

Maple Ridge Chorus

PRESENTS

In Beauty & Hope

Sunday, May 12, 2024

2:30 PM



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Sing Gently

ERIC WHITACRE



**MAY WE SING TOGETHER, ALWAYS
MAY OUR VOICE BE SOFT
MAY OUR SINGING BE MUSIC FOR OTHERS
AND MAY IT KEEP OTHERS ALOFT**

**SING, SING GENTLY, ALWAYS
SING, SING AS ONE (AS ONE)**

**MAY WE STAND (MAY WE STAND) TOGETHER,
ALWAYS**

**MAY OUR VOICE BE STRONG
MAY WE HEAR THE SINGING AND
MAY WE ALWAYS SING ALONG (ALONG)**

**SING, SING GENTLY, ALWAYS
SING, SING AS ONE (AS ONE)**

SINGING GENTLY AS ONE



I Dreamed a Dream

LYRICS BY HERBERT KRETZMER

ORIGINAL TEXT BY ALAIN BOUBLIL

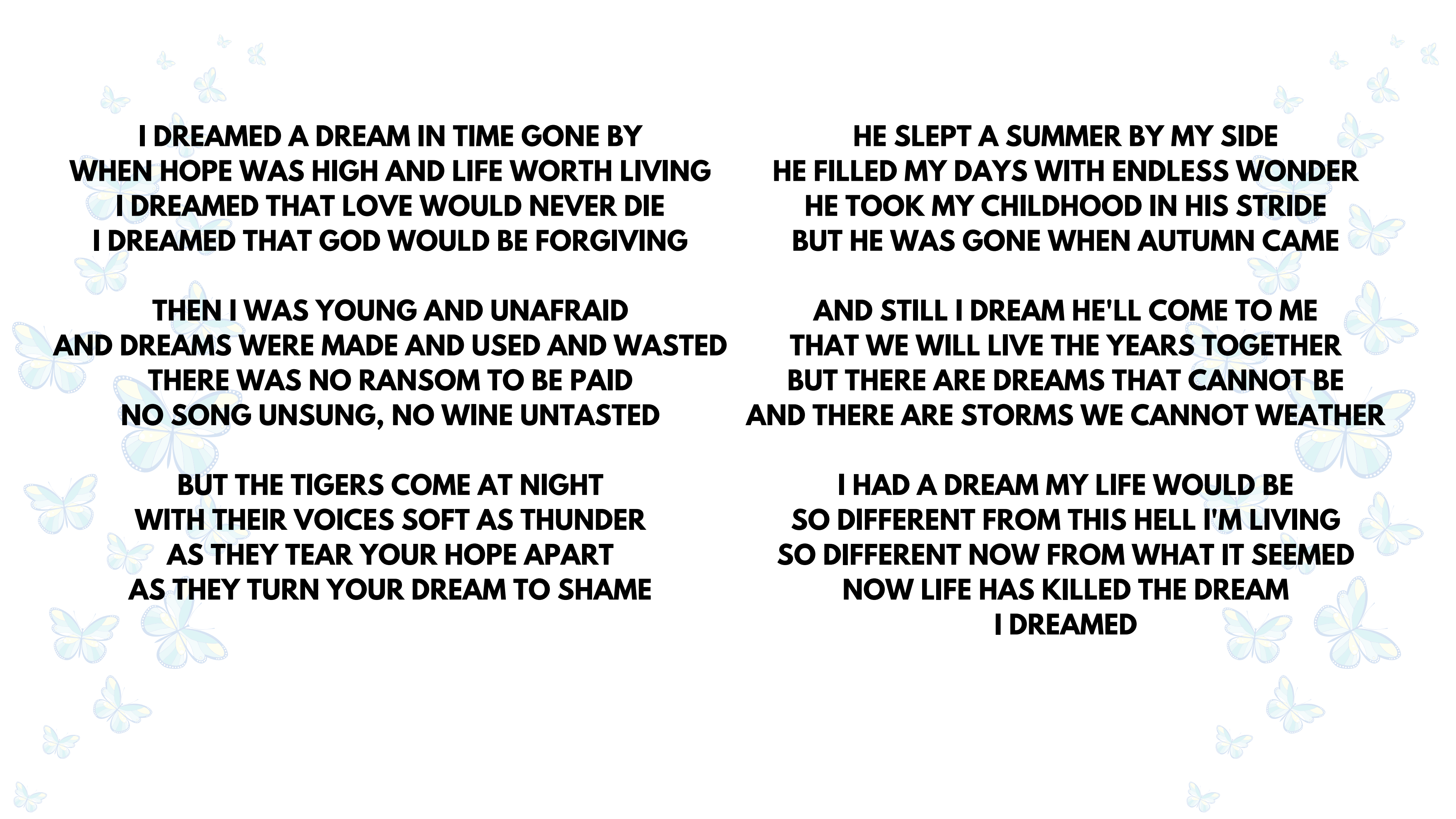
& JEAN-MARC NATEL

MUSIC BY CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHONBERG

ARR. ED LOJESKI

SOLOIST

IAN FRANCISCO



**I DREAMED A DREAM IN TIME GONE BY
WHEN HOPE WAS HIGH AND LIFE WORTH LIVING
I DREAMED THAT LOVE WOULD NEVER DIE
I DREAMED THAT GOD WOULD BE FORGIVING**

**THEN I WAS YOUNG AND UNAFRAID
AND DREAMS WERE MADE AND USED AND WASTED
THERE WAS NO RANSOM TO BE PAID
NO SONG UNSUNG, NO WINE UNTASTED**

**BUT THE TIGERS COME AT NIGHT
WITH THEIR VOICES SOFT AS THUNDER
AS THEY TEAR YOUR HOPE APART
AS THEY TURN YOUR DREAM TO SHAME**

