



V I C T O R I A N W O M E N

Queen of Love

Alice Mary Smith

(1839-1884)

Alice Mary Meadows White [née Smith] (1839-1884) was born in London, England. Showing talent as a youth, she studied privately with William Sterndale Bennett and George Alexander Macfarren. She was elected Female Professional Associate of the Royal Philharmonic Society and an honorary member of the Royal Academy of Music. Her music first published at age eighteen, she was an active composer until her death at age 45 from typhoid fever. Her compositions include two symphonies, four piano quartets, three string quartets, a clarinet sonata, six concert overtures, an operetta, cantatas, service music, anthems, songs, and part songs. Two of her anthems are the earliest known use of music by a woman composer in Church of England services (1864).

REINE D'AMOUR

Close as the stars along the sky
The flow'rs were in the mead,
The purple heart, and golden eye,
And crimson-flaming weed:—
And each one sigh'd as I went by,
And touch'd my garment green,
And bade me wear her on my heart
And take her for my Queen
Of Love,—
And take her for my Queen.

And one in virgin white was drest
With downcast gracious head;
And one unveil'd a burning breast
With Love's own ardour red:
All rainbow bright, with laughter light,
They flicker'd o'er the green,
Each whisp'ring I should pluck her there
And take her as my Queen
Of Love,—
And take her as my Queen.

But sudden at my feet look'd up
A little star-like thing,
Pure odour in pure perfect cup,
That made my bosom sing.
'Twas not for size, nor gorgeous dyes,
But her own self, I ween,
Her own sweet self, that bade me stoop
And take her for my Queen
Of Love,—
And take her for my Queen.

Now all day long and every day
Her beauty on me grows,
And holds with stronger sweeter sway
Than lily or than rose;
And this one star outshines by far
All in the meadow green;—
And so I wear her on my heart
And take her for my Queen
Of Love,—
And take her for my Queen.

Francis Turner Palgrave (1824-1897)

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Allegro leggiero

S *mf* Close as _____ the stars _____ a - long _____ the sky The

A *mf* Close as _____ the stars _____ a - long the sky The

T *mf* Close as _____ the stars _____ a - long the sky The

B *mf* Close as the stars a - long the sky The

S ³ flow'rs were in the mead, The pur - ple heart, ___ and

A flow'rs were in the mead, The pur - ple, pur - ple heart, ___ and

T flow'rs were in the mead, The pur - ple, pur - ple heart, ___ and

B flow'rs were in the mead, The pur - ple, pur - ple heart, and



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S gold - en eye, And crim - son - flam - ing weed, and

