



One with eyes the fairest

Granville Bantock
(1868-1946)

Sir Granville Ransome Bantock (1868-1946) was born in London. In his late teens, he began to show an interest in music, but his father enrolled him to study for the Indian Civil Service. Bantock would skip lectures to attend concerts and peruse scores in libraries. A diplomatic career was abandoned and he began studies in Chemical Engineering. He became ill and he was banished by doctors to a dark room at home for six months. His father conceded to the young composer's desire to study music. He entered the Royal Academy of Music in 1889 to study composition. On leaving the RAM in 1893 he worked as an editor of the *New Quarterly Musical Review* and as a conductor of light opera. From 1897 to 1900 he was Musical Director at the New Brighton Tower Pleasure Gardens where he extended the small seaside band to a full-scale symphony orchestra and presented concerts of music by Elgar, Parry, Stanford, Sibelius, Mackenzie, Corder and Wagner. In 1900 he became Principal at the Birmingham and Midland Institute and in 1908 became Peyton Professor of Music at the University of Birmingham and also taught at Trinity College, London. He had an active career as an important academic, composer, examiner, adjudicator, editor, conductor and committee member for a variety of institutions.

One with eyes the fairest
Cometh from his dwelling;
Some one loves thee, rarest,
Bright beyond my telling.
In thy grace thou shinest
Like some nymph divinest
In her caverns dewey;
All delights pursue thee,
Soon pied flowers, sweet-breathing,
Shall thy head be wreathing.

From the "Cyclops" of Euripides (c. 480 – 406 BC)
Translation by Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822)

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Delicato, con molto espressione ♩ = 72

S *p dolce* *dim.*
One with eyes the fair - est

A *p dolce* *dim.*
One with eyes the fair - est

T *p dolce* *dim.*
One with eyes the fair - est

B *p dolce* *dim.*
One with eyes the fair - est

5 S *mf* *dim.*
Com - eth from his dwell - ing, from his dwell - ing, his dwell - ing,

A *mf* *dim.*
Com - eth from his dwell - ing, from his dwell - ing, his dwell - ing,

T *mf* *cresc.* *dim.*
Com - eth from his dwell - - - - ing,

B *mf* *cresc.* *dim.*
Com - eth from his dwell - - - - ing,

9 S *piu p* *mp*
from his dwell - ing; Some one loves thee, rar - est,

A *piu p* *mp*
from his dwell - ing; Some one loves thee, rar - est,

T *piu p* *mp*
com - eth from his dwell - ing; Some one loves thee, rar - est,

B *piu p* *mp*
com - eth from his dwell - ing; Some one loves thee, rar - est,

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13 *dim.*

S some one loves thee, rar - est,

A *dim.* some one loves thee, rar - est, *p espress.* some one loves thee,

T *dim.* some one loves thee, rar - est, *p espress.* some one loves thee, rar - est,

B *dim.* some one loves thee, *p espress.* some one loves thee, rar - est,

17 *p espress.* *mf* *dim.*

S some one loves thee, rar - est, Bright be - yond my tell - ing,

A rar - est, *mf* Bright be - yond my tell - ing, *dim.*

T *mf* Bright be - yond my tell - ing, *dim.*

B *mf* Bright be - yond, *dim.* be - yond my tell - ing,

21 *cresc.* *mf*

S bright be - yond, be - yond, be - yond my tell - ing, some one loves thee,

A *cresc.* bright be - yond, be - yond, be - yond some one loves thee be - yond my tell - ing,

T *cresc.* bright be - yond, be - yond, be - yond some one loves thee be - yond my tell - ing,

B *cresc.* bright be - yond my tell - ing, *mf* bright

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24 *piu f*

S loves thee be - yond my tell - ing, bright be - yond my tell - ing, *dim.*

A rar - est, rar - est, rar - est, bright be - yond my tell - ing, *dim.*

T rar - est, rar - est, rar - est, bright be - yond my tell - ing, *dim.*

B be - yond my tell - ing, some one loves thee, bright be - yond my tell - ing, *dim.*

29 *p* *dim.* *Poco lento* *pp* *cresc.*

S bright be - yond my tell - ing. In thy grace thou shi - nest Like some *cresc.*

A bright be - yond my tell - ing. In thy grace thou shi - nest Like some *cresc.*

T bright be - yond my tell - ing. In thy grace thou shi - nest Like some *cresc.*

B bright be - yond my tell - ing. In thy grace thou shi - nest Like some *cresc.*

33 *p* *dim.* *mf*

S nymph di - vi - nest In her cav - erns dew - ey; All de - lights pur -

A nymph di - vi - nest In her cav - erns dew - ey; All de - lights pur -

T nymph di - vi - nest In her cav - erns dew - ey; All de - lights,

B nymph di - vi - nest In her cav - erns dew - ey; All de - lights pur - sue thee,

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37 *meno f* *Molto sostenuto* *p espress.*

S sue thee, all de-lights pur - sue thee, Soon pied flowers,

A sue thee, all de-lights pur - sue thee, Soon pied flowers,

T *cresc.* all de - lights pur - sue thee, all de-lights pur - sue thee, *p espress.* Soon pied flowers,

B all de - lights pur - sue thee, Soon pied flowers,

41 *dolce* *piu p* *dolce*

S sweet - breath - ing, Shall thy head be wreath - ing, Soon pied flowers, sweet - breath - ing,

A *dolce* sweet - breath - ing, Shall thy head be wreath - ing, *piu p* Soon pied flowers, *dolce* sweet - breath - ing,

T *dolce* sweet - breath - ing, Shall thy head be wreath - ing, *piu p* Soon pied flowers, *dolce* sweet - breath - ing,

B sweet - breath - ing, Shall thy head be wreath - ing, *piu p* Soon pied flowers, *dolce* sweet - breath - ing,

46 *cresc.* *dim.* *p*

S Shall thy head be wreath - - - ing, shall thy head be

A *cresc.* Shall thy head be wreath - - - ing, shall thy head,

T *cresc.* Shall thy head be wreath - - - ing, shall thy head be

B *cresc.* *espress.* *dim.* *p* sweet - breath - ing, Shall thy head be wreath - ing, shall thy head,

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S *piu p* wreath - ing, shall thy head be wreath - ing, *espress.* shall be wreath - ing,

A *piu p* - shall thy head, *espress.* shall be wreath - ing,

T *piu p* wreath - ing, shall thy head be wreath - ing, *espress.* shall be

B *piu p* - shall thy head, *p* *espress.* shall be

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S *rall. poco a poco dim. pp* shall be wreath - - - ing thy head.

A *rall. poco a poco dim. pp* shall be wreath - - - ing thy head.

T *rall. poco a poco dim. pp* wreath - ing, shall be wreath - ing thy head.

B *rall. poco a poco dim. pp* wreath - ing, shall be wreath - ing thy head.

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