

*I Dream of  
Buddha With  
the Light Golden  
Aura*

*a Mantra for Baritone and Piano*

*Lyrics by Padmasambhava  
Melody by Steven Foster  
Arranged by Bill Robinson*

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*Pronunciation:* As this mantra is used primarily in Tibetan Buddhism, one can pronounce the words in the Tibetan or Sanskrit style—of which there are many variants. **OM** can be sung in three connected sounds, **A** as in father, **U** as in moon. The Sanskrit short **a** is like the **u** in mud and is the only **a** in the mantra. The “i”s in **siddhi** are short. **ddh** is slightly aspirated, but this turns out to be a fine point in my humble opinion, especially in this context.

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Larghetto  $\bullet = 52$

Baritone

*p* Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me

Piano

*legato*  
*p*

5  
si ddhi hum Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me si ddhi hum Om

9  
Vaj ra gu ru pad me si ddhi hum Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me

13  
si ddhi hum Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me

16  
si ddhi hum Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me si ddhi hum

*cresc.* *f*

*cresc.*

*f*

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

The musical score is written for Baritone and Piano. The Baritone part is in a single line of bass clef, 4/4 time, with lyrics underneath. The Piano part consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) with a variety of textures including triplets, sixteenth-note runs, and chords. Performance markings include 'Larghetto' with a tempo of 52, 'legato', 'p' (piano), 'cresc.' (crescendo), and 'f' (forte). There are also 'ped.' (pedal) markings and an asterisk (\*) in the piano part. The score is divided into systems, with measure numbers 5, 9, 13, and 16 indicated at the beginning of each system.

19

*ff* Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me si ddhi hum Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me

8vb  
Leo. Leo. Leo. Leo. Leo. Leo. Leo. Leo. \*

23

si ddhi hum Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me

*p*

Leo. Leo. Leo. Leo. Leo.

26

si ddhi hum Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me si ddhi hum

Leo. Leo. Leo. Leo. segue

29

Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me si ddhi hum

32

Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me si ddhi hum OM

*rit.*

*8va*

8vb  
Leo. \*