

The Garden of DREAMS

text by
Bliss Carman

music by

Matthew Emery



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About the composer

Dr. Matthew Emery [b. 1991] is a Canadian composer who "writes with an honesty which enchants" (Vancouver Sun), and whose music is "profoundly beautiful and moving" (CBC Music). His music has been performed in thirty-two countries on six continents, and recent performance venues include the Great Wall of China, the White House and the Musikverein. Matthew has received over forty commissions and his music



has been performed by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Vancouver Chamber Choir, Elmer Iseler Singers, National Youth Orchestra of Canada, National Youth Choir of Canada, European Union Youth Orchestra, Orchestra London, the Art of Time Ensemble, Rolston String Quartet, Dennis Wick Canadian Wind Orchestra, musica intima, and the Bach Music Festival of Canada Orchestra.

Dr. Emery studied at the University of British Columbia (B.Mus) and the University of Toronto (M.Mus, DMA). Matthew has received over thirty awards and prizes for his compositions and his work has been included on twenty-four albums, including a Juno nominated disc. His over seventy publications are published by SBMP, G. Schirmer, Boosey & Hawkes, Hal Leonard and many others. Dr. Emery is an Assistant Professor at Wilfrid Laurier University. Prior to joining WLU, he taught at Carleton University, Western University, Concordia University of Edmonton, and at the University of Toronto.

The text

The poetry by Bliss Carman speaks of a refuge; a garden safe from harm where we are sheltered from the fragility of life, and are provided a safe haven for our memories to dwell. We carry this garden within each of us, and so it is a work to remind us of our capacity to love, and to be loved.

The work unfolds over a flowing piano line which weaves in and out of the various choral textures. There are moments of polyphony and homophony in the choral writing which emerge and intertwine like blossoming flowers.

The Garden of Dreams

by Bliss Carman, adapted by the composer

My heart is a garden of dreams
Where you walk when day is done,
Fair as the royal flowers,
Calm as the lingering sun.
Never a drouth comes there,
Nor any frost that mars,
Only the wind of love
Under the early stars,
The living breath that moves
Whispering to and fro
Like your voice I heard in the dusk
Of the garden long ago.

Ranges





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Bliss Carman (1861-1929) Adapted by the composer Matthew Emery



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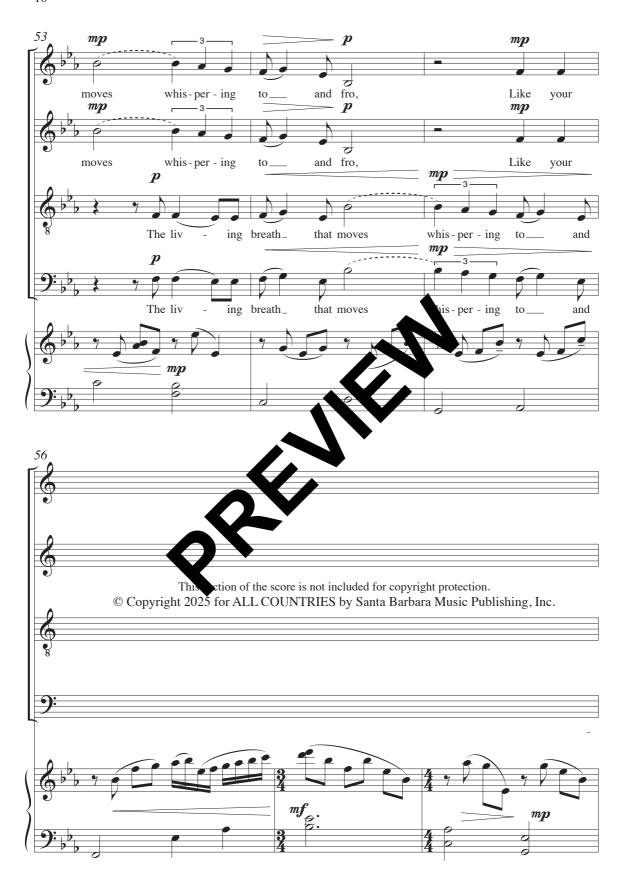
















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