stormed the un-de-fend-ed ridges by;

[mf]

What Michaelmas is mine! The fields I sought to serve, for

f *[mf]* *p*

stur-dier til-lage pine. — But,

hush— Earth's — val-leys sweet in lei-sure lie; — And I a—

pp molto sostenuto

-mong them wandering up and down Will taste their berries, like the bird or fly, And of their

[cresc.] *mf* *[p]*

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glean-ings make both feast and crown.

mp *[mf]* *[p]* *accel.*

6

a tempo

The Sun's eye laughing looks. And Earth ac-cu-ses none that

f *ff*

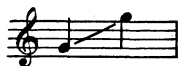
goes among her stooks.

dim. *[p]* *pp*

3/4 4/4

Since we loved

ROBERT BRIDGES*

GERALD FINZI
Op.posth.

Andante sostenuto [♩ = 60]

VOICE

PIANO

Since we loved, — (the earth that shook as we kissed,
fresh beau - ty took) — Love hath been as po - ets
paint, Life as hea - ven is — to a saint;
cresc.

†This is Gerald Finzi's last song. It was completed a month before he died.

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All my joys _____ my hope ex - cel, All my

mf *p*

work hath pros-per'd well, _____ All my songs have

mp *p* *cresc.*

hap-py been, _____ O my love, _____ my

mf

life, _____ my queen. _____

f *mp* *ritard.*

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