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Sufi Songs
(2014)

for mezzo-soprano
and piano

UNSAFE BULL MUSIC

Program Notes

I composed these two pieces for mezzo-soprano LaToya Lain and pianist Casey Robards. These texts about love made such an impact on me that I just had to share them with as many people as possible.

Text

1. Rumi

Those who don't feel this Love
pulling them like a river,
those who don't drink dawn
like a cup of spring water
or take in sunset like supper,
those who don't want to change,

let them sleep.

This Love is beyond the study of theology
that old tricker and hypocrisy.
If you want to improve your mind that way,

sleep on.

I've given up on my brain.
I've torn the cloth to shreds
and thrown it away.

If you're not completely naked,
wrap your beautiful robe of words
around you,

and sleep.

2. Bawa Muhaiyaddeen

I hold you in my heart.
I rock and sing you to sleep.
You are everywhere in everyone,
the holy baby in all of us,
that plays there.

The beautiful one,
born when we love,
the glowing child.

You are the meaning that blooms in the heart.

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for LaToya Lain and Casey Robards

1. Rumi

$\text{♩} = 60$

f

Ped.

5 *p*

Those who don't feel this Love pull - ing them like a riv - er,

(Ped.) Ped.

9 *mf*

those who don't drink dawn like a cup of spring

(Ped.)

13 *f*

wa - ter or take in sun - set like sup - per, those who

(Ped.) Ped. Ped. Ped.

don't want to change, let them sleep.

Ped. Ped.

mp
This Love is be-yond the-ol-o-gy, that old trick-er-y and hy-poc-ri-sy. If you want to im-

p
Ped. Ped.

f
prove your mind that way, sleep on, sleep on, sleep on.

f
Ped. Ped.

p
I've giv-en up on my brain. I've torn the

p
Ped. Ped.

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cloth to shreds and thrown it a - way. *f* If you're not com-plete-ly *mf*

42

na - - - - - ked, *mp* wrap your beau - ti - ful robe of

46

words a-round you, and sleep.

50

2. Bawa Muhaiyaddeen

♩=80

mp

I hold you in my heart. I rock and sing you to

9

sleep. You are eve - ry - where in eve - ry - one, the ho - ly

16

ba - by in all of us, that plays there. The beau - ti - ful one,

23

mf *mf*

born when we love, the glow - ing child. You are the mean - ing that

blooms in the heart. I

mp

hold you in my heart.