



Three Part-songs

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My Love dwelt
in a Northern land

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Moderato ♩ = 60
p *legato*

S My Love dwelt in a North - ern land, A dim tower

A My Love dwelt in a North - ern land,

T My Love dwelt in a North - ern land, A dim tower

B My Love dwelt in a North - ern land,

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S in a for - est green Was his, and far a - way the sand, And

A A dim tower Was his, and far a - way the sand, And

T in a for - est green Was his, and far

B a north - ern land, and far

rit. *pp* *a tempo*

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S gray wash of the waves were seen The wo - ven for - est

A gray wash of the waves were seen The wo - ven for - est

T a - way the waves were seen The wo - ven for - est

B a - way the waves were seen The wo - ven for - est

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S boughs be - tween. And thro' the North - ern sum - mer night The sun - set

A boughs be - tween. And thro' the north - ern sum - mer night

T boughs be - tween. And thro' the North - ern sum - mer night The sun - set

B boughs be - tween. And thro' the North - ern sum - mer night

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S slow - ly, slow - ly died a - way, And herds of

A The sun - set died a - way, And herds of

T slow - ly, slow - ly died a - way, And herds of

B The sun - set died a - way,

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S strange deer, sil - ver white, Came gleam - ing thro' the for - est

A strange deer, sil - - - - ver white, Came gleam - ing thro' the for - est

T strange — deer, sil - ver white, Came gleam - ing thro' — the for - est

B And herds — of deer Came gleam - ing thro' the for - est

f *dim.*

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S gray, And fled like ghosts be - fore the day. —

A gray, And fled like ghosts be - fore the day. —

T gray, And fled like ghosts be - fore the day. —

B gray, And fled like ghosts be - fore the day. —

p *rit.*

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a tempo, poco più lento

pp *dolcissimo*

S And oft, that month, we

ppp *leggiero* *

A And oft, that month, we watch'd the moon, And

pp *dolcissimo*

T And oft, that month, we

ppp *leggiero* *

T2 And oft, that month, we watch'd the moon, And

ppp *leggiero* *

B And oft, that month, we watch'd the moon, And

ppp

B2 And oft, that

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S watch'd the moon Wax great and

A oft, that month, we watch'd the moon Wax great and white o'er

T watch'd the moon Wax great and

T2 oft, that month, we watch'd the moon Wax great and white o'er

B oft, that month, we watch'd the moon Wax great and white o'er

B2 month, we watch'd the moon

* The passage of vocal accompaniment to be sung as softly and smoothly as possible, without accent. The 2nd Tenor and 2nd Bass parts may be sung or omitted ad lib.

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S white o'er wood and lawn, And

A wood and lawn, Wax great and white o'er wood and lawn, And

T white o'er wood and lawn, And

T2 wood and lawn, Wax great and white o'er wood and lawn, And

B wood and lawn, Wax great and white o'er wood and lawn, And

B2 — Wax great o'er wood and lawn, And

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S *mf* oft, that month, we watch'd the moon Wax great *dim.* *p* *pp*

A *mf* oft, that month, we watch'd the moon, And oft, that month, we *dim.* *p* *pp*

T *mf* oft, that month, we watch'd the moon, And oft, that month, we *dim.* *p* *pp*

T2 *mf* oft, that month, we watch'd the moon, And oft, that month, we *dim.* *p* *pp*

B *mf* oft, that month, we watch'd, we watch'd the moon *dim.* *p* *pp*

B2 *mf* oft, that month, we watch'd, we watch'd the moon *dim.* *p* *pp*

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S *pp* and white o'er

A watch'd the moon Wax *ppp* great and white o'er wood and lawn, Wax

T watch'd the moon Wax *pp* great and white o'er

T2 watch'd the moon Wax *ppp* great and white o'er wood and lawn, Wax

B Wax *ppp* great and white o'er wood and lawn, Wax

B2 Wax great and

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S wood and lawn, And wane, with

