

GREG BARTHOLOMEW

FOR EVERY LOVE A PLACE

a setting for unaccompanied men's chorus (TTBB)
of the poem *To a Friend* by James Fenimore Cooper, Jr.



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Duration: ca. 5'

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Thy voice, as tender as the light
That shivers low at eve –
Thy hair, where myriad flashes bright
Do in and outward weave –
Thy charms in their diversity
Half frighten and astonish me.

Thy hands, that move above the keys
With eager touch and swift –
Whereby thy mind, with magic ease
Doth into music drift –
They fill me with a strange delight
That doth defy expression quite.

Thine eyes, that hold a mirth subdued
Like deep pools scattering fire –
Mine dare not meet them in their mood,

For fear of my desire,
Lest thou that secret do descry
Which evermore I must deny.

Thy very quiet dignity
Thy silence, too, I love –
Nay-- thy light word is destiny
Decreed in spheres above –
My mind, my heart is bowed to thee,
And hard it is that I must flee.

Hard is the world that does not give
For every love a place;
Hard is the power that bids us live
A life bereft of grace -
Hard, hard to lose thy figure, dear,
My star and my religion here!

Captain James Fenimore Cooper, Jr., (1892-1918) was the great-grandson of the famous novelist. A graduate of Yale, Cooper died of pneumonia at Camp Dix, New Jersey, the first member of his class to die in service during World War I. *To a Friend* was published posthumously in 1918 in a collection titled *Afterglow*, some of which had previously appeared in the *Yale Literary Magazine*. Captain Cooper is described therein as having "a character which never departed from the determination to do what was right and to be kind and just to all." For information about the composer, visit gregbartholomew.com.

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James Fenimore Cooper, Jr.
(1892-1918)

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Greg Bartholomew
(b. 1957)

Andantino ♩ = 72
mp

TENOR 1
Thy voice, — as ten-der as the light That shi-vers low at eve—

TENOR 2
Thy voice, — as ten-der as the light That shi-vers low at eve—

BASS 1
Thy voice, Thy voice, Thy voice, — as ten-der

BASS 2

Piano

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Thy hair, — where myr-i-ad flash-es bright Do in and

Thy hair, — where myr-i-ad flash-es bright Do in and

as the light That shi- vers_ low.

mp
Thy voice as ten-der as the light that shi - vers low at night

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out-ward weave— Thy charms in their di-vers-i-ty Half—
out-ward weave— Thy charms in their di-vers-i-ty Half—
Thy hair. Thy charms in their di-vers-i-ty Half—

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fright-en and as-ton-ish me. Thy hands, that move a-bove the keys With
fright-en and as-ton-ish me. Thy hands that move a-bove the keys
fright-en and as-ton-ish me.
fright-en and as-ton-ish me.

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ea-ger touch_ and swift— Where -
With ea-ger touch_ and swift— Where -
mp Thy hands_____ that move a - bove the keys with ea - ger touch._____
mp Thy hands that move a -

21

by_____ thy mind,_with mag - ic ease Doth in - to mu - sic drift_____ They *mf*
by_____ thy mind,_with mag - ic ease Doth in - to mu - sic drift_____ They *mf*
bove the keys,_ thy mind, with mag - ic ease. Thy hands,_____ They *mf*

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fill me with a strange de-light That doth de-fy ex-press ion, de-fy ex-press-ion

fill me with a strange de-light That doth de-fy ex-press ion, de-fy ex-press-ion

fill me with a strange de-light That doth de-fy ex-press ion, de-fy ex-press-ion

fill me with a strange de-light That doth de-fy ex-press ion, de-fy ex-press-ion

B

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quite. Thine eyes, Thine eyes, that hold a mirth sub-dued Like

quite. Thine eyes, Thine eyes, that hold a mirth sub-dued Like

quite. Thine eyes, Thine eyes, that hold a mirth sub-dued Like

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CHORAL WORKS OF GREG BARTHOLOMEW

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The 21st Century (A Girl Born in Afghanistan), for unaccompanied SATB choir, 2002 (Duration: 6:40)
A setting of excerpts from United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan's Nobel Peace Prize Lecture.
Available on CD released by Connecticut Choral Artists (Concora): *Songs & Stories of Liberation* (2007).
Finalist in the 2003 Briar Cliff University New Choral Music Competition.

Beati Quorum Via, for unaccompanied SATB choir, 2003 (Duration: 2:30)
A new setting of the traditional Latin text.

A Country Boy in Winter, for unaccompanied TTBB men's chorus, 2001 (Duration: 3:20)
A setting of the poem by American poet Sarah Orne Jewett (1849 - 1909).

For Every Love a Place, for unaccompanied TTBB men's chorus, 2016 (Duration: 5:00)
A setting of the poem "To a Friend" by American poet James Fenimore Cooper, Jr. (1892 - 1918).

The Fervid Hokey Poke, for unaccompanied SATB choir, 2010 (Duration: 2:45)
A setting of the hilarious prize-winning poem by Jeff Brechlin.

Leo, for unaccompanied SATB choir, 2002 (Duration: 5:45)
A setting of excerpts from *Astronomica*, a 1st Century B.C. Latin text by Marcus Manilius.
Finalist in the 2007 Cincinnati Camerata Choral Composition Competition.

To a Locomotive in Winter, for unaccompanied SATB choir, 2001 (Duration: 6 min.)
A setting of the poem by Walt Whitman (1819 - 1892).

Moon Man, for unaccompanied SATB choir or 2-part treble choir, 2004 (Duration: 3 min.)
A humorous romp for the holidays. An adaptation of the poem by Tom Clarke.

The Promise of Liberty, for SATB or unison or 2-part chorus and piano, 2009 (Duration: 3 min.)
Adapted from the poem, *The New Colossus* by Emma Lazarus ("Give me your tired, your poor...").

A Rainy Day, for unaccompanied SSA women's chorus, 2001 (Duration: 4:15)
A setting of the poem by American poet John Brainard (1796 - 1828).

Song of the Mountains, for mixed SSAATB choir with piano accompaniment, 2004 (Duration: 6 min.)
A setting of text adapted from prose by American naturalist John Muir (1838 - 1914).

Stoke Fleming, for unaccompanied SATB choir, 2000 (Duration 3:30)
A meditation on rocks and waves written at a small hamlet on the English Channel.

The Tree, for unaccompanied SATB choir, 2003 (Duration: 3 min.)
A setting of the poem by American transcendental poet Jones Very (1813 - 1880).
Finalist for the 2011 Seghizzi International Choral Festival and Winner of the Silver Platter Repertoire Award (ChoralNet). Available on CD from The Esoterics.

We Are the Dust of Stars, for 2-part treble choir with piano, 2013 (Duration: 3:00)
A thought-provoking, joyful and humorous song about our connection to everything in the universe.

From the Odes of Solomon

Available on CD from Capstone Records

From Odes 1 & 3 of the Odes of Solomon, 2000 (Duration: 5:00)

From Ode 14 of the Odes of Solomon, 2000 (Duration: 5:00)

From Ode 17 of the Odes of Solomon, 2000 (Duration: 5:30)

For unaccompanied SATB choir. The Odes of Solomon are believed to have been written around the year 100 A.D., and include strong parallels to the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Three Gnostic Poems

An Open World, 2007 (Duration: 3 min.)

When I Land, 2007 (Duration: 4 min.)

And the Wind, 2007 (Duration: 5 min.)

For unaccompanied SATB choir. Meditations on the ineffable by Fletcher LaVallee Bartholomew.

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