

for Menna Elfyn

A Girl's Song To Her Mother

Menna Elfyn

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Larghetto flessibile (♩ = 52)

Soprano

Oboe

p

6

p

I re - mem-ber— your shawl's fra-grance in the

12

crook of your shoul-der. ————— There I'd find leaves of the palm—

p

18

tree, and — shel - ter; ————— there I'd find a heart - beat — like

p

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Slave's Song

Agitato (♩ = 120)
pp

Voice

Quick, ——— quick, ——— quick, ——— quick, ——— when ———

Oboe

pp

3

cresc.

sweat ——— is ——— thick, ——— stick, ——— stick, ——— sticks ——— (cks).

cresc.

6 *mp*

cresc.

When the day is long, is long, ——— what is there but

mp *cresc.*

9

song, but song, ——— to quick - en the heart ——— be - fore ——— we de - part.

12 *mf* *dim.*

Quick, quick, and we pick

mf *dim.*

14

cot - ton, pick, pick, pick (ck).

mf *dim.*

17 *p*

Let's count God's gifts:

p

20 *mf* *dim.*

tan - sy and rue, pen - ny - roy - al in dew, cam - phor in clouds, ce - dar

mf *dim.*

23

ber - ries a - bound, ce - dar ber - ries on the ground.

p

Wings of the Grasses

Piacevole (♩ = 76)

Voice

Oboe

p *leggiero*

4

p

In our sleep—the wings of the

(echo)

f *p*

7

grass - es ————— bring us se - - - cret

p

10

p *mf* *scherzando*

mes - sag-es and we set them free: tick-ling grass un-der chin, tick-ling

f *p* *mf* *scherzando*



13

maid - ens' legs, grass to plait in our hair, grass the tail of squirrels.

16

19

They will guide us to the vale of

22

free-dom where the candle gleams in the

25

eye: the fairy's grass, the kitten's grass, grass of

Vale of Feathers

Andante semplice (♩ = 66)

Voice

Oboe

p

5

p

Who would have thought a cra-dle and bed are the same in the

10

rit. Più vivo (♩ = 52)

end.

mp

14

rit. poco

mf

19 *mp*

Those who are born learn how to mourn, see the blanket all torn.

mp

23 *dim.* *p*

When labour is o'er and all is received, life's

dim.

27 *p*

last note when we leave, Ah, Ah.

p

31 Più vivo ma molto flessibile (♩ = 52)

cresc.

35 *mf*

Take me to the vale of fountains, to the dancing world, my

mf