

**Mariah Dale, Soprano
& Kendra Franks, Piano
Assisted by Andrew Wiele, Clarinet**

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Program

Der Hirt auf dem Felsen

Franz Schubert
(1797-1828)

**Ma vie a son secret
Guitare
L'esprit saint**

Georges Bizet
(1838-1875)

~ Intermission ~

Selections from **Chanting to Paradise**

Bind Me – I Still Can Sing
In This Short Life
By A Departing Light

Libby Larsen
(born 1950)

Quattro rispetti

Quando ti vidi a quell canto apparire
O guarda, guarda quell nobile augello
Angiolo delicato fresco e bello
Sia benedetto chi fece lo mondo

Ermanno Wolf Ferrari
(1876-1948)

In uomini! In soldati
from *Così fan tutte*

W.A. Mozart
(1756-1791)

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in Voice Performance.
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Texts and Translations

Der Hirt auf dem Felsen

Wenn auf dem höchsten Fels ich steh',
In's tiefe Tal hernieder seh',
Und singe,

Fern aus dem tiefen dunkeln Tal
Schwingt sich empor der Widerhall
Der Klüfte.

Je weiter meine Stimme dringt,
Je heller sie mir wieder klingt
Von unten.

Mein Liebchen wohnt so weit von mir,
Drum sehn' ich mich so heiß nach ihr
Hinüber.

In tiefem Gram verzehr ich mich,
Mir ist die Freude hin,
Auf Erden mir die Hoffnung wich,
Ich hier so einsam bin.

So sehnend klang im Wald das Lied,
So sehnend klang es durch die Nacht,
Die Herzen es zum Himmel zieht
Mit wunderbarer Macht.

Der Frühling will kommen,
Der Frühling, meine Freud',
Nun mach' ich mich fertig
Zum Wandern bereit.

By Wilhelm Müller

Ma vie a son secret

Ma vie a son secret, mon âme a son mystère:
Un amour éternel en un moment conçu:
Le mal est sans remède, aussi j'ai dû le taire,
Et celle qui l'a fait n'en a jamais rien su.

Ainsi j'aurai passé près d'elle inaperçue,
Toujours à ses côtés et toujours solitaire,
Et j'aurai jusqu'au bout, fait mon temps sur la terre,
N'osant rien demander et n'ayant rien reçue.

Pour elle, que le ciel a faite douce et tendre,
Elle suit son chemin, distraite et sans entendre
La murmur d'amour élevé sur ses pas.

À l'austère devoir pieusement fidèle,
Elle dira, lisant ces vers tout remplis d'elle;
"Quelle est donc cette femme?" et ne comprendra pas!

Based on text by Félix Arvers

The Shepherd on the Rock

When I stand on the highest rock,
Look down into the deep valley,
And sing,

From far away in the deep dark valley
The echo from the ravines
Rises up.

The further my voice carries,
The clearer it echoes back to me
From below.

My sweetheart lives so far from me,
Therefore I long so to be with her
Over there.

Deep grief consumes me,
My joy has fled,
All earthly hope has vanished,
I am so lonely here.

The song rang out so longingly through the woods,
Rang out so longingly through the night,
That it draws hearts to heaven
With wondrous power.

Spring is coming,
Spring, my joy,
I shall now make ready
To travel.

My life has its secret

My life has its secret, my soul has its mystery:
An eternal love conceived in one moment:
The illness is without remedy, so I had to silence it,
And she who caused it never knew anything about it.

Thus I will have passed near her unperceived,
Ever at her side – and ever solitary,
And up to the end of my time on the earth,
I will never have dared to ask anything and will have received nothing.

As for her, whom Heaven has made sweet and tender,
She follows her path, preoccupied and without hearing
The murmur of love arising from her footsteps.

To her austere duty piously faithful,
She will say, reading these verses full of her:
"Who is this woman then?" – and will not understand.

Translation by Emily Ezust

Guitare

Comment, disaient-ils,
Avec nos nacelles,
Fuir les alguazils?
– Ramez, disaient-elles.

Comment, disaient-ils,
Oublier querelles,
Misère et périls?
– Dormez, disaient-elles.

Comment, disaient-ils,
Enchanter les belles
Sans philtres subtils?
– Aimez, disaient-elles.

By Victor Hugo

L'esprit saint

Quel feu s'allume dans mon coeur!
Quel Dieu vient habiter mon âme!
A son aspect consolateur,
Et je m'éclaire et je m'enflamme!
Ah! viens-je t'adore!
Esprit créateur!
Un jour plus pur luit à mes yeux,
Dieu de clarté, je t'en rends grâce!
Un jour plus pur luit à mes yeux!
Je vois fuir l'esprit ténébreux;
La foi dans mon coeur prend sa place:
Tous mes désirs sont pour les cieux!

Je vois mille ennemis divers
Conjurer ma perte éternelle;
J'entends tous leurs complots pervers:
Dieu, romps leur trame criminelle;
Qu'ils retombent dans les enfers!
Règne à jamais, O Dieu d'amour!
Sur ce coeur qui devient ton temple!
Oui, sur mon coeur, règne à jamais!
Que je t'honore dès ce jour:
Que mon oeil charmé te contemple
Dans l'éclat du divin séjour!