**HE SLEPT A SUMMER BY MY SIDE
HE FILLED MY DAYS WITH ENDLESS WONDER
HE TOOK MY CHILDHOOD IN HIS STRIDE
BUT HE WAS GONE WHEN AUTUMN CAME**

**AND STILL I DREAM HE'LL COME TO ME
THAT WE WILL LIVE THE YEARS TOGETHER
BUT THERE ARE DREAMS THAT CANNOT BE
AND THERE ARE STORMS WE CANNOT WEATHER**

**I HAD A DREAM MY LIFE WOULD BE
SO DIFFERENT FROM THIS HELL I'M LIVING
SO DIFFERENT NOW FROM WHAT IT SEEMED
NOW LIFE HAS KILLED THE DREAM
I DREAMED**



Never Just a Dream

MARK FENSTER

**IN THE NIGHT, WHEN YOU'VE WALKED ALONE
THRU THE COBBLED ROADS OF STONE;
REACHING OUT, WISHING YOUR THOUGHTS
COULD LET YOU KNOW.**

**FIND YOUR WAY, FLY INTO YOUR DREAMS;
FEEL THE MOUNTAINS, TOUCH THE STREAMS
LET THE WONDER IN YOUR EYES
JUST LET YOU GO.**

**IS IT JUST A DREAM YOU'VE HAD SO LONG?
IS IT JUST THE SUNLIGHT IN YOUR EYES?
CAN YOU FIND THE MEANING OF THE SONG
WHISPERED IN YOUR MIND?**

**FOLLOW ALL THE CLOUDS THAT LEAD YOU HOME,
LET THE RAINBOWS GUIDE YOU THRU THE STORM
AND YOU'LL FIND THE SONG THAT'S IN YOUR MIND
IS NEVER JUST A DREAM.**

**DON'T RUN AWAY, DON'T KEEP IT IN SIDE,
THE ROAD CAN SEEM TOO LONG SOMETIMES.
AND THE WIND STRONG ON YOUR SHOULDER
CAN WEIGH YOU DOWN.**

**FOR ALL YOU KNOW, FOR ALL YOU'VE BELIEVED
YOU KNOW THE MAGIC JUST WON'T LEAVE.
SO HANG ON TO WHAT YOU TREASURE,
YOU'LL HOLD THE CROWN.**

**IS IT JUST A DREAM YOU'VE HAD SO LONG?
IS IT JUST THE SUNLIGHT IN YOUR EYES?
CAN YOU FIND THE MEANING OF THE SONG
WHISPERED IN YOUR MIND?**

**FOLLOW ALL THE CLOUDS THAT LEAD YOU HOME,
LET THE RAINBOWS GUIDE YOU THRU THE STORM
AND YOU'LL FIND THE SONG THAT'S IN YOUR MIND
IS NEVER JUST A DREAM?**

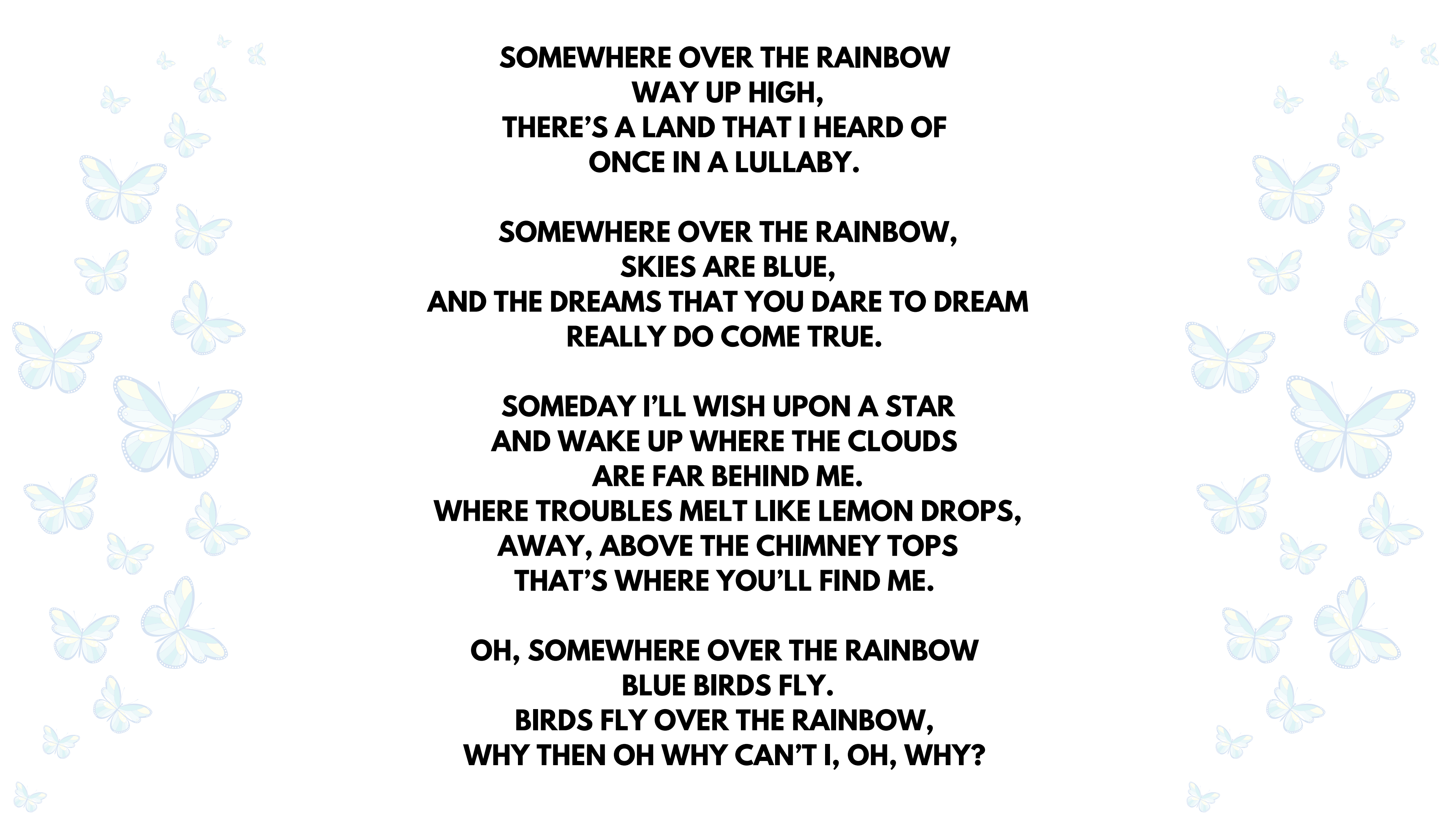
**IS IT JUST A DREAM?
IT'S NEVER JUST A DREAM.**



