

A DREAM WITHIN A DREAM

Take this kiss upon the brow!
And, in parting from you now,
Thus much let me avow -
You are not wrong, who deem
That my days have been a dream;
Yet if hope has flown away
In a night, or in a day,
In a vision, or in none,
Is it therefore less gone?
All that we see or seem
Is but a dream within a dream.

I stand amid the roar
Of a surf-tormented shore,
And I hold within my hand
Grains of the golden sand -
How few! yet how they creep
Through my fingers to the deep,
While I weep - while I weep!
O God! can I not grasp
Them with a tighter clasp?
O God! can I not save
One from the pitiless wave?
Is all that we see or seem
But a dream within a dream?

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for S.S.A. voices and piano

Words based on the poetry of
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Freely (♩ = ca. 69)

SOPRANO I
SOPRANO II

ALTO

PIANO

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mp
Pedal freely

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mp

Take this kiss up - on the brow! And, in part-ing from you now,

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thus much let me a - vow, you are not wrong, who deem

thus much let me a - vow, you are not wrong, who deem

9

poco rit.

that my days have been a dream;

that my days have been a dream;

poco rit.

11

a tempo

Yet if hope has flown a - way in a night, or in a day,

Yet if hope has flown a - way in a night, or in a day,

a tempo

13

in a vi - sion, or in none, is it there - fore less gone?

in a vi - sion, or in none, is it there - fore less gone?

cresc.

15

*cresc.**poco rit.*

Have my days been just a dream?

Have my days been just a dream?

cresc.

cresc.

poco rit.

17

a tempo

mf

Musical notation for the first system, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

All that we see, all that we see or seem

mf

Musical notation for the second system, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

All that we see, all that we see or seem

mf a tempo

Musical notation for the piano accompaniment in the first system.

19

dim.

poco rit.

Musical notation for the first system of the second system, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

is but a dream with - in a

dim.

Musical notation for the second system of the second system, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

is but a dream with - in a

dim.

poco rit.

Musical notation for the piano accompaniment in the second system.

21

p a tempo

Musical notation for the first system of the third system, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

dream.

p

Musical notation for the second system of the third system, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

dream.

mp a tempo

Musical notation for the piano accompaniment in the third system.

23

I stand a - mid the roar.

I stand a-mid the roar, the roar of a surf - tor - ment - ed shore.

p

25

mp

I hold the grains of gold - en sand. How

mp

I hold with-in my hand the grains of gold - en sand. How

mp

27

mf *rit.*

few! Yet how they creep through my fin - gers to the deep, while I

mf

few! Yet how they creep through my fin - gers to the deep, while I

mf *rit.*

29

weep, while I weep, while I weep, I

weep, while I weep, while I weep, I

weep, while I weep, while I

dim.

31

mp

weep.

mp

weep.

mp

weep.

mp

weep.

mp

tempo

34

God, O God! Can I not grasp,

God, O God! Can I not grasp,

God, O God! Can I not grasp,

God, O God! Can I not grasp,

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35

grasp them with a tight - er clasp? O God! Can I not save one

grasp them with a tight - er clasp? O God! Can I not save one

37

from the pit - i - less wave? Have my days been just a

from the pit - i - less wave? Have my days been just a

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

39

dream? All that we see,

dream? All that we see,

poco rit.

40 *a tempo*
mf

mf *a tempo*

41

all that we see or seem is but a

all that we see or seem is but a

43

dream with - in a dream.

dream with - in a dream.

45

mp Is all we see or seem, *cresc.* all that we see or seem, just a

mp Is all we see or seem, *cresc.* all that we see or seem, just a

47 *poco rit.* *f*

dream with - in a dream, a

dream with - in a dream, a

poco rit. *f*

49 *a tempo* *mp*

dream? A

dream? A

a tempo *mp*

51 *rit. e dim.*

dream with - in a dream.

dream with - in a dream.

rit. e dim. *p*