

Songs of Peace and War

for soprano, mezzo and piano
op. 38a (1994)
(1) Poet

Dimitrije Buzarovski
lyrics by William Butler Yeats

Grave ♩ = 52

Soprano

Mezzo

Piano

p *sempre cresc.*

Ped. * Ped. *

8^{va}

Pno.

12 *f* *sempre dim.*

Pno.

21 *p*

Ped. * Ped.

Pno.

32 *sempre cresc.*

* Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

43

Pno.

più f

Red. * *simile con Red.*

52

Pno.

sempre dim.

Red. *

63

Pno.

pp *p*

8vb *Red.*

75

S.

mf

A po-et's mouth be

M.

mf

I think it be-tter that in times like these

Pno.

Red. * *8va* *

85

S. si-lent, for in truth— We have— no gift to set a states-man right;—

M. *attacca*
for in truth— We have no gift set a states-man right;—

Pno. *f* *sempre dim.*

94

S. A young girl in the in-do-lence of her youth,

M. He has had e-nough of medd-ling who can please

Pno.

98

S. Or an old man u-pon a win-ter's night.—

M. Or and old man u-pon a win-ter's night.—

Pno. *attacca*

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(2) Silence

Dimitrije Buzarovski

lyrics by Joseph Brodsky

Silence quotation by Mother Theresa

Grave ♩ = 70

Soprano

Mezzo

Piano

p *sempre legato*

As you sip your brand of scotch, or crush a roach, or

p *sempre legato con Ped.*

Ped. *

6

S.

M.

Pno.

p

as your hand ad - justs your tie, — peo - ple die — peo - ple die...

check your watch, as your hand ad - justs your tie, peo - ple die, peo - ple die...

11

S.

M.

Pno.

mp

In the towns fun-ny names — hit by bul - lets, caught in flames, — caught in flames,

In the towns with fun - ny names, hit by bul-lets, caught in flames, —

15

S. *p*
In small pla - ces you don't know of, peo - ple die, not

M.
you don't know, you don't know of,

Pno. *p*

18

S. *f*
kno - wing why, yet big for ha-ving no chance to scream or say good-bye no

M. *f*
peo-ple die, peo-ple die, die scream no

Pno. *f*

21

S.
chance to scream or say good-bye.

M. *mf*
chance or say good-bye. While the sta-tues dis - a-gree Ca - in'sver sion,

Pno. *p*

27 *mf*

S. for its fu-el tends to buy_ peo - ple die, peo - ple die_

M. his - to - ry_ for its fu - el tends to buy_ peo - ple die, peo - ple die_

Pno.

32

S. As you watch the a - thletes score, check your la - test

M. As you watch, As you watch the a-thletes score, a-thletes score, check your la-test state-ment,

Pno.

35 *p*

S. state - ment, or sing your child a lul - la - by,

M. check your la - test state ment, or sing your child a lul-la-by, sing your child, sing your child,

Pno. *p* *8va* *8va*

38

S. peo - - ple die, not know - - ing why,

M. peo - ple die peo - ple die, not know-ing why, kno-wing why,

Pno. *p*

40

S. *f* where you che - rish threads of lie___ not know-ing why___

M. *f* where you che-rish threads of threads of lie___ not kno-wing why,-

Pno. *f*

42

S. why, peo - ple die, peo - ple die.

M. peo - ple die, peo - ple die. *f* Peo - ple die as you e-lect

Pno. *f*

47 *f* *p*

S. new a - pos - tles of ne - glect, Time, whose sharp thir-sty quill

M. new a - pos - tles of ne - glect, Time, whose sharp blood -

Pno. *p*

50

S. thir - sty quill parts the killed, parts the killed

M. thir - sty quill parts the killed from

Pno.

52 *ff* *ff* *ff* *sf*

S. those who kill, those who kill, will pro-nounce the lat-ter man

M. those who kill, will pro-nounce the lat-ter man

Pno. *ff* *sf*

54

S. *mf* *p*
as your brand as your brand. Si - lence Si - lence

M. *mf* *p*
as your brand as your brand. Si - lence Si - lence

Pno. *sf* *mf* *p*
8va

58

S. *pp*
All we need is si-lence to touch the

M. *pp*
All we need is si-lence in or-der to be to be a-ble to touch the

Pno. *pp*

62

S. peo-ple

M. peo-ple

Pno. *Ped.*

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(3) War

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Lyrics by Langston Hughes

0 **Furioso** ♩ = 155

Soprano

Mezzo

Piano

Pno.

Pno.

Pno.

4

7

10

13

17 11

Pno.