Over the Rainbow

LYRICS BY E.Y. HARBURG
MUSIC BY HAROLD ARLEN
ARR. TEENA CHINN

SOLOIST
KIRSTEN BOULIER



**SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW
WAY UP HIGH,
THERE'S A LAND THAT I HEARD OF
ONCE IN A LULLABY.**

**SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW,
SKIES ARE BLUE,
AND THE DREAMS THAT YOU DARE TO DREAM
REALLY DO COME TRUE.**

**SOMEDAY I'LL WISH UPON A STAR
AND WAKE UP WHERE THE CLOUDS
ARE FAR BEHIND ME.
WHERE TROUBLES MELT LIKE LEMON DROPS,
AWAY, ABOVE THE CHIMNEY TOPS
THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL FIND ME.**

**OH, SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW
BLUE BIRDS FLY.**

**BIRDS FLY OVER THE RAINBOW,
WHY THEN OH WHY CAN'T I, OH, WHY?**

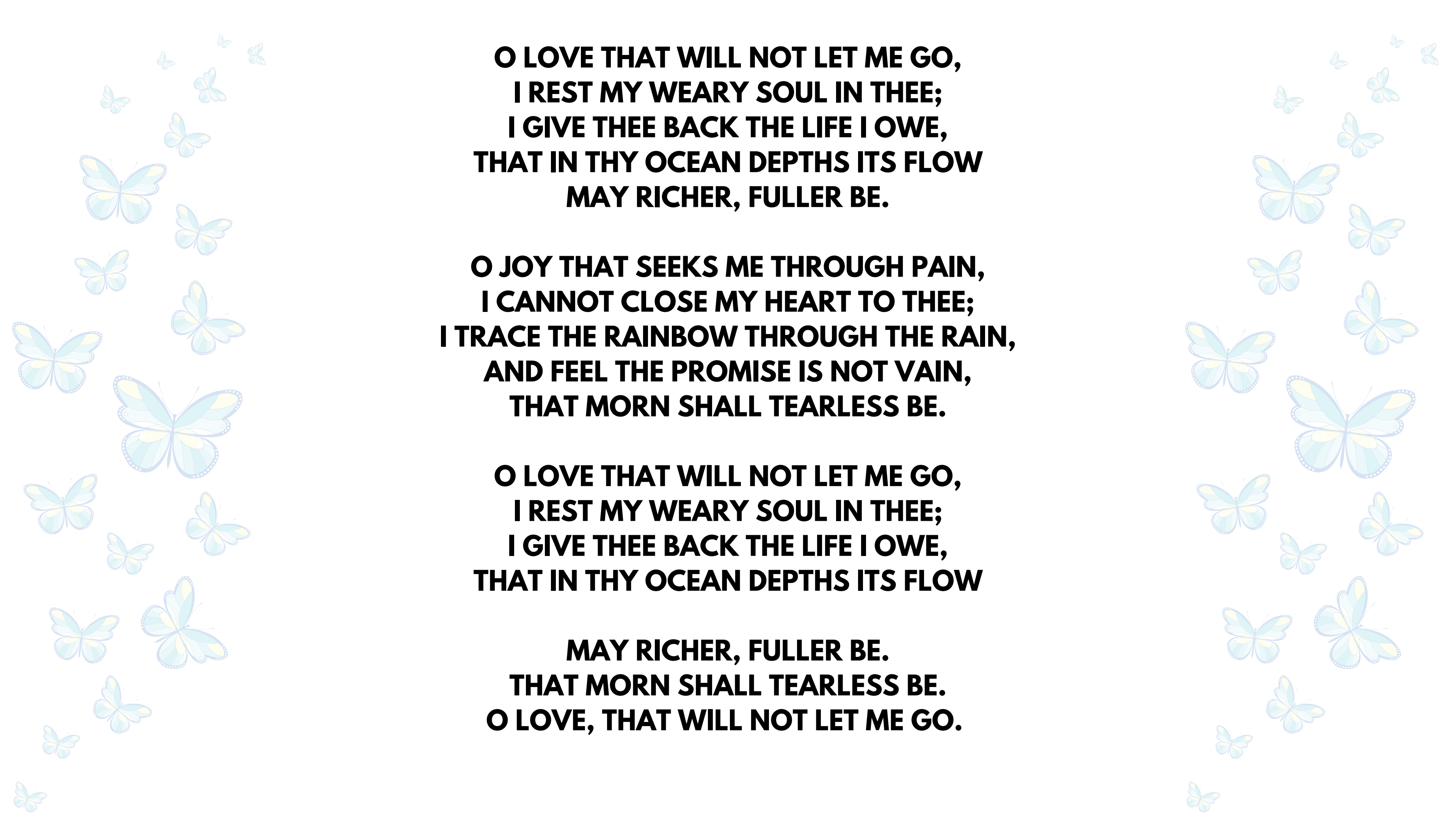


O Love

ELAINE HAGENBERG

FEATURING CELLIST

ANNA KUCHKOVA




**O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO,
I REST MY WEARY SOUL IN THEE;
I GIVE THEE BACK THE LIFE I OWE,
THAT IN THY OCEAN DEPTHS ITS FLOW
MAY RICHER, FULLER BE.**

