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A Burst of Song

1. A Shower of Mercy 2. A Kiss of Blessing
3. Thee and Me

poetry by
Rabindranth Tagore

for
ttbb chorus and piano

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in Celebration of its 20th Anniversary
Steven A. Russell, Artistic Director

A Burst of Song
1. A Shower of Mercy

To the birds you gave songs, the birds gave you songs in return.
You gave me only voice, yet asked for more, and I sing.
(LXXVIII from "Fruit Gathering" - R. Tagore)

Rabindranth Tagore
excerpt from Beggarly Heart" (Gitanjali)

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Poco più mosso

p *dim.* *pp*

— with a show-er of mer cy.

p *dim.* *pp*

— with a show-er of mer cy.

Poco più mosso

dim. *pp* *sub mf*

Ped.

17

T *f* *mf*

come u - pon me with a show - er of mer - cy.

T *f* *mf*

come u - pon me with a show'r of mer - cy.

B *mf* *f* *mf*

come mer - - cy.

B *mf* *f* *mf*

come mer - - - cy.

f

Ped.

20 **Tempo primo** *dim.* ***mp*** *accel.*

When grace is lost from life, come, come,

dim. ***mp***

When grace is lost from life, come,

dim. ***mp***

is lost from life, come,

dim. div. ***mp***

When grace is lost, come come,

Tempo primo *legato* 8^{va} *accel.*

2 1 3

mf *dim.* ***mp*** ***mf***

Ped.

24

5

mf

come,

come

f

N.B.

come,

come with a burst of song.

f

N.B.

come,

come with a burst of song.

mf

come,

come,

3 4 1 5 2

f

mf

Ped.

27

=108

f

come with a burst, a burst of song,

f

come with a burst, a burst of song,

come with a burst of song.

f

come with a burst of song.

=108

f

30

a burst of song.

a burst of song.

a burst of song.

cresc. .....

32

1'45"

ff

Come with a burst of song.

Come with a burst of song.

Come with a burst of song.

Come with a burst of song.

3

ff

attácca

A Burst of Song
2. A Kiss of Blessing

Rabindranth Tagore
"This Song of Mine,"
#38 from *The Crescent Moon*

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rit. - - - - - - - - - - A tempo

song of mine will wind its mu - sic a - round you like the fond arms of

song of mine will wind a - round you the

wind its mu - sic,

song of mine will wind its mu -

rit. - - - - - - - - - - A tempo

8

love, the fond arms of love.

fond arms of love, of love.

- sic, the fond arms of love.

poco rit. dim.

dim.

mp dim.

mp dim.

mp dim.

poco rit.

11

Poco meno mosso ♩=60

p

p

p

p

love.

Poco meno mosso ♩=60

p

p

pp

p

14

mp

dim.

p

This song of mine will touch your fore-head like a

17 **Più mosso** ♩=72

mp

kiss, like a kiss, a kiss of bless ing

mp

kiss, like a kiss, a kiss of bless ing

p *mp*

like a kiss, like a kiss a kiss.

mp

like a kiss a kiss of

Più mosso ♩=72

21 **poco rit.** **A tempo** *mf*

like a kiss, like a kiss.

mf

like a kiss, like a kiss.

mf

like a kiss, like a kiss, like a

bless - ing, like a kiss,

poco rit. **A tempo**

26 **Più mosso** ♩=84

kiss.

mf

like a kiss.

Più mosso ♩=84

mp *cresc. poco a poco*

28

mf

My song will be like a pair of wings to your

mf

My song will be like a pair of wings to your

mf

My song will be like a pair of wings to your

mf

My song will be like a pair of wings to your

mf *cresc. poco a poco*

30

dreams your

dreams like wings

dreams like wings

dreams like wings to your

32

dreams, your dreams,

your dreams,

dreams, like

34

it will trans - port your heart to the verge

it will trans - port your heart to the

it

wings, it will trans - port your

36

f

of the un known

f

verge of the un - known.

cresc.

f

will trans - port your heart. It will be like the

f

heart to the un - known.

f

39

faith - full star o - ver - head when

41

dim.

molto rit.

