

# The Arrow and the Song

World Choral Day Song

For high and low voices and piano

Duration c. 2' 50"

Lyrics by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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**Andante moderato** (♩ = 66 ca.)

Voice 1 (Female)

Voice 2 (Male)

Piano

*p dolce ed espr.*

*p*

I

*Ped. following the harmonies*

V. 1

V. 2

Pf.

*dolce ed espr.*

shot an ar - row\_ in-to the air, it fell to earth, I knew not where;

10 *p dolce ed espr.* *mf* *rit.*

V. 1  
for, so swif-tly it flew, the sight could not fol-low it in its flight...

V. 2  
I

Pf. *mf*

14 **a tempo**

V. 1

V. 2  
breathed a song in - to the air, it fell to earth, I

Pf. *mp*

17 *p* *espr.*

V. 1  
I knew not where; for who has sight so keen and

V. 2  
knew not where; for who has sight so

Pf.

poco rit.

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V. 1 *mf* *f cresc.*  
strong, that it can fol - low the flight of song? Long,

V. 2 *mf* *f cresc.*  
strong, that it can fol - low the flight of song? Long,

Pf. *f cresc.*

a tempo

V. 1 *ff appassionato*  
long af-ter-ward, in an oak, I found the ar-row still un-broke;

V. 2 *ff appassionato*  
long af-ter-ward, in an oak I found the ar-row still un-broke;

Pf. *ff appassionato*

V. 1 *p* *mf*  
oh I found a-gain in the heart of a friend. Long

V. 2 *mp* *mp*  
and the song, from be - gin-ning to end, oh

Pf. *p*

31 *f* **poco rit.**

V. 1  
long af-ter-ward, in an oak, I found the ar-row still un-broke;

V. 2  
long af-ter-ward, in an oak, I found the ar-row still un-broke;

Pf. *f* *dim.*

**a tempo** *mf* **rit.**

V. 1  
I found a-gain in the heart of a friend,

V. 2  
and the song, from be-gin-ning to end, —

Pf. *mp*

39 **a tempo** *p* **poco rit.**

V. 1  
*p*

V. 2  
*p*

Pf. *mf espr. e cantabile*

**più calmo** *p* **rit.** 5

V. 1  
and the song, from be - gin-ning to end, I found a - gain

V. 2  
and the song, from be - gin-ning to end, I found a - gain

Pf. *con calma* *pp*

**a tempo** **poco rit.** **Tempo I°**

V. 1  
in the heart of a friend, a

V. 2  
in the heart of a friend, a

Pf. *p* *mp espr.*

**rit.** *pp* **a tempo** **molto rit.**

V. 1  
friend, a friend.

V. 2  
friend, a friend.

Pf. *p* *ppp*

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by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

I shot an arrow into the air,  
It fell to earth, I knew not where;  
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight  
Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a song into the air,  
It fell to earth, I knew not where;  
For who has sight so keen and strong,  
That it can follow the flight of song?

Long, long afterward, in an oak  
I found the arrow, still unbroke;  
And the song, from beginning to end,  
I found again in the heart of a friend.