

# Ananda Songs for Soprano, Violin and Piano

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Duration: about 16 minutes

I have long wanted to set Rumi and here's my chance in *A Sufi Song*, from an excerpt changed around for my peculiar purposes.

I wrote *Who Am I* in three minutes at a gas station in West Virginia after listening to cassettes of Ram Dass talking about Ramana Maharshi.

The *Hare Krishna Mahamantra* started off in 2002 for six string electric violin and voices in unison (vocal line entirely repetitive); then came a piano and voice version that was too hard for the piano and too simple to sing! Now I have the balance just right, at least I think so.

This is one of a series of works dedicated to Ananda-Eric Pritchard.

Lyrics to *A Sufi Song*

If the Beautiful One is not  
inside you what is that Light  
hidden beneath your cloak?  
From a distance you tremble with fear.  
Can't you see the mighty warrior  
standing ready in your heart?  
The flame in his eyes  
has seared away every veil!  
So why do you linger behind the curtain,  
afraid of what you cannot see?  
Open your eyes! The Beloved is  
staring you right in the face.  
If no guru has placed  
his Light within your heart  
what bliss can you find in this world?

--Rumi

(adapted by B.R. from an excerpt of "Can't You See the Mighty Warrior", ode 406, in "A Garden Beyond Paradise: The Mystical Poetry of Rumi", translated by Jonathan Star, Bantam 1992)

Lyrics to *Who Am I?*

Who am I?  
I am not the thought.  
What thought?  
The thought that I am not the thought  
is the thought that I am not.  
Who am I?  
I am not the mind.  
What mind?  
The mind that thinks the thought that I am not  
the mind is the mind that I am not.  
Who am I?  
I am not the breath.  
What breath?  
The breath that feeds the mind that thinks the  
thought that I am not the breath  
is the breath that I am not.  
Who am I?  
I am not the song.  
What song?  
The song that sings with breath that feeds the mind  
that thinks the thought that I am not the song  
is the song that I am not.  
Who am I?

--B. R.

Lyrics to *Hare Krishna Mahamantra*

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare  
Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

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# Ananda Songs: I. A Sufi Song [4']

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With shining heart ♩ = 70

The musical score is arranged in three systems. Each system contains staves for Soprano, Violin, and Piano. The tempo is marked 'With shining heart ♩ = 70'. The score begins with a 6/8 time signature and includes dynamic markings such as *pp*, *p*, *mp*, and *mf*. The lyrics are: 'If the Beau - ti-ful One if the Beau - ti-ful One if the Beau - ti-ful'. The score concludes with a 7/8 time signature.

A Sufi Song

2

21

Sop. One if the Beau - ti - ful One is not in -

Vln.

Pno. *mp* *mf*

23

Sop. side you what is what is what is what is

Vln.

Pno. *f* *f*

Red. \*

26

Sop.

Vln.

Pno. *ff* *ff*

Red. \*

30

Sop. what is that Light what

Vln.

Pno. *ff*

Red.

A Sufi Song

34 *rit.*

Sop. is that Light what is that Light what is that Light

Vln. *ff* *dim.*

Pno. *ff* *dim.*

*8vb-1*  
*Red.*

37 *a tempo*

Sop. hid - den un - der your

Vln. *mf* *mp* *p*

Pno. *mf* *mp* *p*

*8va-1*  
*Red.*

42 *cresc. p. a p.*

Sop. cloak? From a dis - tance you trem - ble

Vln. *p* *cresc. p. a p.* (*mp*)

Pno. *p* *cresc. p. a p.* (*mp*)

*Red.*

47 (*mf*) *f*

Sop. — from a dis - tance you trem - ble from a dis - tance you trem - ble with

Vln. (*mf*) *f*

Pno. (*mf*) *f*

A Sufi Song

4

51 Sop. fear. Can't you see can't you see

Vln. *ff*

Pno. *ff*

54 Sop. can't you see the migh - ty war - rior stand - ing rea - dy in your heart?

Vln.

Pno.

58 Sop. Can't you see the migh - ty war - rior stand - ing rea - dy

Vln.

Pno.

62 Sop. in your heart? in your heart? in your heart? The

Vln.

Pno.

8vb - -

66

Sop. fire in his eyes has burned a - way ev - ry veil!

Vln.

Pno.

*ff* *p*

72

Sop.

Vln.

Pno.

77

Sop. So why do you lin - ger

Vln.

Pno.

*p*

81

Sop. So why do you lin - ger So why do you lin - ger be - hind the

Vln.

Pno.

*mf* *f*





97

Sop. *- lov - ed is star-ing you right in the face.*

Vln. *p pp*

Pno. *p pp*

103

Sop.

Vln. *mf*

Pno. *mf*

107 *cresc.*

Sop. *mf* *cresc.*

Vln. *cresc.*

Pno. *cresc.*

*ped. ped. ped. ped. \**

110 *f*

Sop. *f*

Vln. *f*

Pno. *f*

*ped. \**

A Sufi Song

8

113 *ff dim. p. a p.*

Sop. Light with - in your heart his Light with -

Vln. *ff dim. p. a p.* *f*

Pno. *ff dim. p. a p.* *f*

*Red.*

115 *rit.*

Sop. in your heart his Light with - in your

Vln. *(mf)* *(mp)* *(p)*

Pno. *(mf)* *(mp)* *(p)*

118 *a tempo*

Sop. heart what bliss can you find what bliss can you

Vln. *pp* *p* *ff*

Pno. *pp*

122

Sop. find what bliss can you find what bliss can you find in this world?

Vln. *pp*

Pno. *pp*