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Program

Come All Ye Songsters from The Fairy Queen

Fußreise

An die Entfernte

Wir wandelten

Henry Purcell (1659 - 1695)

Hugo Wolf (1860 - 1903)Josephine Lang (1815 - 1880)Johannes Brahms (1833 - 1897)

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Giacomo Carissimi

Claudio Monteverdi

(1583 - 1644)Salvator Rosa

(1615 - 1673)

(1604 - 1674)

(1567 - 1643)

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Se l'aura spira

Selve, voi che le speranze

No, no, non si speri

Ahi, troppo è duro

Le Bestiaire Le Dromadaire La Chêvre du Thibet

La Sauterelle Le Dauphin L'Ecrevisse La Carpe

A Minor Bird Celius Dougherty (1902 - 1986)William Bolcom Amor (b. 1938) Lee Hoiby Lady of the Harbour (1926-2011)

Texts and Translations

Fußreise

Eduard Morike (1804-1875)

Am frischgeschnittnen Wanderstab, Wenn ich in der Frühe So durch Wälder ziehe, Hügel auf und ab: Dann, wie's Vöglein im Laube Singet und sich rührt, Oder wie die goldne Traube Wonnegeister spurt In der ersten Morgensonne: So fühlt auch mein alter, Lieber Adam Herbst- und Frühlingsfieber, Gottbeherzte, nie verscherzte, Erstlings-Paradieseswonne.

Also bist du nicht so schlimm, O alter Adam, Wie die strengen Lehrer sagen; Liebst und lobst du immer doch, Singst und preisest immer noch, Wie an ewig neuen Schöpfungstagen, Deinen lieben Schöpfer und Erhalter! Mocht' es dieser geben, Und mein ganzes Leben Wär' im leichten Wanderschweiße Eine solche Morgenreise.

Hiking

Translated by Paul Hindemith

With my fresh-cut walking staff Early in the morning I go through the woods Over the hills, up and down: Then, like the birds in the arbor That sing and stir, Or like the golden grapes That trace their blissful spirits In the first morning light I feel in my age, too, beloved Adam's spring-and Autumn fever— God-fearing, but not discarded: The first delights of Paradise.

You are not so bad, Oh Old Adam, As the strict teachers say; You love and rejoice, Sing and praise – As it is eternally the first day of Creation Your beloved Creator and Preserver! I would like to be given to this, And my whole life Would be in simple wandering wonder Of one such morning stroll.

An die Entfernte Nikolaus Lenau (1802-1850)

Diese Rose pflück' ich hier In der fremden Ferne; Liebes Herze, dir, ach dir Brächt' ich sie so gerne! Doch bis ich zu dir mag ziehen Viele weite Meilen, Ist die Rose längst dahin, Denn die Rosen eilen.

Nie soll weiter sich in's Land Lieb' von Leibe wagen, Als sich blühend in der Hand Läßt die Rose tragen; Oder als die Nachtigall Halme bringt zum Neste, Oder als ihr süßer Schall Wandert mit dem West.

Wir wandelten

Georg Friedrich Daumer (1800-1875)

Wir wandelten, wir zwei zusammen; Ich war so still und du so stille; Ich gäbe viel, um zu erfahren, Was du gedacht in jenem Fall. Was ich gedacht— unausgesprochen Verbleibe das! Nur Eines sag' ich: So schön war Alles, was ich dachte, So himmlisch-heiter war es all. In meinem Haupte die Gedanken; Sie lauteten, wie golden Glöcken, So wundersüß, So wunderlieblich Ist in der Welt kein andrer Hall.

To the Distant One *Translated by Bettina Reinke-Welshe*

This rose I pluck here Far away from you, To you, Dear Heart, ah to you I would so wish to take it! But were I to come to you, Travelling many long miles, The rose would have faded; For roses are in haste.

Never further afield should Venture love from love Than a hand A blossoming Rose can bear; Or than a nightingale Grass to her nest carries, Or than her sweet song With the West wind wanders.

We Were Walking

Translated by Richard Stokes

We were walking, we two together; I so silent and you so silent; I would give much to know What you were thinking then. What was I thinking— unspoken Let it remain! One thing only I shall say: All my thoughts were so beautiful, So heavenly and serene. The thoughts in my mind Chimed like golden bells: So wondrously sweet, So wonderfully lovely Is no other sound on Earth.

