Love Sweet

Poems of Amy Lowell

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Apology

\( \text{Soprano} \)

\( \text{Violin} \)

\( \text{Cello} \)

\( \text{Piano} \)

* Be not an-gry with me that I

* Use tips of fingers to dampen strings (stopped sound), placing them on the strings close to the pins (between hammers and pins). The sound should be muffled, but pitch still clear.

\text{keep ped. depressed} \]

\text{S.} \]

\text{Vi.} \]

\text{Vc.} \]

\text{bear your col-ours eve-ry-where, all through each crowd-ed street, and meet the wonder-light}
in every eye, as I go by.

Each plodding wayfarer looks up to gaze, blinded by rainbow haze, the
stuff of hap-pi-ness, no less, which wraps me in its glad-hued folds of pea-cock

Be-fore my feet the dust-y,

more, which wraps me in its glad-hued folds of pea-cock

Be-fore my feet the dust-y,
rough-paved way flush-es be-neath it's gray. My steps fall ringed with
light, so bright, It seems a myr-i-ad suns are strown a-bout the town.
Before me is the sound of steepled bells, and rich perfumed

 smells hang like a wind forgot ten cloud,

 keep ped. depressed
shroud me from close contact with the world. I dwell impearled. You

bla-zon me with jeweled insignia.

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flam- ing neb - u - la rims my life. And

yet you set the word up - on me, un - con - fessed...

keep ped. depressed
42

S.

Vl.

Vc.

42

(norm.)

45

S.

Vl.

Vc.

45

(norm.)

to go

guessed.
The Giver of Stars

$J = 42 \ (J = 84)$

\[ S. \]

\[ Vi. \]  \[ (norm.) \]

\[ Vc. \]

\[ \sum \]

\[ con. sord. \]

\[ \sum \]

\[ \sum \]

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Hold your soul open for my welcoming.
Let the quiet of your spirit bathe me with its clear and rippled coolness, that, loose-limbed and weary, I find rest.
out-stretched up-on your peace, as on a bed of i-vo-ry.
Let the flick-er-ing flame of your soul play a-bout me, _ that in-to my limbs_

_ may come the keen-ness _ of fire, the life and joy of tongues of

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flame, and, going out from you, tightly strung and

in tune, I may rouse the bleary-eyed world, and
pour into it the beauty which you have begot

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ten

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Absence

\( \text{\textcopyright Higdon - Love Sweet} \)
cup is empty tonight, cold and dry are its sides,
chilled by the wind from open window.
Empty and void,
it sparkles white in the moonlight,

The room is filled with the

strange scent of wisteria blossoms. They sway in the moon's

light.
34 $> mf$

S.

radiance and tap against the wall.

Vl.

(A) $p \rightarrow mp$

(G) $mp$

(F) $mp_{sub.}$

34

(norm.)

Vc.

mp $\rightarrow p$ $\rightarrow pp$ $\rightarrow mp$

34

(norm.)

39 $mp$

S.

But the cup of my heart is still, and old and empty.

When

Vl.

mfp

(pizz.)

Vc.

mfp

(pizz.)

keep ped. depressed

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you come it brims red and trembling with blood, heart's blood for your

drink ing; To fill your mouth with love and the
bit-ter-sweet taste of a soul.
See! I give myself to you, Beloved!
My words are little jars for you to take and put upon a shelf.

Their
shapes are quaint and beautiful, and they have many pleasant

colours and lustres to recommend them.
Al-so the scent from them fills the room.

Also the scent from them fills the room.

With sweetness of flowers and crushed grasses. When I shall have giv-en you the last one,
you will have the whole of me,

But I shall be dead.
single thought when grown too constant, and however kind,

however welcome still, the weary mind aches with its presence.
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un-sought the old de-light is with us but to find that

all re-cur-ring joy is pain re-fined, be-come a hab-it, and we

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struggle, caught. You lie upon my heart as on a
nest, folded in peace, for you can never know how
crushed I am with having you at rest heavily upon my life.

I love you so

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you bind my freedom from its right ful quest.

(distinctly)
In mercy lift your drooping wings and_

(Solo)

(go.)

(Solo)

(Higdon - Love Sweet)