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for Solo Singers

10 Exceptional Vocal Solos for Recitals, Concerts, and Contests

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Cover Art: Vincent van Gogh (Dutch, 1853-1890).
Blühender Obstgarten, circa 1880-1890
Oil on canvas; 72 x 58 cm.
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About the artist: During his brief career, Vincent van Gogh completed several hundred paintings as well as numerous drawings and sketches. He suffered severe bouts of depression throughout his life, and created his most important works in the four years prior to his death. Although van Gogh is often considered an Impressionist painter, he had no connection to the French Impressionists, and his work remains highly individualistic in style.

1. AND THIS SHALL BE FOR MUSIC

Words by
ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON (1850-1894)

Music and additional Words by
VICTOR C. JOHNSON

Expressively (♩ = ca. 96) *poco rit.*

mp *poco rit.*

5 *a tempo*
mp

I will make you brooch - es* and toys for your de -

a tempo

8

light of bird - song at morn - ing and

* Brooches (*broh-chehz*) - pieces of jewelry, usually fastened to clothing with a hinged pin and catch.

5. I WILL SING YOU THE STARS

Words and Music by
MARK BURROWS

Expressively, shimmering (♩ = ca. 92)

Musical notation for the first system, measures 1-4. It features a vocal line with rests and a piano accompaniment with a shimmering eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand. The key signature is B-flat major and the time signature is 3/4. A piano (*p*) dynamic marking is present in the piano part.

5

There are oceans

Musical notation for the second system, measures 5-9. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "There are oceans". A piano (*p*) dynamic marking and a circled number 9 are present. The piano accompaniment continues with the shimmering eighth-note pattern.

10

you must cross. There are races you must

Musical notation for the third system, measures 10-14. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "you must cross. There are races you must". The piano accompaniment continues with the shimmering eighth-note pattern.