Se l'aura spira Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1644)

Se l'aura spira tutta vezzosa, La fresca rosa ridente sta, La siepe ombrosa di bei smeraldi Destivi caldi timor non ha. Ai balli, ai bali, liete venite, Ninfe gradite, fior di beltá. Or che si chiaro il vago fonte, Dall' alto monte al mar sen va. Suoi dolci versi spiega l'augello, L'arboscello fiorito sta; Un volto bello all'ombra accanto, Sol si dia vanto d'aver pietá. Al canto, al canto, Ninfe ridenti, Scacciate i venti di crudeltá!

Selve voi che le speranze Salvator Rosa (1615-1673)

Selve, voi, che le speranze Al gioir liete serbate, Del piacer siete le stanze, Ove passar degg'io l'ore beate.

If Breezes Blow *Translated by Carla Raule, John Skinner*

If breezes blow with all their charms, The fresh rose smiling sweet, And hedgerow shade of emerald Fear not the summer heat. Come merrily and join the dance, Sweet nymphs, in beauty's glow, Just as the fairest, crystal springs From hills to ocean flow. The bird unfurls its softest tones, The flowering saplings sway; A lovely face in nearby shade, Shows pity but in play. Come sing, come sing, Laughing nymphs, And drive the cruel winds away!

Forests, You Who Hope

Translated by Bard Suverkrop

Forests, you, who happily preserve The hope of delight, Be the place of pleasure Where I shall spend blessed hours! **No, no, non si speri** *Giacomo Carissimi (1604-1674)*

No, no, non si speri! È morta la speme! Piangete, pensieri! A bruno vestiti, nel vostro dolore Desiri traditi lasciate il mio core! Le gioie d'amore son lampi fugaci, Mendaci, leggieri!

Ahi, troppo è duro Ottavio Rinuccini (1562-1621)

Ahi! troppo è duro, Crudel sentenza, E vie più cruda pena: Tornare a lagrimar nell'antro oscuro! Aer sereno e puro, Addio per sempre! Addio, per sempre addio, O cielo, o sole, Addio, lucide stele! Apprendete pietà, Donne e donzelle! **No, No, Hope Has Perished!** *Translated by D. Harris, A. Schoep*

No, No, one must not hope! Hope is dead! Weep, thoughts! In mourning dressed, in your sorrow, Desires betrayed, leave my heart! The joys of love are flashes fleeting, Lying, frivolous!

Alas! Much Too Harsh

Translated by Bard Suverkrop

Alas! Much too harsh is The cruel sentence, And much more terrible pain: To return to weep in the dark cave! Air serene and pure, Farewell, forever! Farewell, forever, farewell, Oh sky, oh sun, Farewell, shining stars! Learn pity, Ladies and maidens!

Le Bestiaire

Guillaume Apollinaire (1880-1918)

Le Dromadaire

Avec ses quatre dromadaires Don Pedro d'Alfaroubeira Courut le monde et l'admira. Il fit ce que je voudrais faire Si j'avais quatre dromadaires.

La Chèvre du Thibet

Les poils de cette chèvre et même Ceux d'or pour qui prit tant de peine Jason ne valent rien au prix Des cheveux dont je suis èpris.

La Sauterelle

Voici la fine sauterrelle La nourriture de Saint Jean Puissent mes vers être comme elle Le règal des meilleures gens.

Le Dauphin

Dauphins, vous jouez dans la mer, Mais le flot est toujours amer. Parfois, me joie éclate t'elle? La vie est encore cruelle.

L'Ècrevisse

Incertitude, ô mes délices Vous et mois nous, nous en allons Comme s'en vont les écrevisses. À reculons, à reculons.

La Carpe

Dans vos viviers, dans vos étangs, Carpes, que vous vivez longtemps! Est ce que la mort vous oublie, Poissons de la mélancolie?

The Bestiary Translated by Winifred Radford

The Dromedary With his four dromedaries Don Pedro d'Alfaroubeira Roamed the world over and admired it. He did what I would like to do If I had four dromedaries.

The Goat of Tibet

The hair of this goat and that golden hair For which so much trouble was taken by Jason are worth nothing compared to The value of the hair of the one I love.

The Grasshopper

Here is the delicate grasshopper The nourishment of St. John May my verses be likewise The feast of superior people.

The Dolphin

Dolphins, you sport in the sea Yet the waters are always briny. At times my joy bursts forth But life is still cruel.

The Crayfish

Uncertainty, O! my delights You and I we progress Just like the crayfish Backwards, backwards.

The Carp

In your fish-ponds in your pools Carp how long you live! Is it that death has forgotten you Fish of melancholy?

