

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Lake Ridge Chorale, Lake Ridge, VA

OUT OF THE SILENCE

for S.A.T.B. voices and piano
with optional PianoTrax*

Words by
JOSEPH SEAMON COTTER (1861-1949)

Music by
GREG GILPIN

Thoughtfully, with rubato (♩ = ca. 72)

PIANO

pp *cresc. e poco accel.* *mp* *decresc. e rit.*

4

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

5 *a tempo*
pp

Out of the si - lence,

pp

Out of the si - lence,

a tempo
pp

* PianoTrax 12 accompaniment CD available (48280). Visit alfred.com for digital scores and audio.

Joseph Seamon Cotter, Sr. (1861-1949) was a poet, writer, playwright, and community leader. Born to a white father and a freeborn black woman of both African slave and Cherokee heritage, Cotter was one of the first African-American playwrights to be published. Despite receiving no formal education until age 22, Cotter began a 53-year long career in public education as a teacher in the Cloverport School System in Kentucky, teaching in a small one-roomed school house with a dirt floor and no heating. His published works included books of poetry and prose, plays, and contributions to a number of periodicals.

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mp rit. *a tempo p*

out of the si-lence I come to you. Out of the si - lence,

mp *p*

Out of the si - lence,

mp rit. *a tempo p*

mp rit.

out of the si-lence I come to you.

mp

out of the si-lence I come to you.

mp rit. e decresc.

a tempo p with more energy

Bring - ing a love free as the dew.

p

a tempo p with more energy

16 *p*
Bring - ing a love free as the

p

19 *cresc.* *mf*
dew, the dew.

cresc. *mf* *decresc.*

22 *rit.* 23 *a tempo* *mp*
mp I come and sing a

rit. *p* *a tempo* *mp*

25

heart's great love, and pas - sion of

28

soul pure as a dove as a dove

poco rit.

pure as a dove.

31

I come and sing a heart's great

a tempo

I come and sing a heart's great

34 *mf* *decresc.* 3
 love, and pas - sion of soul pure as a
mf *decresc.* 3
 as a
mf *decresc.* 3 3

37 *p* *più mosso* 39
 dove. But this I
p *più mosso*

40 *cresc. poco a poco*
 crave as you walk by; a
cresc. poco a poco
 as you walk by; a
cresc. poco a poco

43

smile on your lips, a light in your
 smile on your, your lips, a light in your

46

rit.

mf

47

a tempo f

eye. I come and sing a

rit.
mf

a tempo
f

49

heart's great love, and pas - sion of

52

poco rit.

soul pure as a dove, as a dove.

pure _____ as a dove. _____

poco rit.

55

a tempo

I come and sing a heart's great

I come and sing a heart's great

a tempo

58

decresc.

love,

and pas - sion of soul pure as a

decresc.

as a

decresc.

61 *mp*

dove. And pas - sion of

mp

mp

64 *rit.* 65 *a tempo*
p

soul pure as a dove. soul. Out of the si - lence,

p

rit. *a tempo*
p

66 *p cresc.*

Out of the si - lence, out of the

p *cresc.*

cresc.

70 *mp rit. e decresc.*

si - lence I _____ come *mp decresc.* to

mp rit. e decresc.

73 *a tempo rit. pp*

you. _____ *pp*

a tempo rit. pp

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