

TESSA'S LYRICS

A Song for You

(Gnossienne No. 1)

Composer: Erik Satie

Arr: Luis Perdomo

Lyrics: Tessa Souter

From a dark and starless sky
When the earth was still round
you came
Promising the sun and moon and
stars above
In a hold of flesh and bone
Blinded by the dark of your soul
Buried in the coldness of your
heart, my love

You came to me in camouflage of
black and blue
I saw your face but I did not
see you

The gentle beauty of your sweet
disguise
Belied the icy brink of your
horizon
An inescapable abyss of lies
Of light-devouring dark *sans
rime ni raison*

You came to me I only saw your
smile
Belying what was really there
hiding in full view all the
while

From a dark and starless sky
When the earth was still round
you came
Turning off the sun turning off
the stars

*Tu es venu a moi masque de noir
et bleu
J'ai vu ton visage mais je ne
t'ai pas vu*

The gentle beauty of your sweet
disguise
Belied the icy brink of your
horizon
An inescapable abyss of lies
Of light-devouring dark *sans
rime ni raison*

You came to me and tore the
world apart
I saw your face, I didn't see
your heart
Your heart, how could I see in
the rain and dark, your heart

Mood

Composer: Ron Carter

Arr: Tessa Souter

Lyrics: Tessa Souter

Mood is a feather
Just floating wherever
Like change in the weather
And clouds in the sky
Only passing by
Drifting like a bird

Now waits for no man
It's gone in a moment
Belonging to no one
It is singing to songs
Humming in the air
Waiting to be heard

Beauty surrounds us
Within and without us
Resounding to music
That is played in the spheres
And sounded in the soul
Glorious to behold

Holding on to Beauty
(Gnossienne No. 3)
Composer: Erik Satie
Arr: Luis Perdomo
Lyrics: Tessa Souter

Dreaming in the darkness
You were silver in the moonlight
Lying in your arms is like I'm
holding on to sunlight
Your lips are as soft as petals
Your eyes, they are darker than
the deepest midnight sea
And you are turning in my arms
and you are dancing with me

In the glowing embers of the
days since I first met you
Trying to remember all the ways
I won't forget you
Your mouth, soft and warm and
tender
In the blurring of our
boundaries
Your caressing hands are gentle
as our bodies intertwine
And you surround me

Holding on to beauty, melting
snow on distant mountains
And the velvet of the darkness
and the warmth of your love
Is all around me

Your smile, your heart
The darkness of your eyes is so
exciting
Your touch

When I hear your voice, it makes
my heart sing
Your kiss

Wishing I could always feel your
loving arms around me
Lonely as a tear is I was lost
until you found me
But you found me

Peace (Gnossienne No. 2)

Composer: Erik Satie

Arr: Luis Perdomo

Lyrics: Tessa Souter

Floating in the turquoise up
above me
Lonely drifter can you see me
Soaring through the misty clouds
serenely
Are you coming to redeem me
As you circle the sky are you
dreaming of heaven
Looking down from on high does
it seem that it even exists
As my life goes tumbling by
I'm wondering whether you are
near me
Lying here under the sky I
wonder if even you
Can hear me, can feel me

In the bright yellow glow of the
crackling firelight
In the flickering fireflies
dancing at twilight
There is peace
It is sleeping in the stars
above us
Quiet canopy of oneness

D'Ou Venons Nous
(Gymnopedie No. 3)
Composer: Erik Satie
Arr: Billy Drummond
Lyrics: Tessa Souter

You, dearly beloved to have and
to hold
You are here
So am I, my dear
We appeared at the same time
And just as I knew you then
I will know you again

You, leaving behind all the
things of this earth
To embrace what is peace and
beauty
All there is, is much more than
we know, dear
So 'til you come back to me
Live a beautiful life

Rayga's Song

(Gymnopedie No. 1)

Composer: Erik Satie

Arr: Tessa Souter

**Lyric: Tessa Souter (on the
birth of Yasushi's first son
born in a snowstorm)**

From the shadows and silence of
morning
When the glow of a new day was
dawning
You came

Invited by love you have come
here to be
A beautiful song from the
heavens to me
And round we spin in a stairway
of stars
Called the Milky Way, dear

When you opened your eyes for
the first time
To the beautiful world that was
waiting for you
Silently, tenderly falling to
earth
A snowstorm had made on the day
of your birth
A playground softer than
feathers
Where one day together
We'll play