

Leanna Kirchoff
If I Had Wings

Three songs
for
soprano
piano

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1. Prelude

Text
Josephine Preston Peabody (1874-1922)

Music
Leanna Kirchoff

carefree and feeling weightless ♩ = 66

Soprano

Piano

p
(hold damper pedal down except where changes are indicated)

6 *ultra light and cantabile*

Words, words ye are like birds.

11

Would I might fold you, in my hands hold you

17

till ye were warm and your feath-ers a - flut - ter;

The musical score is written for Soprano and Piano. The tempo is marked 'carefree and feeling weightless' with a quarter note equal to 66 (♩ = 66). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The piano part begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and includes a performance instruction: '(hold damper pedal down except where changes are indicated)'. The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 1-5) is a prelude. The second system (measures 6-10) is marked 'ultra light and cantabile' and includes the lyrics 'Words, words ye are like birds.' The third system (measures 11-17) includes the lyrics 'Would I might fold you, in my hands hold you till ye were warm and your feath-ers a - flut - ter;'. The piano part features various textures, including chords and moving lines, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes.

22

till, in your throats _____ trem - - - u - lous notes _____

mf

26

fore-told the songs ye would utter.

pp

30

f abruptly agitated

Words, words, ye are all birds!

abruptly loud ff

va

f

Perusal score

The Hearer

Text
Josephine Preston Peabody (1874-1922)

Music
Leanna Kirchoff

$\text{♩} = 69$

Soprano

like joining in with music that can already be heard

Piano

p *mf* *p*

5

lis - ten; — and I lis - ten; — and sur-mise

p *mf* *p* *mp* *p*

9

I lis - ten — to all mu-sics that may be;

mf *p* *mf*

13

and to the shapes and fa-ces that my eyes _____ See. _____

17

full and strong

I lis - ten _____ to the strains of dai - ly fate _____ to merge in - to some _____

21

suddenly more pensive

large as - sured Song: though be - lief, and hope, and hun - ger wait...

24

Long. _____

pp

Perusal score

Song and Need

Text
Josephine Preston Peabody (1874-1922)

Music
Leanna Kirchoff

♩ = 56

Soprano

Heart said, If I had wings _____ such wings _____ as hath the

Piano

pp

8^{va}

8^{va}

4

mf

p

lark _____ e-ven as that free-dom sings _____ be-yond the

8^{va}

8^{va}

7

f

subito p

mf

dark, _____ I too, _____ if I could fly _____ from chains that

8^{va}

p

mf

11 *subito p*

weigh and clings ah, but then I could sing,

14 *f*

sing, sing, sing!

17

O day - spring of de-sire! Mid - o-cean of de-light

8va

p *pp*

20

— be-fore the dawn of fire on dawn of sight! My

p

23 *mf*
joy, _____ could it un-do _____ all that des-pair has

f

26 done. How vain to long _____ for glo-ry of the _____ lark, _____

mp 5

30 _____ who hast more _____ need of song _____ down in thy _____

mp 5 5

33 _____ dark; Where chains may al - ways irk,

mp 5 5