

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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I wrote this little piece while studying for the summer at the physics department of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. It uses a Tibetan Buddhist mantra attributed to Padmasambhava, set to the melody of “I Dream of Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair” by Steven Foster. It was performed for the first time at Meredith College, Raleigh North Carolina, by baritone DeMar Neal and pianist Kent Lyman on February 24, 2013.

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

Baritone

Baritone staff with lyrics: *p* Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me

Piano

Piano accompaniment with markings: *legato*, *p*, *leg.*, *

5

Baritone staff with lyrics: si ddhi hum Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me si ddhi hum

Piano accompaniment for measures 5-7

8

Baritone staff with lyrics: Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me

Piano accompaniment for measures 8-10, including triplets and *8va* markings

11

Baritone staff with lyrics: si ddhi hum Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me si ddhi hum Om

Piano accompaniment for measures 11-13, including triplets and *8va* markings

15

Vaj ra gu ru pad me si ddhi hum

15 (8^{va})

17

Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me si ddhi hum Om

17

cresc. *f* *ff*

cresc. *f* *ff*

Ped. * Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. 8^{va} Ped.

20

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

20

8^{va} Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. *

23

si ddhi hum Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me

23 *p* *p*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

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

Rec. Rec. Rec. Rec. segue

29 Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me

8va

31 si ddhi hum Om Vaj ra gu ru pad me

33 si ddhi hum OM

rit. 8va

rit. 8va

8va Rec.