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Notes about Rumi

The thirteenth century Persian poet and philosopher, Rumi (1207-1273 CE), wrote "At Morning's Twilight" for his major work *Diwan-e Shams-e Tabriz-i*, a book of poems dedicated to a friend who inspired him to write. His life was filled with travel, study of the Sufi religion (a mystic branch of Islam), and fame for his remarkable insight into the human experience. His verses have remained popular and spread throughout the world because of the common themes of love, friendship, the evolution of the soul, and the search for higher meaning. Because of his belief that rhythm and chant helped one to transcend the body into the spiritual plane, the followers of Rumi founded the Mevlevi Order of the Sufi religion, known as the Whirling Dervishes for their practice of incorporating music and sacred dance or Sema into ceremonies.

Written by Dawn Brooks



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At Morning's Twilight

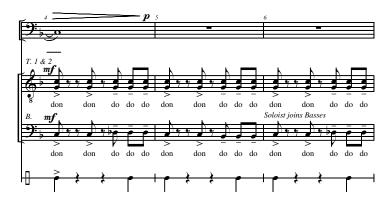
(S.A.T.B., Baritone Solo, Accompanied by Hand Drum)

Rumi (13th century Sufi poet) translation by Cory Johnson & Dawn Brooks Cory Johnson

<u>Terms</u> - mâh: a Persian word meaning moon (representing the Divine) daryâh: a Persian word meaning sea (representing the spirit world)

<u>Pronunciation</u> - The Persian "â" has an open "a" sound with a hint of "o" in it.
"Don" and "do" have no meaning, they are only used as percussive syllables. Pronounce them both with a long "o" sound, as in "bone."





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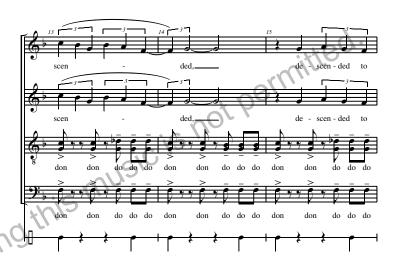
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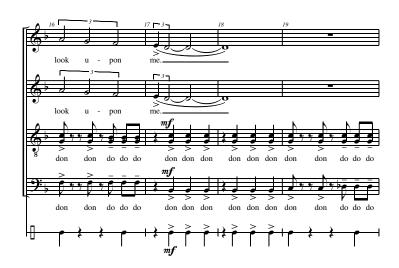
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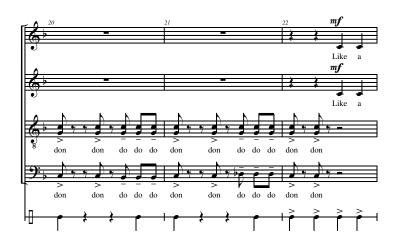
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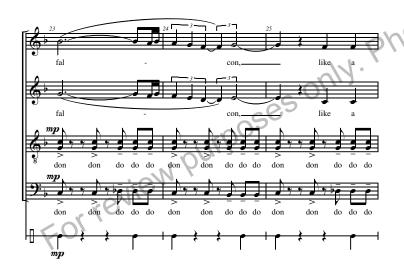
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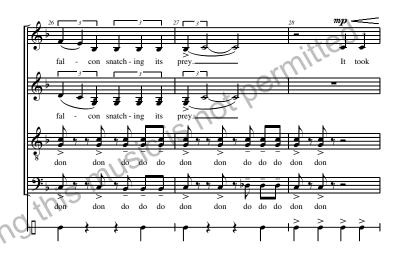