**O JOY THAT SEEKS ME THROUGH PAIN,
I CANNOT CLOSE MY HEART TO THEE;
I TRACE THE RAINBOW THROUGH THE RAIN,
AND FEEL THE PROMISE IS NOT VAIN,
THAT MORN SHALL TEARLESS BE.**

**O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO,
I REST MY WEARY SOUL IN THEE;
I GIVE THEE BACK THE LIFE I OWE,
THAT IN THY OCEAN DEPTHS ITS FLOW**

**MAY RICHER, FULLER BE.
THAT MORN SHALL TEARLESS BE.
O LOVE, THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO.**



Fields of Gold

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY G.M. SUMNER
ARR. ROGER EMERSON

Soloist

Thyra Gillese

**YOU'LL REMEMBER ME WHEN THE WEST WIND
MOVES
UPON THE FIELDS OF BARLEY
YOU'LL FORGET THE SUN IN HIS JEALOUS SKY
AS WE WALK IN FIELDS OF GOLD**

**SO SHE TOOK HER LOVE
FOR TO GAZE A WHILE
UPON THE FIELDS OF BARLEY
IN HIS ARMS SHE FELL AS HER HAIR CAME DOWN
AMONG THE FIELDS OF GOLD**

**WILL YOU STAY WITH ME?
WILL YOU BE MY LOVE?
UPON THE FIELDS OF BARLEY
WE'LL FORGET THE SUN IN HIS JEALOUS SKY
AS WE LIE IN FIELDS OF GOLD**

**SEE THE WEST WIND MOVE LIKE A LOVER SO
UPON THE FIELDS OF BARLEY
FEEL HER BODY RISE WHEN YOU KISS HER MOUTH
AMONG THE FIELDS OF GOLD**

**I NEVER MADE PROMISES LIGHTLY
AND THERE HAVE BEEN SOME THAT I'VE BROKEN
BUT I SWEAR IN THE DAYS STILL LEFT
WE'LL WALK IN FIELDS OF GOLD
WE'LL WALK IN FIELDS OF GOLD**

**MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THOSE SUMMER
DAYS
AMONG THE FIELDS OF BARLEY
SEE THE CHILDREN RUN AS THE SUN GOES DOWN
AMONG THE FIELDS OF GOLD**

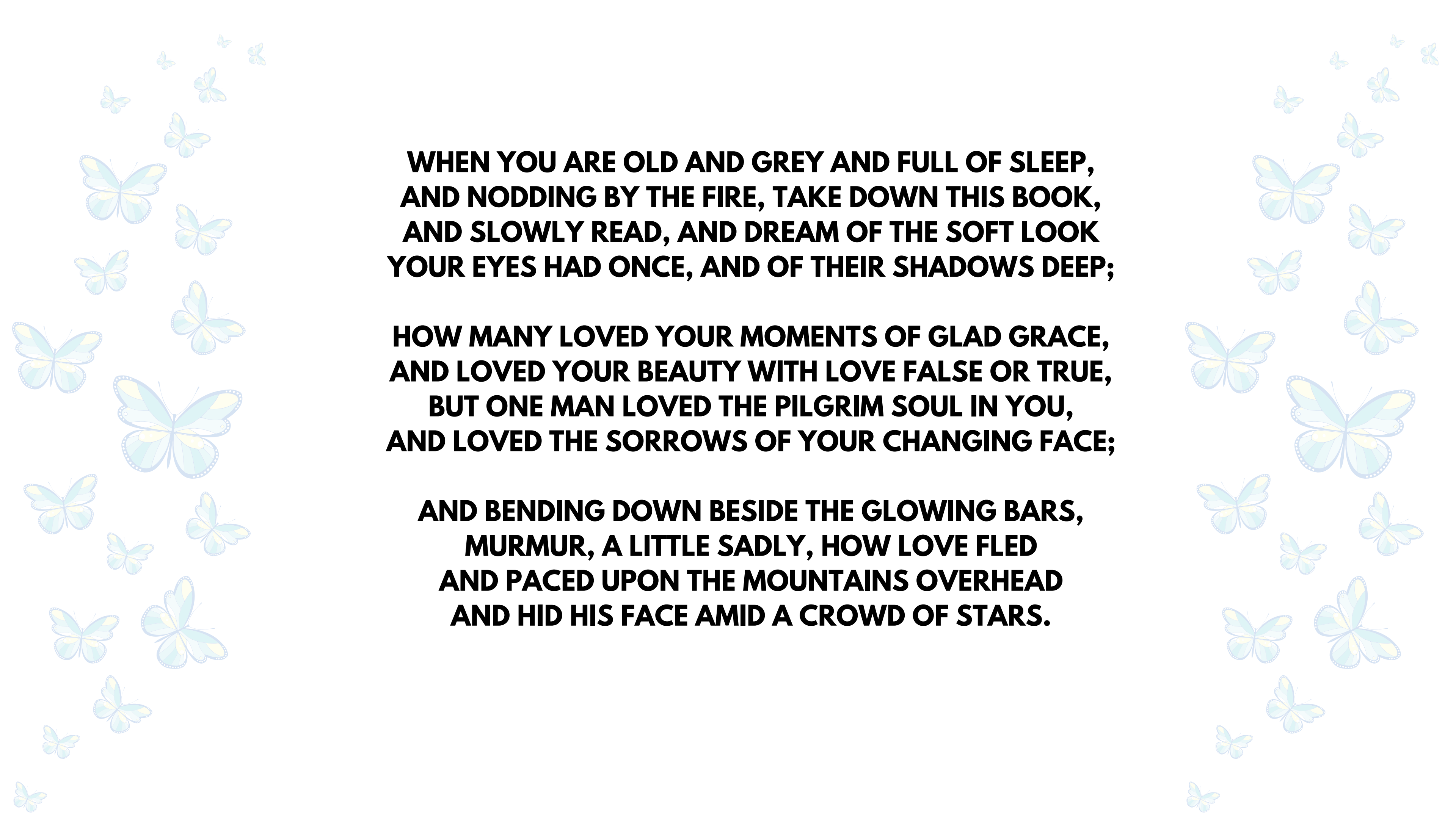
**YOU'LL REMEMBER ME WHEN THE WEST WIND
MOVES
UPON THE FIELDS OF BARLEY
YOU CAN TELL THE SUN IN HIS JEALOUS SKY
WHEN WE WALKED IN FIELDS OF GOLD
WHEN WE WALKED IN FIELDS OF GOLD
WHEN WE WALKED IN FIELDS OF GOLD**



