

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.

LET BEAUTY AWAKE

Robert Louis Stevenson

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b. 1944

$\text{♩} = 44$ *rubato*

mf

Soprano
Let beau - ty a - wake in the morn from beau - ti - ful dreams, Beau - ty a -

Alto
Let beau - ty a - wake in the morn from beau - ti - ful dreams, Beau - ty a -

Tenor

Bass

Piano
mf

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wake from rest!

wake from rest! Let beau - ty a - wake in the morn from beau - ti - ful dreams, Beau - ty a -

Let beau - ty a - wake in the morn from beau - ti - ful dreams, Beau - ty a -

Let beau - ty a - wake in the morn from beau - ti - ful dreams, Beau - ty a -

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wake from rest!

wake from rest! Let Beau-ty a-wake for Beau-ty's sake In the hour when the birds a -

wake from rest! Let Beau-ty a-wake for Beau-ty's sake In the hour when the birds a -

9

Let Beau-ty a-wake for Beau-ty's

Let Beau-ty a-wake for Beau-ty's

wake in the brake And the stars are bright in the west!

wake in the brake And the stars are bright in the west! Let Beau-ty a-wake for Beau-ty's

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sake In the hour when the birds a - wake in the brake And the stars are bright in the west! Let

sake In the hour when the birds a - wake in the brake And the stars are bright in the west! Let

Let

sake In the hour when the birds a - wake in the brake And the stars are bright in the west!

♩. = 40 Slower

15

mp Beau - ty a - wake in the eve from the slum - ber of day, A - wake in the crim - son eve! *cresc.* In the

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A - wake in the crim - son eve! *cresc.* In the

18

day's dusk end when the shades a - scend, Let her wake to the

day's dusk end when the shades a - scend, Let her wake to the

day's dusk end when the shades a - scend, Let her wake to the

day's dusk end when the shades a - scend, Let her wake to the

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mf kiss of a ten - der friend To ren - der a - gain and re - ceive! *p*

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mf kiss of a ten - der friend To ren - der a - gain and re - ceive! *p*

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molto rit.