

Singer of Life

Text: From a Texcoco Nahuatl poem

Music: Plains Indian traditional, 1879

LACQUIPARLE irregular

The musical score is written on three staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 2/4. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures. The first staff contains two lines of lyrics, the second staff contains two lines, and the third staff contains two lines. The music ends with a double bar line.

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.