

# Programme Notes

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## 3 Browning Songs - Amy Beach

### The Year's at the Spring

The year's at the spring,  
And day's at the morn;  
Morning's at seven;  
The hill-side's dew-pearl'd;  
The lark's on the wing;  
The snail's on the thorn;  
God's in His heaven—  
All's right with the world!

### Ah, Love, but a day

Ah, Love, but a day,  
And the world has changed!  
The sun's away,  
And the bird estranged;  
The wind has dropped,  
And the sky's deranged;  
Summer has stopped.

Look in my eyes!  
Wilt thou change too?  
Should I fear surprise?  
Shall I find aught new  
In the old and dear,  
In the good and true,  
With the changing year?

Thou art a man,  
But I am thy love.  
For the lake, its swan;  
For the dell, its dove;  
And for thee — (oh, haste!)  
Me, to bend above,

Me, to hold embraced.

*Beach only set the first two stanzas in her song.*

**I Send My Heart Up To Thee** I send my heart up to thee, all my heart  
In this my singing,  
For the stars help me, and the sea, and the sea bears part;  
The very night is clinging  
Closer to Venice' streets to leave on space  
Above me, whence thy face  
May light my joyous heart to thee, to thee its dwelling place.