Anonymous text

Selections from Chanting to Paradise

Bind Me- I Still Can Sing

Bind me – I still can sing –
Banish – my mandolin
Strikes true within –

Slay – and my Soul shall rise
Chanting to Paradise –
Still thine.

By Emily Dickinson

Guitar

How, said the men,
with our small craft,
can we flee the alguazils?
– Row, said the women.

How said the men,
can we forget feuds,
poverty and peril?
– Sleep, said the women.

How, said the men,
can we bewitch the fair
without rare potions?
– Love said the women.

Translation by Richard Stokes

The Holy Spirit

What a fire is kindling in my heart!
What God comes to inhabit my soul!
To His consoling aspect,
And I light up and I am inflamed!
Ah! come, I adore you!
Creative Spirit!
A day more pure shines in my eyes,
God of clarity, I thank you!
A day more pure shines in my eyes,
I see the dark spirit fleeing;
Faith takes its place in my heart:
All my desires are for heaven!

I see a thousand different enemies
Conjuring my eternal loss;
I hear all their perverted plots;
God, break their criminal web;
Let them fall back into hell!
Reign forever, O God of love!
On this heart which becomes your temple!
Yes, over my heart, reign forever!
May I honor you from this day:
May my charmed eye contemplate you
In the radiance of divine existence!

Translation by Mariah Dale

In This Short Life

In this short Life
That only lasts an hour
How much – how little – is
Within our power

By Emily Dickinson

By a Departing Light

By a departing light
We see acuter, quite,
Than by a wick that stays.
There's something in the flight
That clarifies the sight
And decks the rays.

By Emily Dickinson

Quattro Rispetti

Quando ti vidi a quell canto aparire

Quando ti vidi a quel canto apparire
Ti assomigliai alla spera del sole.
Abbassai gli occhi e non seppi che dire:
Allora incominciava il nostro amore.
Ora che il nostro amor è cominciato
Vogliami un po' di ben giovin garbato.

O guarda, guarda quell nobile augello

O guarda, guarda quel nobile augello
Che va per l'aria e lo ricopre il sole!
E così fate voi giovane bello
Quando di casa vostra escite fuore,
Quando di casa vostra fuori andate
L'aria e la terra di fior seminate.
Quando di casa vostra fuora uscite
L'aria e la terra di bei fior coprite!

Angiolo delicato fresco e bello

Angiolo delicato fresco e bello
Quanto vi seppe vostra mamma fare!
Nascesse mille voi siete il più bello,
Fiorisce l'erba do' avete a passare.
Dove avete a passar fiorisce il grano.
Bello, nasceste colle rose in mano.
Dove avete a passar fiorisce il giglio.
Bello, nasceste colle rose in collo.
Dove avete a passar fiorisce il lino.
Bello, nasceste con un gelsomino.

Sia Benedetto chi fece lo mondo

Sia benedetto chi fece lo mondo!
Lo seppe tanto bene accomodare!
Fece lo mare e non vi fece fondo,
Fece le navi per poter passare.
Fece le navi e fece il paradiso
E fece le bellezze al vostro viso.

When I saw you appear at that song

When I saw you appear at that song
You seemed like a ray of sun.
I lowered my gaze and didn't know what to say;
There our love began.
Now that our love has begun,
Wish me a little bit of good, polite boy.

O look, look at that noble bird

O look, look at that noble bird
Who flies in the air and covers the sun!
And so do you, young handsome man
When you go out of your house,
When you go out of your house
The air and the land are strewn with flowers.
When you go out of your house,
The air and the land are covered with beautiful flowers!

As delicate as an angel, fresh and beautiful

As delicate as an angel, fresh and beautiful
That's how your mother made you!
Of a thousand born, you are the most beautiful,
Even the grass blooms when you walk by
Where you pass by the grain blossoms.
Beautiful, you were born with roses in your hand.
Where you pass by the lilies blossom,
Beautiful, you were born with roses around your neck
Where you pass by the flax flourishes,
Beautiful, you were born with a jasmine.

Blessed is he who made the world

Blessed is he who made the world!
He knew so well how to create it!
He made the sea and didn't make its bottom,
He made the ships to be able to pass through,
He made the boats and made paradise
And he made all the beauty of your face.

In uomini! In soldati

In uomini! In soldati,
sperare fedeltà?
Non vi fate sentir, per carità!
Di pasta simile son tutti quanti:
le fronde mobile, l'aure incostanti
han più degli uomini stabilità.
Mentite lagrime, fallaci sguardi,
voci ingannevoli, vezzi bugiardi
son le primarie lor qualità.
In noi non amano che il lor diletto,
poi ci disprezzano, ne ganci affetto,
né val da' barbari chieder pietà.
Paghiam, o femmine, d'ugual moneta
questa malefica razza indiscrete;
amiam per commodo, per vanità.

Libretto by Lorenzo da Ponte

In men! In soldiers
you look for fidelity?
Don't let anyone hear you, for pity's sake!
They're all made the same;
the leaves, the breezes
are more stable than men are.
Lying tears, duplicitous looks,
deceitful voices, fake caresses;
These are their tools of the trade.
They love us only for their own pleasure,
then they despise us for falling for them;
it's no use to beg mercy from such barbarians.
Let's pay them back in the same coin,
this evil, indiscreet race;
Let's love for our own pleasure, for our own vanity.

Translation by Christine Seitz

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