A Minor Bird

Robert Frost (1874-1963)

I have wished a bird would fly away And not sing round my house all day. I have clapped my hands at him From the door.

When it seemed as if I could bear no more, The fault must partly have been in me, The bird was not to blame for his key. And besides there must be something wrong In wanting to silence any song.

Come All Ye Songsters

Thomas Betterton (1635-1710)

Come all, come all, all, all, Come all ye songsters of the sky. Wake and assemble, Wake and assemble in this wood; But no ill-boding bird be nigh, No, none but the harmless, And the good.

Amor

Arnold Weinstein (1927-2005)

It wasn't the policeman's fault In all the traffic roar Instead of shouting halt When he saw me he shouted Amor. Even the ice cream man (Free ice cream by the score) Instead of shouting Butter Pecan One look at me, he shouted Amor. All over town it went that way Ev'rybody took off the day Even philosophers understood How good was the good 'Cuz I looked so good! The poor stopped taking less The rich stopped needing more. Instead of shouting no and yes Both looking at me shouted Amor. My stay in town was cut short I was dragged to court. The judge said I disturbed the peace And the jury gave him what for! The judge raised his hand And instead of Desist and Cease Judgie came to the stand, Took my hand, and whispered Amor. Night turned into day I walked alone, away. Never see that town again. But as I passed the church-house door Instead of singing Amen The choir was singing Amor. Amor.

Lady of the Harbour

Emma Lazarus (1849-1887)

Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses Yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore, Send these, the homeless, Tempest-tossed to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

Program Notes

Hugo Wolf was an Austrian composer known for his large and expressive song output. His prolific song composition led to the founding of Wolf Societies in Berlin and Vienna and lasting historic esteem.¹ Wolf's innovative expressionism is apparent in "Fußreise" as he combines popular musical elements of "wanderer songs" with innovative narration. Rather than using displaced or alienated narrators for his wanderer songs, Wolf's wanderers, and especially the wandering narrator of "Fußreise," celebrate their journey with a "welldefined attitude toward life."²

Josephine Lang was born in Munich to a musical family that encouraged her to pursue music from an early age, which she did with great success. She published her first song collection at age sixteen and over forty collections of songs and piano repertoire over the course of her life. "An die Entfernte" is the fifth song of her Six Songs, Op. 13, which was dedicated to Franz Lachner. Her music was reviewed favorably by Felix Mendelssohn and Robert Schumann. Upon hearing her perform in 1831, Mendelssohn described Lang's work as, "the most complete musical joy I have ever experienced."³ Her work demonstrates the positive impact of Mendelssohn's influence, as qualities of his Lied, such as strophic form and balanced writing between the voice and piano, can be observed in many of her pieces, including "An die Entfernte."⁴ Lang enjoyed a unique level of professional accomplishment in her lifetime, which she was able to achieve due to her musical skill and heartfelt compositional style.⁵

Johannes Brahms was a prolific composer of art song, with an output of 190 solo vocal pieces. Brahms valued the poetry he set and was known to recite a poem repeatedly until the structural elements of his

¹ "Hugo Wolf," Primephonic, https://play.primephonic.com/artist/hugo-wolf-1860 (accessed February 10, 2019).

² Christopher Hack, "Tradition and Creation: Hugo Wolf's Fussreise," *College Music Symposium* 28 (1988): 70-84, http://www.jstor.org/stable/40374588 (accessed February 10, 2019).

³ Gordon Smith and Karen Frederickson, "Hidden Musicians: Songs by Cécile Chaminade, Josephine Lang, and Clara Schumann," Queen's University (2003): 163-171, https://journals.library.mun.ca/ojs/index.php/singing/article/viewFile/575/383 (accessed February 10, 2019).

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Sharon Krebs, article "Josephine Lang" in: *MUGI. Music Education and Gender Studies: Lexicon and Multimedia Presentations*, ed. Beatrix Borchard and Nina Noeske, University of Music and Theater Hamburg, 2003ff.

setting, would seem "inevitable."⁶ He set poetry of the German greats and minor, fashionable poets with the same fervor, setting 54 Daumer pieces, including "Wir wandelten" which is the second of his *Vier Lieder* collection.⁷ He set the poem to an expressive, strophic melody characteristic of his fascination with folksongs.⁸