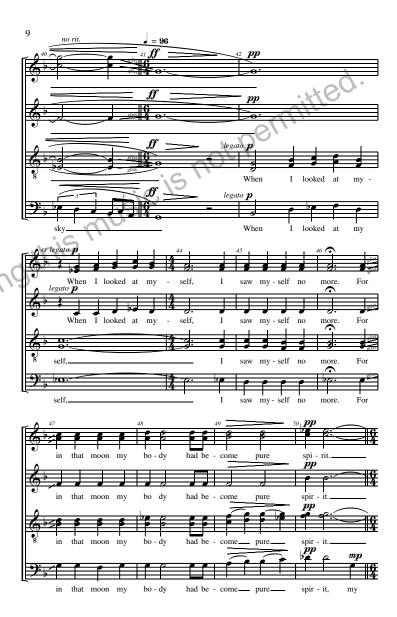








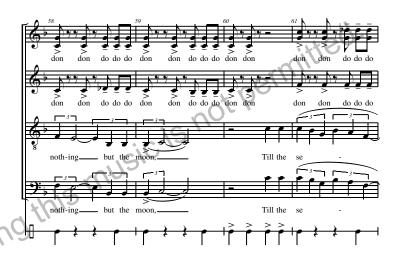


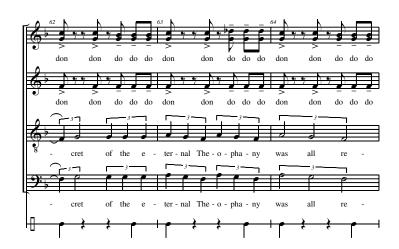


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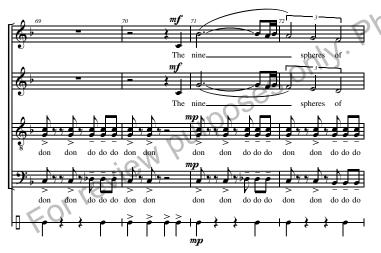


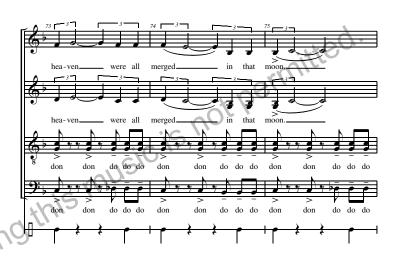


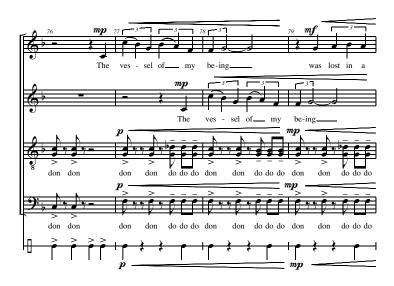




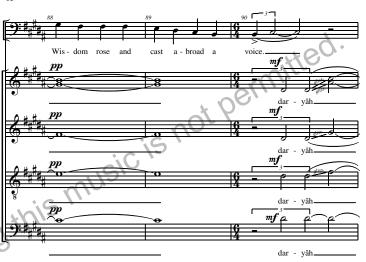


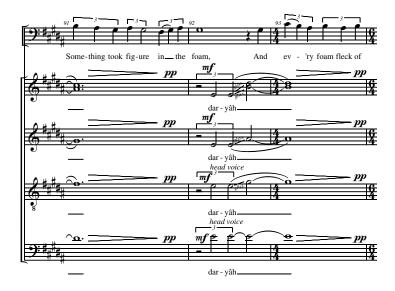


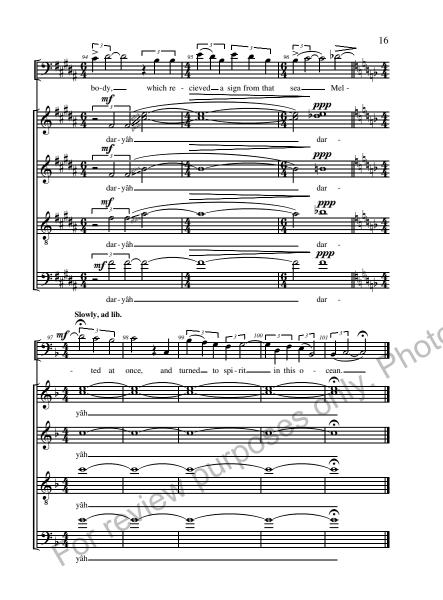












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