



The Islet

Percy Eastman Fletcher
(1879-1932)

Percy Eastman Fletcher (1879-1932) born in Derby, Derbyshire, England. He was successful as a musical director in various theaters in London, including the Prince of Wales, Savoy, and Drury Lane theaters. He directed at His Majesty's Theater from 1915 until his death in 1932. He was also a performer on organ, piano, and violin. He composed numerous ballads, choral works, orchestral suites, piano music, marches, pieces for organ, and works for military band. Several of his compositions were performed as test pieces for the British National Band Championships. In 1926, he created what some consider his most serious work for the championships, *An Epic Symphony*. It was brought back as a test piece for the National Championships of 1938, 1951, and 1976.

There was a little lawny islet
By anemone and violet,
Like mosaic, paven:
And its roof was flowers and leaves
Which the summer's breath enweaves,
Where nor sun nor showers nor breeze
Pierce the pines and tallest trees,
Each a gem engraven; —
Girt by many an azure wave
With which the clouds and mountains pave
A lake's blue chasm.

Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822)

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Percy E. Fletcher

Andante semplice e delicato

S *p* There was a lit - tle lawn - y is - let By a - nem - o - ne and vi - o - let, Like mo - *poco cresc.*

A *p* There was a lit - tle lawn - y is - let By a - nem - o - ne and vi - o - let, Like mo - *poco cresc.*

T *p* There was a lit - tle lawn - y is - let By a - nem - o - ne and vi - o - let, Like mo - *poco cresc.*

B *p* There was a lit - tle lawn - y is - let By a - nem - o - ne and vi - o - let, Like mo - *poco cresc.*

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S *pp* sa - ic, pa - ven, like mo - sa - - - ic, pa - ven: There

A *pp* sa - ic, pa - ven, like mo - sa - - - ic, pa - ven: There

T *pp* sa - ic, pa - ven, like mo - sa - - - ic, pa - ven: There

B *pp* sa - ic, pa - ven, mo - sa - - - ic, pa - ven: There

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9 *dolcissimo (senza espressione)*

S was a lit - tle lawn - y is - let By a - nem - o - ne and vi - o - let, Like mo -

A *dolcissimo*

A was a lit - tle lawn - y is - let By a - nem - o - ne and vi - o - let, Like mo -

T *dolcissimo*

T was a lit - tle lawn - y is - let By a - nem - o - ne and vi - o - let, Like mo -

B *dolcissimo*

B was a lit - tle lawn - y is - let By a - nem - o - ne and vi - o - let, Like mo -

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S sa - ic, pa - ven, like mo - sa - - - ic, pa - ven: And its *mp*

A sa - ic, pa - ven, like mo - sa - - - ic, pa - ven:

T sa - ic, pa - ven, like mo - sa - - - ic, pa - ven:

B sa - ic, pa - ven, mo - sa - - - ic, pa - ven:

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S roof was flow'rs and leaves _____ Which the sum - mer's breath en -

A *mp*

A And its roof was flow'rs and leaves Which the sum - mer's breath en -

T *mp*

T And its roof was flow'rs and leaves Which the sum - mer's breath en -

B *mp*

B And its roof was leaves Which the sum - mer's breath en -

20 *cresc. a poco agitato*

S weaves, _____ Where nor sun nor show'rs nor

A weaves, _____ Where nor sun nor

T weaves, _____ which the sum - mer's breath en - weaves, Where nor show'rs nor

B weaves, _____ which the sum - mer's breath en - weaves, Where nor sun nor

23 *più cresc. ed allargando*

S breeze, _____ where nor sun nor show'rs nor breeze _____ Pierce the pines, _____ the _____

A breeze, _____ where nor sun nor breeze _____ Pierce the pines,

T breeze, _____ where nor sun nor show'rs nor breeze _____ Pierce the pines, _____ the _____

B breeze, _____ where nor sun nor breeze _____ Pierce the pines,

27 *f* *mp* *dolce ed espressione*

S pines and tall - est trees, Each a gem en -

A pierce the pines and tall - est trees, Each a gem en -

T pines and tall - est trees, Each a gem en -

B pierce the pines and tall - est trees, Each a gem en -

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S *poco rall.* *mp* *a tempo espress.*
 gra - ven, each a gem en - gra - ven;— Girt by ma - ny_an a - zure

A *poco rall.* *mp* *a tempo sostenuto*
 gra - ven, each a gem en - gra - ven;— Girt by

T *poco rall.* *mp* *a tempo*
 gra - ven, each a gem en - gra - ven;— Girt,

B *poco rall.* *mp* *a tempo sostenuto*
 gra - ven, each a gem en - gra - ven;— Girt by

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S wave With which the clouds and moun - tains pave

A ma - ny_an a - zure wave

T *espress.*
 girt by ma - ny_an a - zure wave With which the clouds and moun - tains

B ma - ny_a wave With which the

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S *dim. e rall.* *p* *molto rit.*
 — A lake's blue cha - sm, a lake's blue cha - sm.

A *dim. e rall.* *p* *molto rit.*
 — A lake's blue cha - sm, a lake's blue cha - sm.

T *dim. e rall.* *p* *molto rit.*
 pave A blue cha - sm, a lake's blue cha - sm.

B *dim. e rall.* *p* *molto rit.*
 moun - tains pave A lake's blue cha - sm.

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S *p a tempo* There was a lit - tle lawn - y is - let By a - nem - o - ne and *espress. mp* *rall.*

A *p a tempo* There was a lit - tle lawn - y is - let, a lawn - y *mp* *rall.*

T *p a tempo* There was a lit - tle lawn - y is - let, a lawn - y *mp* *rall.*

B *p a tempo* There was a lit - tle lawn - y is - let, a lawn - y *mp* *rall.*

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S *Più Lento pp* vi - o - let, Like mo - sa - - - ic, *calando* pa - ven. _____

A *pp* is - let _____ Like mo - sa - ic, *calando* pa - ven. _____

T *pp* is - let _____ Like mo - sa - ic, *calando* pa - ven. _____

B *pp* is - let _____ Like mo - sa - ic, *calando* pa - ven. _____

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