When You Are Old

WORDS BY WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS

TIMOTHY C. TAKACH



**WHEN YOU ARE OLD AND GREY AND FULL OF SLEEP,
AND NODDING BY THE FIRE, TAKE DOWN THIS BOOK,
AND SLOWLY READ, AND DREAM OF THE SOFT LOOK
YOUR EYES HAD ONCE, AND OF THEIR SHADOWS DEEP;**

**HOW MANY LOVED YOUR MOMENTS OF GLAD GRACE,
AND LOVED YOUR BEAUTY WITH LOVE FALSE OR TRUE,
BUT ONE MAN LOVED THE PILGRIM SOUL IN YOU,
AND LOVED THE SORROWS OF YOUR CHANGING FACE;**

**AND BENDING DOWN BESIDE THE GLOWING BARS,
MURMUR, A LITTLE SADLY, HOW LOVE FLED
AND PACED UPON THE MOUNTAINS OVERHEAD
AND HID HIS FACE AMID A CROWD OF STARS.**

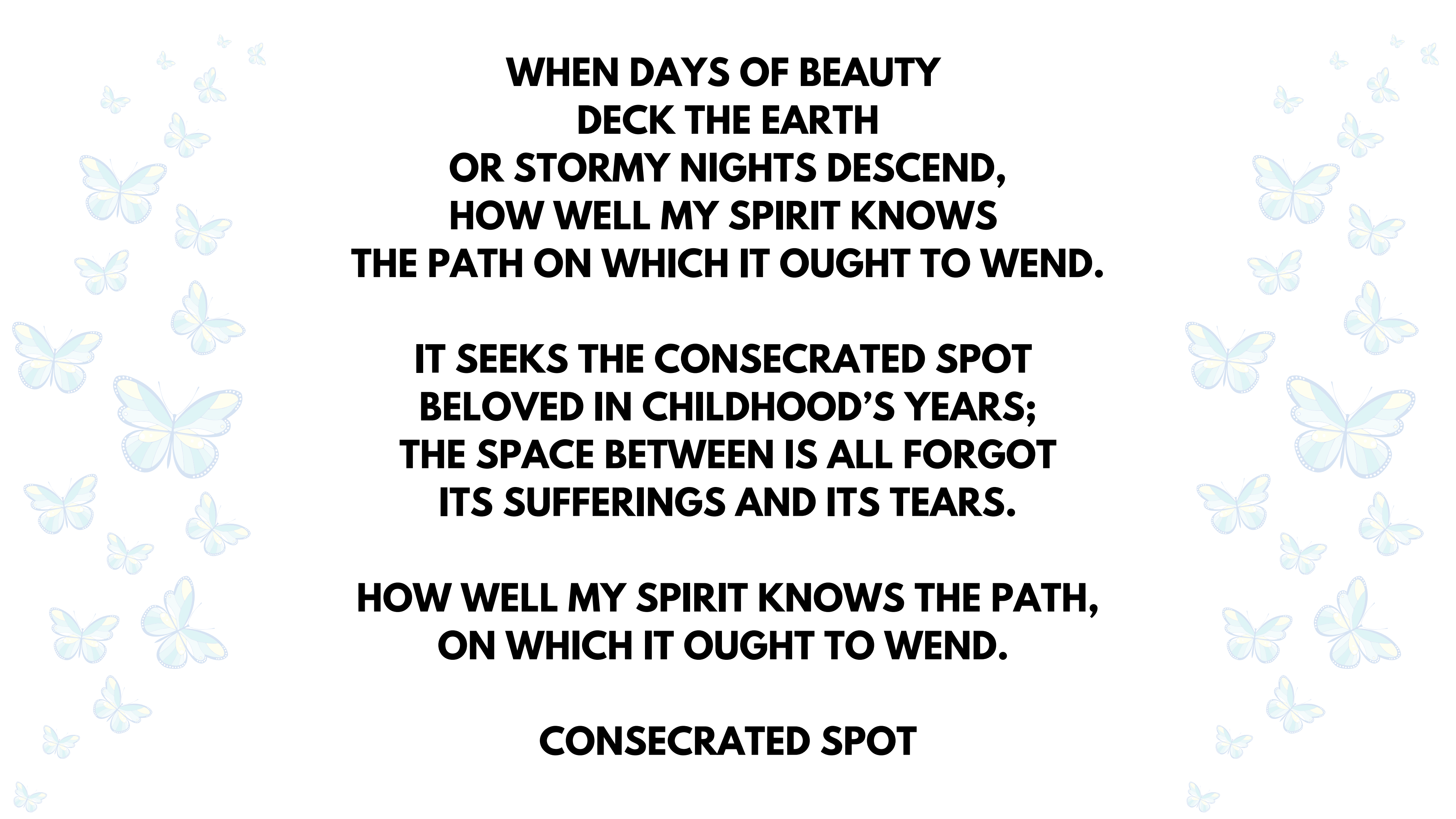


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Days of Beauty

OLA GJIELO



**WHEN DAYS OF BEAUTY
DECK THE EARTH
OR STORMY NIGHTS DESCEND,
HOW WELL MY SPIRIT KNOWS
THE PATH ON WHICH IT OUGHT TO WEND.**