Girolamo Frescobaldi was celebrated and employed by some of the most prominent Italian noble families of his time. Because of his virtuosity on the harpsichord and organ, he was employed as organist for St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and as a court musician for the Gonzagas of Mantua and the Medici family.⁹ His vocal compositions, though less well-known than his instrumental pieces, emphasize musical and poetic expression. "Se l'aura spira," with its "happy and joyous" melody, uses lush legato lines and charming trills to musically embody the sweeping warmth of a summer breeze or the playful dancing of nymphs.¹⁰ With his mastery of text painting and expression, saying interpretations, "should be left to the good taste and excellent judgment of the performer."¹¹

Salvator Rosa epitomized the ideals of a Renaissance man, being a poet, satirist, composer, and painter. As a painter, he enjoyed professional freedom and esteem, being skilled and passionate enough to earn sponsorship by the Medici family when he lived in Florence.¹² Rosa allowed that passion and skill to live in "Selve, voi che le speranze." While beautiful, the piece also functions well as an educational tool, with legato phrases throughout that allow the singer to develop their vocal flexibility and expression as the melody shifts in pitch following the expressive contour of each phrase. The piece has been called "one of the loveliest of all the early Italian songs."¹³

⁶ George S. Bozarth and Walter Frisch, "Brahms, Johannes," Grove Music Online, 2001

http://www.oxfordmusiconline.com.proxy.foley.gonzaga.edu/grovemusic/view/10.1093/gmo/9781561592630.001.0001/omo-9781561592630-e-0000051879 (accessed February 10, 2019).

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ "Girolamo Frescobaldi and His Music," Frescobaldi Thematic Catalogue Online, Duke University https://frescobaldi.music.duke.edu/frescobaldi.php (accessed February 10, 2019).

¹⁰ Mabelle Glenn and Bernard Taylor, "Classic Italian Songs for School and Studio," *Oliver Ditson Company* (1936): V.
¹¹ Stephanie Steiner, CD booklet, "Frescobaldi Arie, toccata e canzoni Anthonello," (2000) 3-5

https://www.chandos.net/chanimages/Booklets/BI1166.pdf (accessed February 10, 2019).

¹² "Salvator Rosa," *J. Paul Getty Museum* http://www.getty.edu/art/collection/artists/466/salvator-rosa-italian-1615-1673/ (accessed February 10, 2019).

Giacomo Carissimi was renowned for his passion as a composer and educator, teaching influential composers like Alessandro Scarlatti and helping to establish the oratorio form still used today. In his canzone, "No, no, non si speri" Carissimi utilizes shifts between minor and major keys emphatically as the song reflects on the nature of love, that its joys are fleeting and easily replaced with grieving for betrayed hopes.¹⁴

Claudio Monteverdi utilized an expansive variety of techniques and genres throughout his life. He became the embodiment of a historical turning point in music for his skillful entwining of stile antico techniques of the Late Renaissance and the compositional innovation and emotional depth of the Early Baroque.¹⁵ Contrastingly, "Ahi, troppo é duro" can be interpreted as musically exemplar of a lack historical change between Monteverdi's era and the present. The piece, from his cantata Il balletto delle Ingrate, occurs in the mythical Inferno, with Cupid, Venus, Pluto, and shadows of the "Ingrate" (women who face torment in the Inferno for being "ungrateful and pitiless to their lovers" while they lived) begging living women to "learn pity" to escape a tormented afterlife.¹⁶ For modern interpretation, especially by female performers, it is necessary to engage with the underlying sociological premises of the text, that women are responsible for the emotional wellbeing of their rejected suitors and that they must be punished for being "ungrateful" for romantic attention. With these premises, powerful and unforgiving parallels can be observed between the "Ingrate" and many modern cases of violence against women.¹⁷ Thus, to accurately portray the emotional depth intended by Monteverdi, performers must interpret "Ahi, troppo é duro" based on their understanding of the intersection of history, sociology, and music within the piece.

Francis Poulenc was an influential member of the French composing group *Les Six*, known for his unique *mélodies* and unpredictable composing style. His songs feature distinct rhythms and harmonies that

16 Glenn, VI.

¹⁴ Ibid., VIII.

¹⁵ Tim Carter and Geoffrey Chew, "Monteverdi [Monteverde], Claudio," Grove Music Online, 2001

http://www.oxfordmusiconline.com.proxy.foley.gonzaga.edu/grovemusic/view/10.1093/gmo/9781561592630.001.0001/omo-9781561592630-e-0000044352 (accessed February 10, 2019).

