

MERIDIAN ENSEMBLE

SONGS OF PASSION

Directed by Yuly Kopkin

My Spirit Sang All Day Gerald Finzi, UK (1901-1956)

I Had No Time to Hate Nathan Howe, USA (born 1982)

Нам звезды крохкие сияли Viktor Kalinnikov, Russia (1870-1927)

*The distant stars shone for us, all around us the blossom of flowers smelled so sweetly,
And the waves whispered gently at our feet.*

*We were young! We were in love! We bravely looked ahead!
And filled with exciting dreams we had no fear of the storms of grey winter.*

*Oh, what happened to those nights with their shining,
Their fragrant beauty and whisper of waves?
Where is the lovely hustle of rapturous hopes and dreams?*

*The stars have faded and the flowers have paled.
Oh, my heart, when will you forget all that that spring has given us?*

Entrer dans la lumière François Bernheim, France (born 1947)
arranged by Yuly Kopkin (born 1980)

Women's ensemble; Yuly Kopkin, harp

*To enter the light, to breathe the dust, to kneel before you;
To rediscover my voice and, for a moment, to become an elusive dream.
To touch the musicians, to smile to the faces,
And to be nothing more than an image at four in the morning.
To come here without prior arrangement, to have the courage to give you my all.
And to let you in like a magical lover, to steal you with the force of the music.*

Serenade Edward Elgar, UK (1857-1934)

Chamber group

As Torrents in Summer Edward Elgar, UK (1857-1934)

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Ladies and Ye Youthful Lovers Eugene Butler, USA (born 1935)

Tuvums Valter Kaminski, Latvia

*When autumn lavishly blooms in the seaside forest
I would love to stand again next to you on the dunes and feel the wind.
I would carry your hand tenderly in my palm
And share the joy of realized daydreams with the surf and the sky.*

*We would walk along the shore...
The shore is forever connected to the surf -
If only one human could always be this close to another human!*

*When autumn lavishly blooms in the seaside forest
How much I would love to come to the sea with you again.*

Swansea Town English folk song, arranged by Gustav Holst, UK (1874-1934)