

# CAROL BARNETT

# Green Magic Songs for Solo Soprano





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## I. A Song of Enchantment



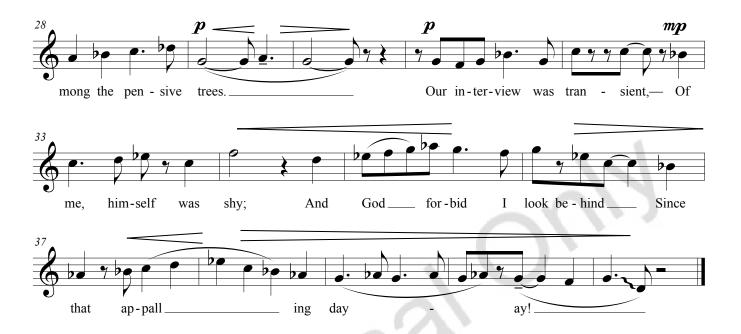


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#### I. A Song of Enchantment

A song of Enchantment I sang me there, In a green-green wood, by waters fair, Just as the words came up to me I sang it under the wild wood tree.

Widdershins turned I, singing it low, Watching the wild birds come and go; No cloud in the deep dark blue to be seen Under the thick-thatched branches green.

Twilight came: silence came: The planet of Evening's silver flame; By darkening paths I wandered through Thickets trembling with drops of dew.

But the music is lost and the words are gone Of the song I sang as I sat alone, Ages and ages have fallen on me -On the wood and the pool and the elder tree.

Walter de la Mare

#### II. Time and Eternity

THE ONLY ghost I ever saw
Was dressed in mechlin,—so;
He wore no sandal on his foot,
And stepped like flakes of snow.
His gait was soundless, like the bird,
But rapid, like the roe;
His fashions quaint, mosaic,
Or, haply, mistletoe.

His conversation seldom,

His laughter like the breeze
That dies away in dimples
Among the pensive trees.
Our interview was transient,—
Of me, himself was shy;

And God forbid I look behind
Since that appalling day!

Emily Dickinson

#### III. Green Man in the Garden

Green man in the garden Staring from the tree, Why do you look so long and hard Through the pane at me?

Your eyes are dark as holly, Of sycamore your horns, Your bones are made of elder-branch, Your teeth are made of thorns.

Your hat is made of ivy-leaf, Of bark your dancing shoes, And evergreen and green and green Your jacket and shirt and trews.

"Leave your house and leave your land And throw away the key, And never look behind," he creaked, "And come and live with me."

I bolted up the window,
I bolted up the door,
I drew the blind that I should find
The green man never more.

But when I softly turned the stair As I went up to bed, I saw the green man standing there. "Sleep well, my friend," he said.

Charles Causley

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