Pno.

33 *f*

M. *f*

The face of war is my face.

Pno. *f*

41 *f*

S. *f*


The face of war is your face. What color is the face of war?

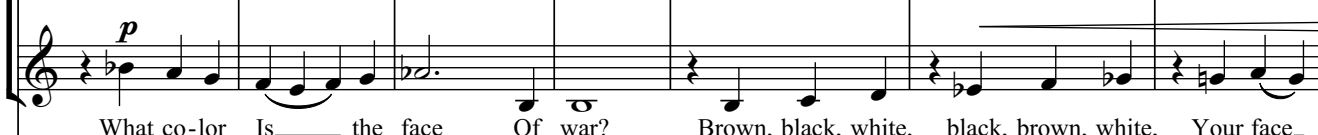
M. *f*


is your face.

Pno. *p*


49


S.  Your face...


M.  *p*
What co-lor Is the face Of war? Brown, black, white, black, brown, white, Your face...

Pno. 


56

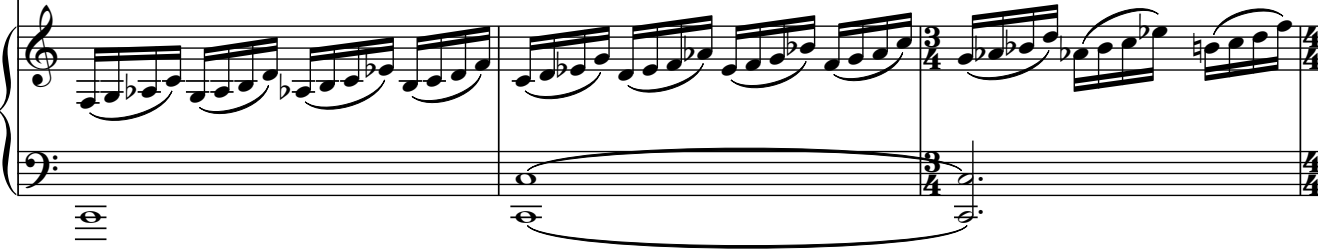
S.  My face. What co-lor Is the face What co-lor Is the face Of war? *f*

M.  My face. What Is the face What Is the face Of war? *f*


Pno. 

62

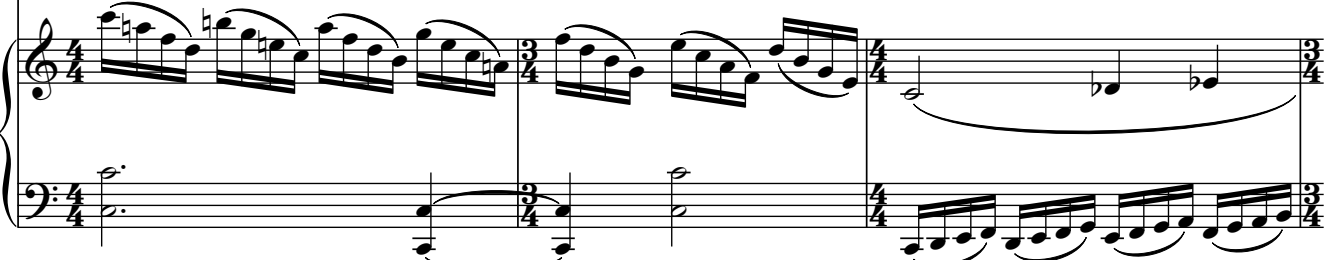
M.  Death is the broom...

Pno. 

65

M. 

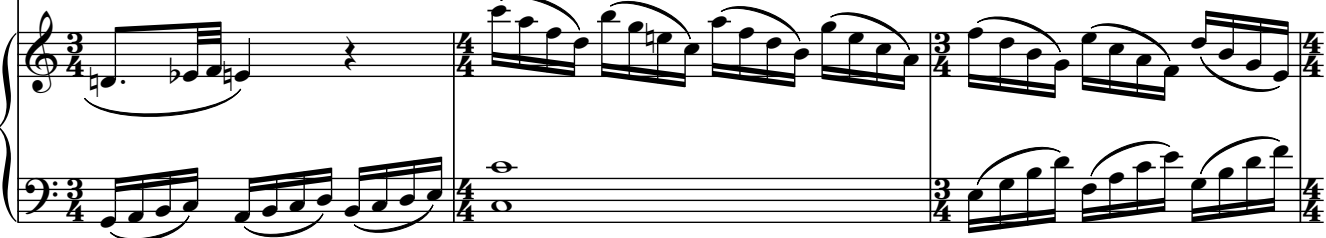
I take in my hands To sweep the

Pno. 


