Katharina S. G. Mueller (2023)

Surf Song

for high voice and piano accompaniment

Circa 3 minutes

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Notes on the piece

This is a quick song inspired by the many settings of the poetry of Laurence Hope (pseudonym for Adela Florence Cory), especially taking after "Among the Fuchsias," from Harry T. Burleigh's Five Songs of Laurence Hope (1915). There is a particular poem out of Hope's collection Songs of the Desert (1903) that I found to be a neglected gem for musical setting. Once I read the poem, I couldn't get the lullaby melody out of my head.

Surf Song - Laurence Hope

My little one, come and listen
To the calling of the sea'
And watch how the wet sands glisten
Where the surf has left them free'
As thou and the wind together,
Shall frolic along the strand;
Thy feet as light as a feather
Will hardly dent the sand'

Unwind the veils that enfold thee'
Thou never wast shy with me;
The sea will rejoice to hold thee'
The stars will delight to see'
The beauty thou shalt discover
Oh, Morning Star of my heart'
Will dazzle even thy lover
Who knows how fair thou art!

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Music by Katharina S. G. Mueller (2023)
Text by Laurence Hope (1903)

♩ = 72 Freely

p

My

p

Ped.

8

lit-tle one, come and lis-ten To the call-ing of the sea' And watch how the wet sand glis-ten

Ped.

14

♩ = 80 Unconstrained, as Waves

Where the surf has set them free' And thou and the wind to-

f

mp

mf *f*

mf *f*

mf *simile*

19

geth - er, Shall fro - lic a - long the strand; Thy feet as light

23

molto rit.

ff

as a feath - - - er Will hard - ly dent the sand'

p

A Tempo Primo (♩ = 72)

27

p

Un wind the veils that en-fold thee' Thou

mf

p

Building Energy

poco accel.

35

mf

nev-er wast shy with me; The sea will re-joice to hold thee' The stars will de-

sub ***p*** ***mp***

♩ = 60 Adrift at Sea

40

f

light to see' The beau-ty thou shalt dis - cov - er Oh, Morn-ning Star of my

pp

mf ***f*** ***ff*** ***pp***

Ped.

45

heart' Will daz-zle e-ven thy lov - er Who knows how fair thou

8va

49

art!

Ped.

53