

No. 1 Oscar Wilde American Miniatures

OF COURSE AMERICA

Oscar Wilde

Martin Chambers
b. 1944

Molto Moderato = 98

Proudly

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass
Piano

Of course A - mer - i - ca, A - mer - i - ca of

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molto rit.

Moderato (♩ = c. 80)

Conductor says "ahem"
to regain attention.

S
A
T
B
Pno.

course, A - mer - i - ca had of - ten been dis -

course, A - mer - i - ca had of - ten been dis -

course, "Oh say can you see" A - mer - i - ca had of - ten been dis -

course, A - mer - i - ca had of - ten been dis -

Director claps once to bring everyone's attention back to the song.
Boy was wounded and has turned petulant. Other singers are frustrated

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S cov-ered be-fore Co-lum-bus but... *Three more patriotic singers interrupt.* Co-lum-bus sailed the oc-ean blue.

A cov-ered be-fore Co-lum-bus but... *Solo* Four-teen nine-ty two, four-teen...

T cov-ered be-fore Co-lum-bus but... *Solo* Four-teen nine-ty two, four-teen...

B cov-ered be-fore Co-lum-bus but... *Solo* Four-teen nine-ty two, four-teen...

Pno.

Spoken pompously by one person with a pseudo English accent:
"Of course America had often been discovered before Columbus, but it had always been..."

12 *mf Tutti*

S but it had al-ways been *p fast* hushed up. ssh

A but it had al-ways been *mf p fast* hushed up. ssh

T but it had al-ways been *mf p fast* hushed up. ssh

B but it had al-ways been *mf p fast* hushed up. ssh

Pno. *mf p fast*