68

M. 


world Clean. I sweep and I sweep

Pno. 


71

S. 

Then mop and I mop. I dip my

M. 

Then mop and I mop. I dip my

Pno. 

74

S. broom in blood, My mop in blood—

M. broom in blood, My mop in blood—

Pno.

77

S. blood— for this,

M. And I blame you for this, blame you for this, Be - cause you are there,

Pno.

83

S. E - ne-my. E - ne-my. E - ne-my. What co-lor Is the

M. E - ne-my. E - ne-my. E - ne-my.

Pno.

92

S. face Of war? What co-lor Is the face Of war Brown, black, white

M. *p* What co-lor What co-lor What co-lor Is the face Brown, black, white

Pno.

99

S. Black, brown, white— Your face— My face. What co-lor Is the face What co-lor Is the face Of

M. Black, brown, white— Your face— My face. What co-lor Is the face What co-lor Is the face Of

Pno.

106

S. It's hard to blame me, Be - cause I'm

M. war? It's hard to blame me,

Pno.

109

S. here— It's hard to blame me, And you kill me.

M. bla - me So I kill you.

Pno.

112 *ff*

S. My name, Like your name, Is war. My name, Like your name, Is

M. *ff* My name, Like your name, Is war. My name, Like your name, Is

Pno. *ff* 3 3 3

118

S. war. Is war. Is war.

M. war. Is war. Is war.

Pno. *sf*

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(4) Peace

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Adagio ♩ = 60

Soprano *pp*
We passed their graves: The dead men there, Win-ners or lo - sers,

Mezzo *pp*
We passed their graves: The dead men there, Win-ners or lo - sers,

Piano *pp*

7
S. Did not care. In the dark They could not see Who had gained The vic-to-ry.

M. Did not care. In the dark They could not see They could not see Who had gained The vic-to-ry.

Pno.

14
S. *ppp*
vic - to - ry. We passed their graves: The dead men there,

M. *ppp*
vic - to - ry. We passed their graves: The

Pno. *ppp* *pp*

22

S. *f*
Win-ners or lo-sers, Did not care... In the dark They could not see They could not see Who had

M. *f*
dead men there, Win ners or lo-sers, In the dark They could not see They could not see Who had

Pno. *f*

28

S. *ppp* *pp*
gained The vic - to-ry. vic - to-ry. We passed their

M. *ppp* *pp*
gained The vic - to-ry. vic - to-ry. We passed their

Pno. *ppp* *pp*

36

S. graves: The dead men there, Win-ners or lo-sers, Did not care...

M. graves: The dead men there, Win-ners or lo-sers, Did not care...

Pno.

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(5) Soft Rains

Dimitrije Buzarovski
lyrics by Sara Teasdale

Andante cantabile ♩ = 95

Soprano

Mezzo

Piano

mf

There will come soft rains and the

M.

smell of the ground, And swallows calling with their shimmering sound; And

Pno.

M.

frogs in the pools singing at night, And wild plum trees

Pno.

19 *mf*

S. *mf*
Ro - bins will we - ar the - ir fea - the - ry__ fi - re

M.
in__ tre - mu - lous white,

Pno.

25

S. Whis - tling the - ir whims__ on a lo - w fence - wi - re; And not one will kno - w of__ the__ war,

M.
And not one wil kno - w of__ the__ war,

Pno.

31 *f*

S. *f*
not one Will care__ not one Will care__ at__ last when it's done.

M. *f*
not one Will care__ not one Will care__ at__ last when it's done.

Pno. *f*

37

S. *f* Not one would mind, —

M. *f* Not one would mind, — Not

Pno.

41

S. nei - ther bird nor tree. —

M. nei - ther bird nor tree. —

Pno.

43

S. If man - kind pe-rished

M. If man - kind pe - rished

Pno.

45

S. pe-rished ut - ter - ly;

M. pe-rished ut - ter - ly; *f* And Spring her - -

Pno.

48

M. - self, when she woke at

Pno.

50

S. *f* Would scar - cely know_ that_

M. dawn,

Pno.

53

S. we that we were gone.

Pno.

8va

55

S. There will come_ soft rains and the

M. There will come_ soft rains and the

Pno.

57

S. smell of the gro - und,

M. smell of the gro - und,

Pno.

8va

59 *ff*

S. And swal - lows cal - - - ling with their shim-me-ring

M. *ff*

M. And swal - lows cal - - - ling with their shim-me-ring

Pno. *ff*



62

S. sound;

M. sound;

Pno.

Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *