

Four Blake Songs

4. THE FLY

Mixed choir

Text: William Blake (1757-1827)

Huub de Lange (*1955)

Soprano (S): Litt- le Fly, thy sum - mer's play my

Alto (A): Litt - - - - le Fly, _____

Tenor (T): Litt - - - - le Fly, _____

Bass (B): Litt - le Fly, _____ thy sum - mer's play

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thought - less hand _____ has brushed a - way

thought - less hand brushed a - way

brushed a way.

brushed a - way.

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Am not I a fly like thee?
Am not I _____
Am not I _____ Or
Am not I _____ a fly like thee

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For I
art not thou a man like me?
art not thou man like me? _____

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dance, and drink, and sing,
dance, drink, sing,
dance, drink, sing,
dance, drink,

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and sing, sing, sing, sing,

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Till some blind hand shall

Till some blind hand shall

shall

sing, shall

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brush my wing.

brush my wing. If thought is

brush my wing. If thought is

brush my wing. If thought is

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is ___ life _____ the ___ want
life and _____ and the
life and _____ and the
and ___ the

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the ___ want of ___ thought is ___ death; Then I am a happy
want Of thought is death; I am
want Of thought is death; I am
want of thought is death, I am

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fly. hap-py fly. _____ fly.
fly. _____ fly. _____ fly.
fly. _____ fly. _____
fly. _____. fly. _____. fly.

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If I live,
If I live,
If I live,
fly.

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poco rit.
Or if I die.
Or if I die.
Or if I die.
f
Or if I die.
Or if I die.
f
Or if I die.