

SONGS OF TRAVEL

(POEMS BY ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON)

1. THE VAGABOND (TTBB)
2. BRIGHT IS THE RING OF WORDS (SATB)
3. LET BEAUTY AWAKE (SATB)
4. THE INFINITE SHINING HEAVENS
(SATB)
5. IN DREAMS (SSAA)
6. I HAVE TROD THE UPWARD AND
DOWNWARD SLOPE_(SATB)

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Songs of Travel, a group of nine poems drawn from a book of poems of the same name written by *Robert Louis Stevenson* in 1896.

This poetry became well known through solo settings for voice and piano by *Ralph Vaughan Williams* most probably written in 1904.

These poems explore perennial travel and adventure themes of a traditional English wayfarer or vagabond, world-weary yet resolute.

IN DREAMS

Robert Louis Stevenson

Martin Chambers
b. 1944

Andante ♩ = 68

p

Soprano 1
In dreams, In dreams,

Soprano 2
In dreams, In dreams,

Alto 1
p
In dreams, In dreams,

Alto 2
p
In dreams, In dreams,

Piano for rehearsal only.
p

5

sop. 1
dreams, un - hap - py, *mp* I be - hold you

sop. 2
dreams, un - hap - py, *mp* I be - hold you

alto 1
dreams, un - hap - py, *mp* I be - hold you

alto 2
5
dreams, un - hap - py, *mp* I be - hold you

pno
mp

9

sop. 1
stand as here - to - fore:

sop. 2
stand as here - to - fore:

alto 1
stand as here - to - fore: The un - re - mem - bered

alto 2
stand as here - to - fore: The un - re - mem - bered

pno

13

sop. 1
a - vail no

sop. 2
a - vail no

alto 1
tok - ens in your hand a - vail no

alto 2
tok - ens in your hand a - vail no

pno

17

sop. 1
more. No more the morn - ing glow, no more the

sop. 2
more. No more the morn - ing glow, no more the

alto 1
more.

alto 2
more.

pno

21

sop. 1
grace, en - shrines, en - dears. Cold beats the

sop. 2
grace, en - shrines, en - dears.

alto 1
en - shrines, en - dears. Cold beats the

alto 2
en - shrines, en - dears.

pno

25

sop. 1
light of time up - on your face and shows your tears. _____ your

sop. 2
and shows your tears. _____ your

alto 1
light of time up - on your face and shows your tears. _____ your

alto 2
25
and shows your tears. _____ your

pno

29

sop. 1
tears. _____ shows your tears. He came and went. _____ Per -

sop. 2
tears. _____ shows your tears. He came and went. Per -

alto 1
tears. _____ shows your tears.

alto 2
29
tears. _____ shows your tears.

pno

33

sop. 1
chance Per - chance Per - chance you wept a

sop. 2
chance Per - chance Per - chance you wept a

alto 1
He came and went. Per - chance Per - chance you wept a

alto 2
33 He came and went. Per - chance Per - chance you wept a

pno

37

sop. 1
while and then for - got. Ah

sop. 2
while and then for - got. Ah me!

alto 1
while and then for - got. Ah me!

alto 2
37 while and then for - got. Ah me!

pno

sub. p *mp*

42

sop. 1
— me! Ah me! Ah me! but he that

sop. 2
— Ah me! Ah me! but he that

alto 1
Ah me! Ah me! but he that

alto 2
— Ah me! Ah me! but he that

pno

47

sop. 1
left you with a smile for - gets you not. *p*

sop. 2
left you with a smile for - gets you not. *p*

alto 1
left you with a smile for - gets you not. *p*

alto 2
left you with a smile for - gets you not. *p*

pno