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**FOUR SONGS
IN THE TIME OF WAR**

Song Cycle

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The "Four Songs in the Time of War" are written for different voices and make use of poems by different poets. The poems were discovered in a book dedicated to war poetry in the library of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Composed between London and Paphos during 2004-5, the four songs are for Solo Voice and Piano and each has a duration of 3 to 4 minutes.

1. The Knight In Prison / poetry by William Morris / for Soprano and Piano
2. A Foreign Ruler / poetry by Walter Savage Landor / for Countertenor and Piano
3. The Bridegroom / poetry by Rudyard Kipling / for Baritone and Piano
4. The Song of Soldiers / poetry by Walter de la Mare / for Soprano and Piano

The Knight In Prison

Poetry by:
William Morris
1834-1896

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Adagio Espressivo. Distant ♩ = 56-60

Soprano

Wea - ri - ly drea - ri - ly half the day long flap the

p *p*

Piano

p *mf* *p* *sfz* *mf*

ped. *ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.*

5

S.

great ban - ners High O - ver the

mf *mf* *p*

Pno.

mp *mf* *p*

ped. *ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.*

rit. **In Tempo**

8

S.

stone Stran - gely and ee - ri - ly

mp

rit. **In Tempo**

Pno.

mf

ped. *ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.*

11

S.

sounds the wind's song

mf

Pno.

mf

ped. *ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.*

A Foreign Ruler

Adagio $\text{♩} = 44-46$ Como Recitativo

Countertenor

Piano

He *p*

p

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

3 (spoken)

Ct.

says *mf* My reign is peace! *p* so slays A thou - sand in the dead of

Pno.

mp *f* *p*

Ped.

6 Più Mosso $\text{♩} = 70$

Ct.

night *f* Are you all happy now? he says and

Pno.

mp *f*

Ped. Ped. Ped.

The Song of Soldiers

Andante ♩ = 69-72
In the style of a folk song

Soprano

Piano

Andante ♩ = 69-72
In the style of a folk song

p

Red.

S.

A tempo

rit.

mp As I sat mu - sing

rit.

mf

p

A tempo

like steps

Red.

S.

by the fro - zen dyke There was one man mar - ching with a bright steel pike

mf

mf

mf

Red.

S.

poco rit.

Rubato

Mar - ching in the day - shine like a ghost came he And be - hind me was the moa - ning and the

mp

p

poco rit.

Rubato

mp

p

mp

p

Red.