¹⁷ "What is Domestic Violence?" The National Domestic Violence Hotline, https://www.thehotline.org/is-thisabuse/abuse-defined/ (accessed February 10, 2019).

were conceived with no compositional system, but are still rational settings of the poetry he favored.¹⁸ He composed his songs with thorough attention to various forms of art, literary, visual, and musical, using each to develop his melodies. Poulenc was known for his ability to find the essence of incredibly difficult poetry, and his music was often compared to the visual art of Raoul Dufy, who supplied an engraving for each poem of *Le Bestiaire*. The collection of engravings and poems inspired Poulenc to compose his first song cycle of the same name at the age of nineteen.¹⁹ In the song cycle, it is easy to hear the uniquely apt interpretation of each animal in Poulenc's melodic lines, the swaying camel, the climbing of the mountain goat, the jumping of the grasshopper, the ecstatic leaping of dolphins, the burrowing of the crayfish, and the steady swimming of the carp all demonstrated in individualized rhythmic, harmonic, and melodic movements.

Celius Dougherty was an American pianist and composer who composed around two hundred art songs known for their classical forms and tonality.²⁰ His early works, of which "A Minor Bird" is an example, were simple in character and structure and focused primarily on well-known English and American poets. His later works, heavily influenced by the lush music of composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, took on larger, more complex forms and featured lesser-known poets.²¹ The texture of "A Minor Bird" incorporates the meaning of the poem. The piano manifests the song of the bird and later, the sparse accompaniment reflects the narrator's disjointed thoughts.

Henry Purcell is often acknowledged as one of the greatest English composers, composing four semi-operas, incidental music for roughly fifty plays, and his only true opera, Dido and Aeneas.²² "Come All Ye Songsters" introduces Purcell's third semi-opera, The Fairy Queen, which also happened to be the first project he was able to compose for trained stage singers, rather than actors who happened to sing.²³ This

¹⁸ Alissa Deeter and Robert Peavler, The Mélodies of Francis Poulenc: A Study Guide, Landham, MD: Scarecrow Press (2013).

²⁰ Nadia Turbide and Jonas Westover, "Dougherty, Celius," Grove Music Online, 2015

http://www.oxfordmusiconline.com.proxy.foley.gonzaga.edu/grovemusic/view/10.1093/gmo/9781561592630.001.0001/omo-9781561592630-e-1002284223 (accessed February 10, 2019).

 [&]quot;Celius Hudson Dougherty," Celius Dougherty, http://celiusdougherty.org/gpage6.html (accessed February 10, 2019).
 ²² Curtis Price, "Purcell, Henry" Grove Music Online, 2002

http://www.oxfordmusiconline.com.proxy.foley.gonzaga.edu/grovemusic/view/10.1093/gmo/9781561592630.001.0001/omo-9781561592630-e-5000002310 (accessed February 10, 2019).

allowed the vocal music to be more technically demanding, with fluid melismas, over energetic accompaniment.

William Bolcom developed a style of playing ragtime that earned him a place at the forefront of the Ragtime Revival in America. He embraced a variety of musical styles, focusing on removing the boundaries between popular and serious music in his later career. Bolcom's compositional ideology was rooted in Transcendentalism, contemplating philosophical or religious themes with intense and vividly illustrative music, sometimes bordering on flamboyant.²⁴ Though lofty Transcendental themes may require an intense analysis to find in the piece, Bolcom's "Amor," from the first volume of his *Cabaret Songs* is abundant with vivid imagery and whimsically dramatic melodic lines, succeeding in making the rhythmically challenging piece enjoyable listening.

Lee Hoiby was a modern Romantic, the majority of his works utilizing warm lyricism and diatonic simplicity, while his more complex works favor textural and harmonic complexity.²⁵ "Lady of the Harbour," in which Hoiby sets Emma Lazarus's poem "The New Colossus," is exemplar of his compositional style, painting the passionate text with rich tone color and dramatic lyricism over complex harmonic and rhythmic textures that beautifully express the tumultuous sentiment of America towards immigrants.

²⁴ Steven Johnson and Lars Helgert, "Bolcom, William," Grove Music Online, 2013

http://www.oxfordmusiconline.com.proxy.foley.gonzaga.edu/grovemusic/view/10.1093/gmo/9781561592630.001.0001/omo-9781561592630-e-1002248409?rskey=EwYTeW&result=1 (accessed February 10, 2019).

²⁵ Richard Jackson and Walter G. Simmons, "Hoiby, Lee," Grove Music Online, 2001 http://www.oxfordmusiconline.com.proxy.foley.gonzaga.edu/grovemusic/view/10.1093/gmo/9781561592630.001.0001/omo-9781561592630-e-0000013189?rskey=AGI truz&resed February 10, 2019).

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