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Ah! Sweet Mystery Of Life

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(The Dream Melody)

Lyric by
RIDA JOHNSON YOUNG

For It Is Love Alone
That Rules For Aye!

Music by
VICTOR HERBERT

Moderato

mf *accel.*

The piano introduction is in B-flat major, 2/4 time. It begins with a *mf* dynamic and a tempo marking of *Moderato*. The melody features several triplet figures in the right hand, while the left hand provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The piece concludes with an *accel.* (accelerando) marking and a crescendo line.

Andante

f *pp colla voce*

Ah! sweet mys - ter - y of life, at last I've

The first system of the song is in B-flat major, 2/4 time, with a tempo marking of *Andante*. The vocal melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The piano part begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and a crescendo, then transitions to a piano (*pp*) dynamic *colla voce* (in time with the voice). The lyrics are: "Ah! sweet mys - ter - y of life, at last I've".

found thee, Ah! I know at last the se - cret of it

The second system continues the vocal and piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "found thee, Ah! I know at last the se - cret of it".

all; All the long - ing, seek - ing, stri - ving, wait - ing,

The third system continues the vocal and piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "all; All the long - ing, seek - ing, stri - ving, wait - ing,".

yearn - ing, - The burn - ing hopes, the joy and i - dle tears that

fall! For 'tis love, and love a - lone, the world is

seek - ing; And 'tis love, and love a - lone, that can re -

pay! 'Tis the an - swer, 'tis the end and all of liv - ing, - For it is

allargando *ff*



ten.
love a - lone that rules for aye!

Grandioso ff
For 'tis love, and love a - lone, the world is

ten.
cresc. molto
ff

seek - ing, For 'tis love, and love a - lone that can re - pay!

'Tis the

an - swer, 'tis the end and all of liv - ing! — For it is love a - lone that rules for

ten.
pesante

aye!

ff allargando
ff
ff

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Lyric by HARRY B. SMITH

a tempo

Slum - ber on, my lit - tle gyp - sy sweet - heart, Dream of the field and the
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dolcissimo

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Valse lente

Sweet sum - mer breeze, whis - per - ing trees, Stars shin - ing soft - ly a - bove;—
Ros - es in bloom, waft - ed per - fume, Sleep - y birds dream - ing of

ppp molto espress.

pp

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cresc.

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 -tude sin-cere till God's re - call. — I prom-ise you my life, my all. —

ten.

f

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SONG

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CAROLINE
SONG

ACROSS THE RIVER
SONG

LET THE REST OF THE WORLD
GO BY
SONG

I'LL FORGET YOU
SONG

IT WAS FOR ME
SACRED SONG

MA LITTLE SUNFLOWER
GOOD NIGHT
SONG

MY ROSARY FOR YOU
SONG

THOU ART MY GOD
SACRED SONG

THERE'S A LONG, LONG TRAIL
SONG

I COME TO THEE
SACRED SONG

KISS ME AGAIN
SONG

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KINKY HEADED BOY
SONG

TEACH ME TO PRAY
SACRED SONG

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MY WORLD
SONG

GOD SHALL WIPE AWAY
ALL TEARS
SACRED SONG

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SONG

EVENING BRINGS REST
AND YOU
SONG

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THOUGH time may let us sometimes forget,
Until, with but a sigh,
The memories of a passionate love
Turn ashen cold and die.
For me there still can be but you!
Come weal or woe, my love is true!
Ah! dear one, if you only knew
My heart when you're away.
When you're away, dear, how weary the lone-
some hours!
Sunshine seems gray, dear! The fragrance has
left the flow'rs!
Ever I hear you, in seeming,
Whisp'ring soft love words to me!
Ah! If I knew 'twere but dreaming! Ne'er to be!
Then when you're near me,
There's naught that I strive to do,
Save to endear me more fondly, my love, to you!
Never again let us part, dear!
I die without you, mine own!
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OF MINE
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MOTHER O' MY MOTHER
SONG

HONEY IF YO' ONLY KNEW
SONG

COMFORT YE ONE ANOTHER
SACRED SONG

OH LORD
REMEMBER ME
SACRED SONG

JUST BEEN WONDERING
ALL DAY LONG
SONG