A gold - en eye, And crim - son - flam - ing weed, — and crim - son -

T gold - en eye, And crim - son - flam - ing weed, and crim - son -

B gold - en eye, And crim - son - flam - ing weed, and crim - son -

9

S crim - son - flam - ing weed:— And each one sigh'd as

A flam - ing, flam - ing weed:— And each one sigh'd as

T flam - ing, flam - ing weed:— And each one sigh'd, sigh'd as

B flam - ing, flam - ing weed:— And each one sigh'd as

12

S I went by, And touch'd my gar - ment green, And

A I went by, And touch'd my gar - ment green, And

T I went by, And touch'd my gar - ment green, And

B I went by, And touch'd my gar - ment green, And

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15 *p*

S bade me wear her on my heart And take her for my

A bade me wear her on my heart And take her for my

T bade me wear her on my heart And take her for my

B bade me wear — her on my heart And take her for my

18 *cresc.*

S Queen, And take her for my Queen, And

A Queen, And take her for my Queen, my

T Queen Of Love, — of Love, — And

B Queen, And take her for my Queen, my

21 *p*

S take her for — my Queen. And one in vir - gin

A Queen Of Love. — And one in vir - gin

T take her for my Queen, And one in vir - gin

B Queen Of Love. — And one in white, —

Queen of Love

24

S white was drest With down - cast gra - - - cious

A white was drest With down - cast gra - cious

T white was drest With down - cast head; And

B in white was drest With

27

S *pp* head, with down - cast gra - cious

A *pp* head, with down - cast gra - cious

T *pp* one un - veil'd a burn - ing breast With Love's own ar - dour

B *pp* down - cast, down - cast gra - cious

30 *leggiero*

S head; All rain - bow bright, with laugh - ter light, They

A head; All rain - bow, rain - bow bright, with laugh - ter light, They

T red: All rain - bow bright, with laugh - ter light, They

B head; All rain - bow bright, with laugh - ter light, They

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33

S flick - er'd o'er the green, Each whis - p'ring I should

A flick - er'd o'er the green, Each whis - p'ring I should

T flick - er'd o'er the green, Each whis - p'ring I should

B flick - er'd o'er the green, Each whis - p'ring I should

36

S pluck her there And take her as my Queen, And

A pluck her there And take her as my Queen, And

T pluck her there And take her as my Queen Of Love,

B pluck her there And take her as my Queen, And

39 *cresc.*

S take her as my Queen, And take her as my

A *cresc.* take her as my Queen, my Queen Of

T *cresc.* of Love,— And take her as my

B *cresc.* take her as my Queen, my Queen Of

Queen of Love

42

S Queen, And take her as my Queen, And

A Love,— And take her as my Queen, my Queen Of Love,— And

T Queen, And take her as my Queen, my Queen Of Love,— And

B Love,— And take her as my Queen, my Queen Of Love,— And

45

S take her as my Queen, *rit.* my Queen Of Love.— But

A take her as my Queen *rit.* Of Love.— But

T take her as my Queen *rit.* Of Love.— But

B take her as my Queen *rit.* Of Love.— But

48

a tempo

S sud - den at my feet look'd up A lit - tle star - like

A sud - den at my feet look'd up A star - like

T sud - den at my feet look'd up A star - like

B sud - den at my feet look'd up A lit - tle, lit - tle

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51

S thing, Pure — o - dour in pure per - fect cup, That —

A thing, Pure o - dour in per - fect cup, That

T thing, Pure o - dour in per - fect cup, That

B star - like thing, Pure — o - dour in pure per - fect cup, That —

54

S made my bos - om sing, that made, that made my bos - om

A made my bos - om sing, that made, that made my bos - om

T made my bos - om sing, my bos - - - om

B made my bos - om sing, my bos - om

57

S sing. 'Twas not for size, nor gor - geous dyes, But *f*

A sing. 'Twas not for gor - geous dyes, But *f*

T sing. 'Twas not for size, nor gor - geous dyes, But *f*

B sing. 'Twas not for size, nor gor - geous dyes, But *f*

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60

S her own self, I ween, Her own sweet self, that

A her own self, I ween, Her own sweet self, that

T her own self, I ween, Her own sweet self, that

B her own self, I ween, Her own sweet self, that

p *leggiero*

63

S bade me stoop And take her for my Queen, Her

A bade me stoop And take her for my Queen Of Love,— Her

T bade me stoop And take her for my Queen Of Love,— Her

B bade me stoop And take her for my Queen Of Love,— Her

66

S own sweet self, that bade me stoop And take her for my

A own sweet self, that bade me stoop And take her for my

T own sweet self, that bade me stoop And take her for my

B own sweet self, that bade me stoop And take her for my

cresc. *dim.* *rit.*

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69 *a tempo*

S Queen. Now all day long and ev - 'ry day Her

A Queen. Now all day long and ev - 'ry day Her

T Queen. Now all day long and ev - 'ry day Her

B Queen. Now all day long and ev - 'ry day Her

72

S beau - ty on me grows, And holds with strong - er

A beau - ty on me grows, And holds, and holds with strong - er

T beau - ty on me grows, And holds, and holds with strong - er

B beau - ty on me grows, And holds, and holds with strong - er

75

S sweet - er sway Than lil - y or than rose, than

A sweet - er sway Than lil - y or than rose, than lil - y,

T sweet - er sway Than lil - y or than rose, than lil - y,

B sweet - er sway Than lil - y or than rose, than lil - y,

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78

S lil - y or than rose; And this one star out -

A lil - y or than rose; And this one star out -

T lil - y or than rose; And this one star out - shines by

B lil - y or than rose; And this one star out -

81

S shines by far All in the mead - ow green;— And

A shines by far All in the mead - ow green;— And

T far, by far All in the mead - ow green;— And

B shines by far All in the mead - ow green;— And

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S so I wear her on my heart And take her for my

A so I wear her on my heart And take her for my

T so I wear her on my heart And take her for my

B so I wear her on my heart And take her for my

Queen of Love

87 *cresc.*

S Queen And take her for my Queen, And

A Queen, And take her for my Queen, my

T Queen Of Love, _____ of Love,— And

B Queen, And take her for my Queen, my

90

S take her for _____ my Queen, And so I wear her

A Queen Of Love, of Love,— And so I wear her

T take her for my Queen Of Love,— And so I wear her

B Queen Of Love, of Love,— And so I wear _____ her

93

S on my heart And take her for my Queen Of Love,— And

A on my heart And take her for my Queen Of Love,— And

T on my heart And take her for my Queen Of Love,— And

B on my heart And take her for _____ my Queen Of Love,— And

Queen of Love

96 *cresc.*

S so I wear her on my heart And take her for my

A *cresc.* take her for my Queen Of

T *cresc.* take her for my Queen Of

B *cresc.* take her for my Queen Of

99 *cresc.*

S Queen, my Queen Of Love,— my Queen of

A *cresc.* Love,— my Queen of Love,—

T *cresc.* Love,— my Queen of Love,— my Queen Of Love,— my Queen of

B *cresc.* Love,— my Queen of Love,—

102 *ff*

S Love,— my Queen of Love,—

A *ff* my Queen Of Love,— my Queen of Love,—

T *ff* Love,— my Queen of Love,— my Queen of Love,—

B my Queen Of Love,—

Queen of Love

105

S And _____ so _____ I wear _____ her on my heart And *ff*

A And _____ so I wear her on my heart And *ff*

T And _____ so I wear her on my heart And *ff*

B And _____ so I wear her on my heart And *ff*

108

S take her for take my Queen, _____

A take her for take my Queen, take _____ her

T take her for take my Queen, take _____ her

B take her for take my Queen, take her

111

S _____ my Queen.

A for _____ my Queen of Love,— my Queen.

T for _____ my Queen of Love,— my Queen.

B for my Queen of Love,— my Queen.

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