



Three Partsongs  
Opus 111  
No. 1

# AIlover's ditty

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# A Lover's ditty

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Andante

S *mp* I had a love pass - ing fair was she, As it were the whole world's

A *mp* I had a love pass - ing fair was she, As it were the whole world's

T *mp* I had a love pass - ing fair was she, As it were the whole world's

B *mp* I had a love pass - ing fair was she, As it were the

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S jew - - - el, White as a dove, Say, how could it be,

A jew - el, White as a dove, Say, how could it be,

T jew - - - el, White as a dove, Say, how could it be,

B whole world's jew - el, White as a dove, Say, how could it be,

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S She could have \_\_\_\_\_ a heart \_\_\_\_\_ so cru - el?

A She could have \_\_\_\_\_ a heart \_\_\_\_\_ so cru - el?

T She could have \_\_\_\_\_ a heart \_\_\_\_\_ so cru - el?

B She could have \_\_\_\_\_ a heart \_\_\_\_\_ so cru - el?

Allegretto

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S *p* Su - ing her, woo - ing her, Still with sighs pur - su - ing her All

A *p* Su - ing her, woo - ing her, With sighs pur - su - ing her All

T *p* Su - ing her, woo - ing her, With sighs pur - su - ing her All

B *p* Still with sighs pur - su - ing her All

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S *cresc.* I might gain for guer - don A word un - kind, A dole - ful mind And a *f*

A *cresc.* I might gain for guer - don A word un - kind, A dole - ful mind And a *f*

T *cresc.* I might gain for guer - don A word un - kind, A dole - ful mind And a *f*

B *cresc.* I might gain for guer - don A word un - kind, A dole - ful mind And a *f*

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S frown, And a song with a hea - vy bur - - -

A frown, And a song with a hea - vy bur - - -

T frown, And a song with a hea - vy bur - - -

B frown, And a song with a hea - vy bur - - -

*dim.*

S *p* den, Down a - down, And a - down, a - down, a - down, a -

A *p* den, Down a - down, And a - down, a - down, a - down, a -

T *p* den, Down a - down, And a - down, a - down, a - down, a -

B *p* den, Down a - down, a - down,

25

S *pp* down, Hey, down a - down a'.

A *pp* down, Hey, down a - down a'.

T *pp* down, Hey, down a - down a'.

B *pp* — Hey, down a - down a - down a'.

*rall.*

## Andante

30 *mp*

S I had a love pass - ing fair was she, Yet her heart set no - thing

A I had a love pass - ing fair was she, Yet her heart set no - thing

T I had a love pass - ing fair was she, Yet her heart set no - thing

B I had a love pass - ing fair was she, Yet her heart set

33

S by \_\_\_\_\_ me; Shall I not prove, If some maid there be,

A by \_\_\_\_\_ me; Shall I not prove, If some maid there be,

T by \_\_\_\_\_ me; Shall I not prove, If some maid there be,

B no - thing by me; Shall I not prove, If some maid there be,

36

S Who will nev - er thus \_\_\_\_\_ de - ny me?

A Who will nev - er thus \_\_\_\_\_ de - ny me?

T Who will nev - er thus \_\_\_\_\_ de - ny me?

B Who will nev - er thus \_\_\_\_\_ de - ny me?

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## Allegretto

39 *p*

S Su - ing her, woo - ing her, Still with sighs pur - su - ing her She

A *p* Su - ing her, woo - ing her, With sighs pur - su - ing her She

T *p* Su - ing her, woo - ing her, With sighs pur - su - ing her She

B *p* Still with sighs pur - su - ing her She

43 *cresc.* *f*

S will give more for guer - don Than a word un - kind, A dole - ful mind And a

A *cresc.* *f* will give more for guer - don Than a word un - kind, A dole - ful mind And a

T *cresc.* *f* will give more for guer - don Than a word un - kind, A dole - ful mind And a

B *cresc.* *f* will give more for guer - don Than a word un - kind, A dole - ful mind And a

47 *dim.*

S frown, And a song with a hea - vy bur - - -

A *dim.* frown, And a song with a hea - vy bur - - -

T *dim.* frown, And a song with a hea - vy bur - - -

B *dim.* frown, And a song with a hea - vy bur - - -

51 *p*

S den, Down a - down, And a - down, a - down, a - down, a - down, a -

A den, Down a - down, And a - down, a - down, a - down, a -

T den, Down a - down, And a - down, a - down, a - down, a -

B *p* den, Down a - down, a - down,

55 *pp* *rall.*

S down, Hey, down a - down a'.

A down, Hey, down a - down a'.

T down, Hey, down a - down a'.

B *pp* *rall.* — Hey, down a - down a - down a'.

I had a love passing fair was she,  
As it were the whole world's jewel,  
White as a dove,  
Say, how could it be,  
She could have a heart so cruel?

Suing her, wooing her,  
Still with sighs pursuing her  
All I might gain for guerdon  
A word unkind,  
A doleful mind  
And a frown,  
And a song with a heavy burden,  
Down a-down,  
And a-down, a-down, a-down, a-down, a-down,  
Hey, down a-down a'.

I had a love passing fair was she,  
Yet her heart set nothing by me;  
Shall I not prove,  
If some maid there be,  
Who will never thus deny me?

Suing her, wooing her,  
Still with sighs pursuing her  
She will give more for guerdon  
Than a word unkind,  
A doleful mind  
And a frown,  
And a song with a heavy burden,  
Down a-down,  
And a-down, a-down, a-down, a-down, a-down,  
Hey, down a-down a'.

Mary Clarissa "May" Byron (1861-1936)

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