

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, featuring a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. Chord symbols (Cm and Fm) are placed above the staff at the beginning of measures. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across lines. The first staff contains the first two lines of the poem. The second staff contains the next two lines. The third staff contains the final two lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

Cm Fm Cm

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.

Cm Fm Cm

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.

Cm Fm Cm

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.