A great and white o'er wood and lawn, And wane, with wan - ing

T wood and lawn, And wane, with

T2 great and white o'er wood and lawn, And wane, with wan - ing

B great and white o'er wood and lawn, And wane, with wan - ing

B2 white o'er wood and lawn,

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S wan - - ing of the June, Till,

A of the June, And wane, with wan - ing of the June, Till,

T wan - - ing of the June, Till,

T2 of the June, And wane, with wan - ing of the June, Till,

B of the June, And wane, with wan - ing of the June, Till,

B2 — And wane, with wan - ing June, Till,

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S like a brand for bat - tle drawn, She fell, she she *a tempo, poco lento*

A like a brand for bat - tle drawn, She fell, fell, she she *a tempo, poco lento*

T like a brand for bat - tle drawn, She fell, fell, she she *a tempo, poco lento*

T2 like a brand for bat - tle drawn, She fell, fell, she she *a tempo, poco lento*

B like a brand for bat - tle drawn, She fell, fell, she she *a tempo, poco lento*

B2 like a brand for bat - tle drawn, She fell, fell, she she *a tempo, poco lento*

f *f* *dim.* *rit.* *pp*

f *f* *dim.* *rit.* *p* *pp*

f *f* *dim.* *rit.* *p* *pp*

f *f* *dim.* *rit.* *p* *pp*

f *f* *dim.* *rit.* *p* *pp*

f *f* *dim.* *rit.* *p* *pp*

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S fell, and flamed in a wild dawn. *rall.*

A fell, and flamed in a wild dawn. *rall.*

T fell, and flamed in a wild dawn. *rall.*

T2 fell, and flamed in a wild dawn. *rall.*

B fell, and flamed in a wild dawn, in a wild dawn. *rall.*

B2 fell, and flamed in a wild dawn, in a wild dawn. *rall.*

Tempo 1

S *p* *legato* I know not if the for - est green Still gir - dles

A *p* *legato* I know not if the for - est green Still

T *p* *legato* I know not if the for - est green Still gir - dles

B *p* *legato* I know not if the for - est green Still

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rit. *pp* *a tempo*

S round that cas - tle gray, I know not if, the boughs be -

A gir - dles round that cas - tle gray, I know not if, the boughs be -

T round that cas - tle gray, I know

B gir - dles round that cas - tle gray, I know

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f *dim.* *pp*

S tween, The white deer van - ish ere the day. The

A tween, The white deer van - ish ere the day. The

T not if The white deer van - ish ere the day. The

B not if The white deer van ish ere the day. The

58 *molto espress.*

S grass a - bove my Love is green,

A grass a - bove my Love is green, The grass a - bove my

T grass a - bove my Love is green, The grass a - bove my

B grass a - bove my Love is green, The grass a - bove my

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S His heart is cold - er than the clay,

A Love is green, His heart is cold - er than the clay,

T Love is green, His heart is cold, cold - er than the

B Love is green, His heart is cold - er than the clay,

sfz:p *poco rit.* *a tempo, più lento*

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S cold - er, cold - er than the clay.

A cold - er than the clay, cold - er than the clay.

T clay, His heart is cold - er, cold - er than the clay.

B than the clay.

pp *mezza voce* *molto rall.* *ppp*

ROMANCE

My Love dwelt in a Northern land.
A gray tower in a forest green
Was hers, and far on either hand
The long wash of the waves was seen,
And leagues on leagues of yellow sand,
The woven forest boughs between!

And through the silver Northern night
The sunset slowly died away,
And herds of strange deer, lily-white,
Stole forth among the branches gray;
About the coming of the light,
They fled like ghosts before the day!

I know not if the forest green
Still girdles round that castle gray;
I know not if the boughs between
The white deer vanish ere the day;
Above my Love the grass is green,
My heart is colder than the clay!

Andrew Lang (1844–1912)

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