

written for the Chronos Vocal Ensemble Composition Competition 2019
three joyful songs about Spring - each in similar form
designed to be performed in sequence
poetry by Sara Teasdale

- 1) April Song
- 2) May Night
- 3) Dusk in June

total duration: 5:50

April Song

Sara Teasdale (1884-1933)

slow gentle waltz ♩ = 40

mp *mf* *mp* *mf*

pedal freely

The piano introduction consists of four measures in 6/8 time. The right hand plays chords in the upper register, alternating between mezzo-piano (mp) and mezzo-forte (mf) dynamics. The left hand plays a simple waltz bass line with eighth notes and rests.

5 **A**

mf *mp* *mp* *p*

del-i-cate and gleam- ing,

.n your A-pril gown del-i-cate and gleam - ing,

The vocal line begins at measure 5 with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The piano accompaniment continues with a mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic. The lyrics are: ".n your A-pril gown del-i-cate and gleam - ing,". The piano part features a mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic in the first two measures, then a piano (p) dynamic in the third measure, and returns to mezzo-piano (mp) in the fourth measure.

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9 *mf*

do you mind_ in years_ gone by all of my dream ing?_

mf

do you mind in years gone by all _____ n ing?_

mp

13 **B** dolce

Spring was_ like a call to me. *saa*

Spring was_ like a call to me.

17

that could not an- swer. I was chained to lone - li-ness;

I could not an- swer. I was chained to lone - li-ness;

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4 21 *mf* *saa* **poco rit.**

I the dan - cer. I the danc - er.

mf (lift together)

I the danc - er,

p *mp* **poco rit.**

25 **a tempo** **C**

Wil-low, twink-ling in the sun,

a tempo *p*

29 *mp* **rit.** *mf*

still you hear me. I can an-swer Spring at last.

mf

I can an-swer Spring at last.

mp

33

a tempo

is *f* near me. 5

Musical staff with lyrics: Love is near me.

Musical staff with lyrics: Love, love, love,

Musical staff with lyrics: Love, love,

Musical staff with lyrics: Love, love, is me,

Piano accompaniment for measures 33-35. Includes *mf* dynamic and *Ped.* marking.

36

love me. Love.

Musical staff with lyrics: love me. Love.

Musical staff with lyrics: love, love,

Musical staff with lyrics: love, love.

Musical staff with lyrics: me, near me. Love.

Piano accompaniment for measures 36-38.

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