**IT SEEKS THE CONSECRATED SPOT
BELOVED IN CHILDHOOD'S YEARS;
THE SPACE BETWEEN IS ALL FORGOT
ITS SUFFERINGS AND ITS TEARS.**

**HOW WELL MY SPIRIT KNOWS THE PATH,
ON WHICH IT OUGHT TO WEND.**

CONSECRATED SPOT



In Beauty

DENIS DONNELLY

LYRICS FROM NATIVE AMERICAN SOURCES,
ADAPTED WITH DEEP RESPECT

SOLOIST

SUSAN PICHUGIN

**TODAY I WILL WALK OUT
I WILL HAVE A COOL BREEZE
OVER MY BODY**

**MAY I WALK WITH BEAUTY BEFORE ME
MAY I WALK WITH BEAUTY BEHIND ME
MAY I WALK WITH BEAUTY BELOW ME
MAY I WALK WITH BEAUTY ABOVE ME**

**IN BEAUTY ALL AROUND MAY I WALK
THROUGH RETURNING SEASONS MAY I WALK
ON THE TRAIL MARKED WITH POLLEN I WILL WALK
WITH DEW ABOUT MY FEET
WITH DEW ABOUT MY FEET, I WILL WALK**

**I WALK WITH BEAUTY BEFORE ME
I WALK WITH BEAUTY BEHIND ME
I WALK WITH BEAUTY BELOW ME
I WALK WITH BEAUTY ABOVE ME**

**WANDERING ON THE TRAIL OF BEAUTY
I WILL WALK IN BEAUTY
WITH BEAUTY ALL AROUND, MAY I WALK**





For the Beauty of the Earth

CRAIG CURRY

**FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH,
FOR THE GLORY OF THE SKIES,
FOR THE LOVE WHICH FROM OUR BIRTH
OVER AND AROUND US LIES;**

**GOD OF ALL, TO THEE WE RAISE
THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE.
GOD OF ALL, TO THEE WE RAISE
OUR HYMN OF PRAISE.**

**FOR THE WONDER OF EACH HOUR
OF THE DAY AND OF THE NIGHT,
HILL AND VALE AND TREE AND FLOWER,
SUN AND MOON, AND STARS OF LIGHT;**

**GOD OF ALL, TO THEE WE RAISE
THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE.
LORD OF ALL, TO THEE WE RAISE
OUR HYMN OF PRAISE.**

**FOR THE JOY OF HUMAN LOVE,
BROTHER, SISTER, PARENT, CHILD;
FRIENDS ON EARTH AND FRIENDS ABOVE;
FOR ALL GENTLE THOUGHTS AND MILD;**

**FOR THY CHURCH THAT EVERMORE
LIFTETH HOLY HANDS ABOVE,
OFFERING UP ON EVERY SHORE
HER PURE SACRIFICE OF LOVE;**

**FOR THYSELF, BEST GIFT DIVINE,
TO OUR RACE SO FREELY GIVEN,
FOR THAT GREAT, GREAT LOVE OF THINE,
PEACE ON EARTH, AND JOY IN HEAVEN:**