♩=72 mp

dark night is o-ver your road, o-ver your road.

mf mp

o-ver your road.

molto rit. ♩=72

mf dim.

Poco meno mosso

45 *dolce* mp mf

T
T

My song will sit in the pu-pils of your eyes, and will

p

B
B

My song will sit in the pu-pils of your eyes,

Poco meno mosso

dolce e sostenuto

mp

Più mosso

car - ry your sight

f

in-to the heart of things.

car - ry your sight

mp

the heart of things.

car-ry your sight

mf

mp

in - to the heart of things.

car-ry your sight

Più mosso

mf

in - to the heart of things.

mf

mp

And when my voice

p

is

mp

3 3

And when my voice

p

is

55

molto rit. - - - Tempo primo

sil - enced, sil-enced in death, my

p pp p

sil - enced, sil-enced in death, my

p molto rit. - - - Tempo primo pp

dim.

Ped.

60

song will speak in your liv - ing

mp

song will speak in your liv - ing

mp

song will speak in your liv -

mp

song will speak in your liv -

mp

song will speak

p

Ped.

63

p

heart, in your liv - ing heart.

heart.

p

heart, in your liv - ing heart

p

heart, in your liv - ing heart.

Ped.

66

rit.

4'

dim.

(heart)

dim.

(heart)

dim.

(heart)

dim.

(heart)

rit.

attácca

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3. Thee and Me

Rabindranth Tagore
from "Maya" *(Gitanjali)*

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8

cresc.

o - ver spread the sky

cresc.

o - ver spread the sky

cresc.

o - - - - ver spread the

cresc.

o - ver spread the sky,

1

cresc.

Ped.

11

f

the sky.

f

the sky

f

sky the sky.

f

o - ver - spread the sky,

1 2 1 1

6 6 6 6

f

13

mf

With the tune of thee and

mf

With the tune of thee and

mf

With the tune of thee and

mf

With the tune of thee and

6 6 6 6

mf

15

f

me all the air is vi - brant, and

f

me all the air is vi - brant, all the air is vi - bran[t]

f

me all the air is vi - brant, and

f

me, all the air, and

R.H.

L.H.

cresc.

Ped.

all a - ges pass, and

all a - ges pass, and

all a - ges pass, and

R.H.

f L.H.

Ped.

20

accel.

all a - ges pass, and all a - ges

all a - ges pass, and all a - ges

all a - ges pass, and all a - ges

all a - ges pass, and all a - ges

accel.

Ped.

22

Tempo primo

23

mf

pass

with the hid - ing and

mf

pass

with the hid - ing and

mp

pass

hid-ing

mp

pass

hid - ing

Tempo primo

dim.

mf

28

seek - ing of thee and me.

seek - ing of thee and me.

mf

seek - ing thee and me,

mf

seek - ing, thee and me,

f

33

mp

hi - ding thee and me.

cresc poco a poco

mp

hid - ing thee and me,

cresc poco a poco

hid - ing and seek - ing of thee and me.

cresc poco a poco

hid - ing and seek - ing of thee and me.

mf

mp

38

f

The great pa - geant of

poco dim.

f

thee and me.

f

The great pa - geant of

poco dim.

cresc. poco a poco

f

2 1 2

R.H.

L.H.

24 42

N.B.

thee and me has o - ver spread the

mf *f*

— o - ver spread the

thee and me o - - - - ver

f

— Oh o - ver spread the

R.H.

Ped.

45

sky the

sky the

spread the sky the

N.B.

sky, o - ver - spread the

47

25

ff

sky.

ff

sky.

ff

sky.

ff

sky,

6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6

ff

49

1'45"

Ped.