

Singer of Life

Text: From a Texcoco Nahuatl poem

Music: Plains Indian traditional, 1879

LACQUIPARLE irregular

The musical score is written on three staves in 3/2 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words hyphenated across lines. The first staff has two lines of lyrics, the second staff has two lines, and the third staff has two lines. The lyrics are: 1 Sing - er of Life, all flow - ers are songs, with pet - als do you write. 2 Mor - tal are we, with all liv - ing things, with ea - gles in the sky. Sing - er of Life, you col - or the earth, daz - zling the eye with birds red and bright. E - ven all gold and jade will not last; sing - ing a - lone, I know, can - not die. Joy is for us! The flow - ers are spread! Sing - ing is our de - light! Here in this house of spring - time be - stow songs that like birds can fly.

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