

Song of the Soul

## Four Indian Songs

## A Cycle of Four Songs

Words from "The Garden of Kama" by Laurence Hope Music by HERMANN LÖHR

(Keys: Low, Medium and High)

To maintain the high standard of previous achievement is something to be placed on the record of any labourer in the field of Art. When Hermann Lohr submitted "Songs of the Southern Isles" to the verdict of a critical public, they were received with a chorus of approval, but his creative instinct seems not to have rested content with such speedy recognition, and in quick succession he has written these "Four Indian Songs."

Through the medium of Laurence Hope's realistic verse, he has "heard the East a-callin'," like Kipling's "ten year soldier," and for the time being has evidently "heeded nothin' else." All the veiled mysticism, the relentless fascination and the pitiless fatalism of the East have been woven into the texture of these songs. In "Starlight" we seem to see the midnight sky of the Orient ablaze with myriad points of light, which by their cold brilliance intensify the passion and pain of the lover's questionings.

"Just in the Hush Before the Dawn" is full of mystery and eeriness which are heightened by the recurrence of a simple triplet figure in the voice part and the accompaniment. The song closes in a climax eloquently suggestive of the Oriental spirit of "Kismet."

Tragic and poignant feeling throbs in every note of "This Passion is but an Ember." This consummation is reached by very simple harmonic means which alone are a tribute to the composer's talent. "On the City Wall" embodies the tragedy of the meeting of East and West,—of the "blue eyes that conquer the brown eyes,"—and the resultant hopeless love.

> "Blue eyes so clear and brilliant, Brown eyes so dark and deep, Those are dim and ride away, These cry themselves to sleep."

Here again, the heights of Love and Sorrow are touched, and the means employed are so simple and direct as to make this number all the more convincing.

If anything further were needed to strengthen the regard in which Hermann Löhr is held by singers and song-lovers the world over, this Cycle of Four Songs would do much to achieve that object.

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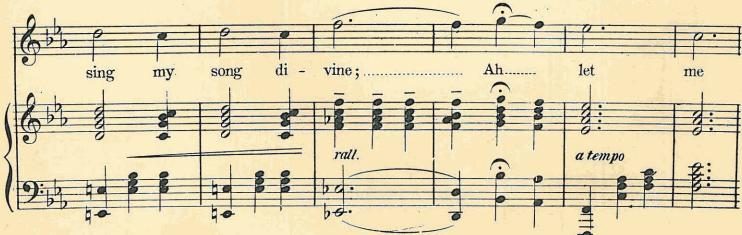












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