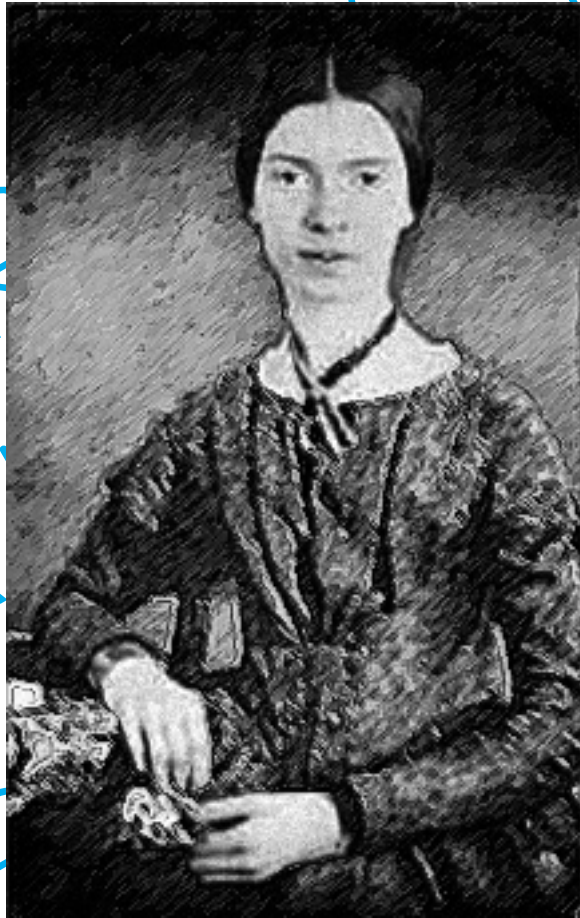


Six Love Poems

for soprano solo, women's chorus and organ



David Gompper

composer

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Poems by Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)

This setting was written for the The Women's Choir of Musical Faculty of the Moscow State Pedagogical University, Constantin Volostnov, organ, and Alexander Soloviov, conductor. It was premiered October 26, 2004, and is dedicated to my dear friend, Irina Dubkova.

#7.

I HIDE myself within my flower,
That wearing on your breast,
You, unsuspecting, wear me too—
And angels know the rest.

I hide myself within my flower,
That, fading from your vase,
You, unsuspecting, feel for me
Almost a loneliness.

#11.

MY river runs to thee:
Blue sea, wilt welcome me?

My river waits reply.
Oh sea, look graciously!

I'll fetch thee brooks
From spotted nooks,—

Say, sea,
Take me!

#25.

WILD nights! Wild nights!
Were I with thee,
Wild nights should be
Our luxury!

Futile the winds
To a heart in port,—
Done with the compass,
Done with the chart.

Rowing in Eden!
Ah! the sea!
Might I but moor
To-night in thee!

#37.

LOVE is anterior to life,
Posterior to death,
Initial of creation, and
The exponent of breath.

#43.

POOR little heart!
Did they forget thee?
Then dinna care! Then dinna care!

Proud little heart!
Did they forsake thee?
Be debonair! Be debonair!

Frail little heart!
I would not break thee:
Could'st credit me? Could'st credit me?

Gay little heart!
Like morning glory
Thou'll wilted be; thou'll wilted be!

#51.

MY friend must be a bird,
Because it flies!
Mortal my friend must be,
Because it dies!
Barbs has it, like a bee.
Ah, curious friend,
Thou puzzlest me!

for Irina Dubkova

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Emily Dickinson

David K. Gompper (2004)

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Soprano
Soprano
Alto
Alto

I hide my - self with - in my flower that
I hide my - self with - in my flower that
hide my - self with - in my flower that

Organ
Ped.

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S.
S.
A.
A.

wear - ing on your breast You un - sus - pec - ting wear me too
wear - ing on your breast You un - sus - pec - ting wear me too
wear - ing on your breast un - sus - pec ting
wear - ing on your breast un - sus - pect ting

Org.
Org.

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S. and an - gels know the rest I hide my - self with

S. and an - gels know the rest I hide my - self with

A. and an - gels know the rest my - self

A. and an - gels know the rest my - self

Org.

Org.

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S. in my flower that fad - ing from your vase You, un - sus - pec -

S. in my flower that fad - ing from your vase You, un - sus - pec -

A. ___with - in that from_ your vase You, un - sus - pec -

A. ___with - in that from_ your vase You, un - sus - pec -

Org.

Org.

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S. ting you feel for me al - most a

S. ting you feel for me al - most a

A. ting you feel for me al - most a

A. ting you feel for me al - most a

Org.

25

S. lon - - li - ness

S. lon - - li - ness

A. lon - - li - ness

A. lon - - li - ness

Org.

stringendo

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S.

S.

A.

A.

stringendo

Org.

Org.

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Org.

Org.

Gt.

Gt.

35

Org.

Org.

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Org.

Org.

pos/krumhorn

Sw.