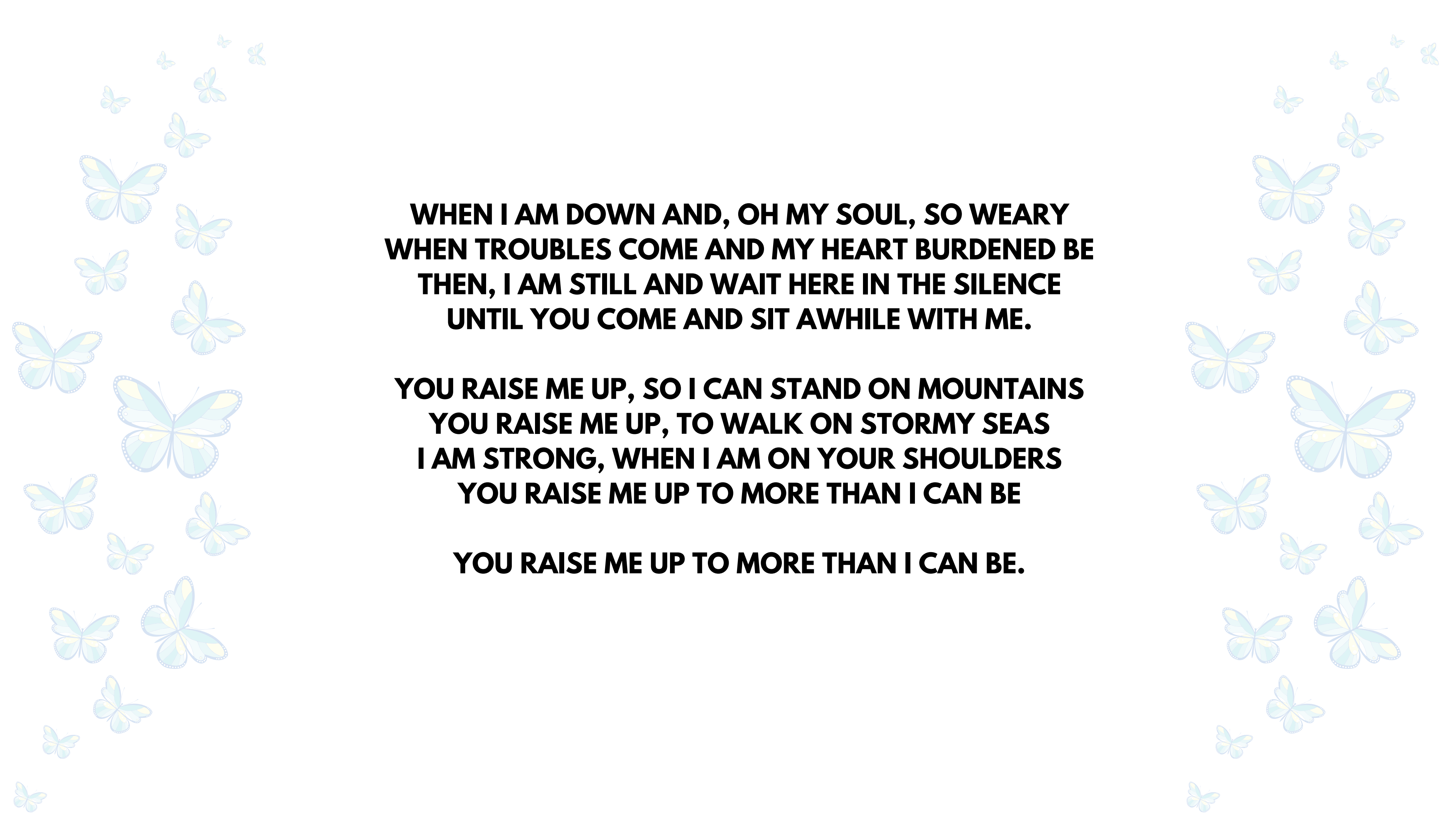
**GOD OF ALL, TO THEE WE RAISE
THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE.
GOD OF ALL, TO THEE WE RAISE
THIS HYMN OF PRAISE.**

**GOD, ACCEPT OUR HYMN
OF GRATEFUL PRAISE!**



You Raise Me Up

BRENDAN GRAHAM & ROLF LOVLAND,
ARR. JOSEPH M. MARTIN



**WHEN I AM DOWN AND, OH MY SOUL, SO WEARY
WHEN TROUBLES COME AND MY HEART BURDENED BE
THEN, I AM STILL AND WAIT HERE IN THE SILENCE
UNTIL YOU COME AND SIT AWHILE WITH ME.**

**YOU RAISE ME UP, SO I CAN STAND ON MOUNTAINS
YOU RAISE ME UP, TO WALK ON STORMY SEAS
I AM STRONG, WHEN I AM ON YOUR SHOULDERS
YOU RAISE ME UP TO MORE THAN I CAN BE
YOU RAISE ME UP TO MORE THAN I CAN BE.**



I Believe

MARK A. MILLER

SOLOIST
MATT LAITY

The page is decorated with numerous light blue butterflies of various sizes, scattered across the background. The text is centered and reads:

**I BELIEVE IN THE SUN
I BELIEVE IN THE SUN
EVEN WHEN, EVEN WHEN IT'S NOT SHINING**

**I BELIEVE IN THE SUN
I BELIEVE IN THE SUN
EVEN WHEN, EVEN WHEN IT'S NOT SHINING**

**I BELIEVE IN LOVE
I BELIEVE IN LOVE
EVEN WHEN, EVEN WHEN I DON'T FEEL IT**

**I BELIEVE IN LOVE
I BELIEVE IN LOVE
EVEN WHEN, EVEN WHEN I DON'T FEEL IT
(I BELIEVE IN LOVE)**

**I BELIEVE IN LOVE
I BELIEVE IN LOVE
EVEN WHEN, EVEN WHEN I DON'T FEEL IT
(I BELIEVE IN LOVE)**

**I BELIEVE IN LOVE
I BELIEVE IN LOVE
EVEN WHEN, EVEN WHEN I DON'T FEEL IT**

**I BELIEVE IN GOD
I BELIEVE IN GOD
EVEN WHEN, EVEN WHEN GOD IS SILENT**

**OOO...
OOO...
OOO...**



Even When He Is Silent

KIM ANDRE ARNESEN

A decorative border on the left side of the page featuring numerous light blue butterflies with yellow accents on their wings, scattered across the vertical axis.

**I BELIEVE IN THE SUN EVEN WHEN IT'S NOT SHINING.
I BELIEVE IN LOVE EVEN WHEN I FEEL IT NOT.
I BELIEVE IN GOD EVEN WHEN HE IS SILENT.**

A decorative border on the right side of the page featuring numerous light blue butterflies with yellow accents on their wings, scattered across the vertical axis.



