

SPRING SONG

for Soprano or Mezzo-soprano and Piano

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*More permanent than the stars
the earth turns again to spring
as migrant geese streak the sky
catching the air
poised between
so fiery an April sun
and the lush green earth.*

*The woods themselves are melting
giving way to silt and sprout.
The permanent earth is ground
from another ancient age's
permanent rock, and slips
towards some other thing
permanently.*

*More permanent than this
our hope,
our only place
this earthly garden
and the ever returning spring of life.*

Spring Song is from *One Life*, a cantata based on the life and writings of Rachel Carson. She was born near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1907 and attended the Pennsylvania College for Women, now Chatham College. She worked as a biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Her major writings are *Silent Spring*, *Under the Sea-wind*, *The Sea Around Us*, and *The Edge of the Sea*. *Silent Spring* was the first publication to expose the dangers of pesticides and launched the ecology movement in America. Rachel Carson died of cancer in 1964.

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Ecstatically ♩ = 144

Piano *mf sempre legato* *mp* *con pedale*

6 *mf* More per - ma - nent than the stars, the

6 earth turns a - gain to spring as mi - grant

11

16 *f* geese streak the sky catch - ing the air poised be -

21 *poco rit.* *mf* *f* *a tempo* *dim.*
 tween so fie - ry an A - pril sun

21 *poco rit.* *mp* *f* *dim.*
 and the lush green earth, and the lush

26 *mp* *poco rit.* *p* *a tempo*
 green earth. The woods them -

32 *poco rit.* *mp* *a tempo*
 selves are melt - ing, giv - ing way to silt and

38 *p* *mp* *cresc.*
 selves are melt - ing, giv - ing way to silt and

43 sprout. The per - ma - nent earth is ground

48 from a - noth - er an - cient a - ge's per - ma - nent

53 rock and slips towards some oth - er thing per - ma - nent -

58 ly. More per - ma - nent than

f

dim.

mp

poco marcato

mf

legato

dim.

mf

dim.

64 *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

this _____ our hope, _____ our on - ly

64 *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

69 *ff* *gloriously* *f*

place, this earth - ly gar - den, _____ this

69 *ff* *gloriously*

74 *mf* *molto allarg.*

earth - ly gar - den, _____ the ev - er re - turn - ing

74 *mf* *molto allarg.*

80 *mp* *p* **Slower** ♩ = 112 *rit.*

spring of life. _____

80 *mp* *p* *rit.*