

*I Dream of
Buddha With
the Light Golden
Aura*

a Mantra for Baritone and Piano

(special edition for DeMar Neal)

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

♩ = 52

The musical score is written for Baritone and Piano. The Baritone part is in bass clef, and the Piano part is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into systems, with measure numbers 5, 9, 13, and 16 indicated at the beginning of each system. The lyrics are: "Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me si ddhi hum Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me si ddhi hum Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me si ddhi hum". Performance markings include *p* (piano), *legato*, *8va* (octave), *cresc.* (crescendo), and *f* (forte). The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and a more complex treble line with triplets and sixteenth-note patterns. The Baritone part is mostly sustained notes with some melodic movement. The score ends with a copyright notice © 2003 and several *Reo.* (Rehearsal) and *** (star) markings.

Baritone

Piano

p

legato

5

9

13

16

Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me

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

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

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

cresc. *f*

cresc.

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Reo. * *Reo.* *Reo.* *Reo.*

19

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

Rea Rea *8va* Rea *8va* Rea Rea Rea Rea *

23

si ddhi hum Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me

p

Rea Rea Rea Rea Rea

26

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

Rea Rea Rea Rea segue

29

Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me si ddhi hum

8va

32

Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me si ddhi hum OM

rit.

Rea *8va* *rit.* *