We Rise Again

LEON DUBINSKY

ARR. STEPHEN SMITH

SOLOISTS

KIRK BROWN & ADELINE TUFTS

**WHEN THE WAVES ROLL ON OVER THE WATERS
AND THE OCEAN CRIES
WE LOOK TO OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS
TO EXPLAIN OUR LIVES**

**AS IF A CHILD COULD TELL US WHY
THAT AS SURE AS THE SUNRISE
AS SURE AS THE SEA
AS SURE AS THE WIND IN THE TREES**

**WE RISE AGAIN IN THE FACES
OF OUR CHILDREN**

**WE RISE AGAIN IN THE VOICES OF OUR SONG
WE RISE AGAIN IN THE WAVES OUT ON THE OCEAN
AND THEN WE RISE AGAIN**

**WHEN THE LIGHT GOES DARK
WITH THE FORCES OF CREATION
ACROSS A STORMY SKY
WE LOOK TO REINCARNATION
TO EXPLAIN OUR LIVES**

**AS IF A CHILD COULD TELL US WHY
THAT AS SURE AS THE SUNRISE
AS SURE AS THE SEA
AS SURE AS THE WIND IN THE TREES**

**WE RISE AGAIN IN THE FACES
OF OUR CHILDREN**

**WE RISE AGAIN IN THE VOICES OF OUR SONG
WE RISE AGAIN IN THE WAVES OUT ON THE OCEAN
AND THEN WE RISE AGAIN**

**WE RISE AGAIN IN THE FACES
OF OUR CHILDREN**

**WE RISE AGAIN IN THE VOICES OF OUR SONG
WE RISE AGAIN IN THE WAVES OUT ON THE OCEAN
AND THEN WE RISE AGAIN**

Our Singers

Soprano

Courtney Belanger
Carolyn Gosling
Kathy Hachey
Kristi Hines
Joy Jun
Virginia Kuran
Afton Lamb
Heather McCain
Emmy O'Leary
Jancis O'Mara
Laura Pachal
Rosemarie Page
Claudia Peters
Marilyn Piticco
Melissa Pratas
Peggy Rogers
Shawna Ann Van Aert
Korri Zivin

Alto

Susan Albert
Bonnie Allan
Lorraine Anchor
Geri Bolan
Kirsten Boulier
Pauline De Silva
Ellen Beverley Flett
Rachel Hagel
Georgina Harris
Beth MacKinnon
Susan Pichugin
Saphina Sha
Jetty Soolsma
Adeline Tufts
Kathy Way
Maeve Whalley
Debbie Wray

Tenor

Kirk Brown
Mandy Fan
Thyra Gillese
Joe Grill
Mary Heaton
Kingsley Hortin
Shirley Jones
Jean O'Brien
Tom Schroeder
Glenda Speight

Bass

Jim Biggar
Ethan Darlington
Ian Francisco
John Gardner
Damon Hines
Matt Laity
John Simms
Asher Witwicki-Fishman

***We acknowledge the unceded and traditional
homeland of the
Katzie First Nations and the Kwantlen First Nations
on which we practice and perform.***



Our 2023/2024

***Maple Ridge Choral Society
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Our Artistic Director

Canadian pianist **Frank Zieginson** is sought after as both performer and music educator, currently making his home in Vancouver, BC.

Since coming to the piano at the age of eighteen, Frank has established himself as a dynamic and versatile artist, known for his creative programming of repertoire be it for solo piano, art song, chamber music, or choral music. He has been described as “a highly gifted pianist who has a real sense of collaboration with other instrumentalists and singers” and was “easily the most outstanding pianist of the six pianists selected.”

Stemming from his passion for chamber music and art song, Frank formed *Songscape Duo* with American soprano, Madeline Miskie-Jaeger in August of 2014. Frank is also the founding member of the Ricordanza Trio and the Founding and Artistic Director of the Ricordanza Summer Chamber Music Festival (Victoria, Canada).

In addition to his work as a musician and educator, Frank is also the Minister of Music at Lynn Valley United Church, Artistic Director of Lynn Valley Voices, The Rainbow Chorus, and the Maple Ridge Chorus.

He holds several degrees in music, including a Master of Music: Collaborative Piano (University of Maryland), Master of Music: Solo Performance (Brandon University), Bachelor of Music: Piano Performance (University of Lethbridge) and a Performance Diploma (Red Deer College).



Our Pianist

James Dekker is a talented multi-instrumentalist who enjoys performing and accompanying in many musical styles. He currently holds the accompanist position with the Maple Ridge Chorus and the Rainbow Chorus of New Westminster.

A proud graduate of Capilano University's Jazz Studies Program, he has had the opportunity of working with musicians such as Dee Daniels, Donny McCaslin, and many more.

James has been interested in music all his life, starting to play piano not long after learning to walk.

Recently, he has enjoyed performing and recording with groups such as the Jamie Lee Trio (a modern jazz/fusion group) and Big Madge (a ska/punk band formed with fellow Capilano graduates).

When he isn't playing music, James can often be found rock climbing or playing board games with friends.





Our Thanks

We would like to acknowledge the following people and businesses for their support;

David Cousins - Mentor/Consultant

Anna Kuchkova - Cellist

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Concert Day Volunteers

This public concert is made possible by a generous 2023 Community Arts Partner Grant from the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council, and Community Gaming grant from the Province of BC, whom we thank for their support!

Join Us

Our Fall Season will commence on
September 10, 2024

and we welcome new members
for the first 4-weeks of the season.
We rehearse on Tuesday evenings at
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
12145 Laity Street, Maple Ridge



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New for 2024-2025 Season!

The Maple Ridge Choral Society (MRCSC) is exploring the opportunity to start a non-audition **Youth Choir in the Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows area, for those aged 14-19, starting September 2024.**

Scan the QR code to register for the free virtual information session on Tuesday May 28th, 7:00pm and learn more about this exciting new opportunity!



Fundraising

Proceeds from our 50/50 draw will go towards our new bursary fund, to help those who may not be able to pay the registration fee still receive the benefits of joining our choral community, and the purchase of risers.



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About Us

The Maple Ridge Chorus is the oldest, largest, secular, all-inclusive, non-audition community choir for adults in Maple Ridge.

Although as a non-profit we still officially operate as the Maple Ridge Choral Society (our original name), we now publicize our choir as the **Maple Ridge Chorus.**

We enjoy singing an eclectic mix of music: popular, show tunes, Christmas, folk, sacred, classical, and more.



Thank You For Attending



**Maple Ridge
Choral Society**