

Part III

Ah, Thou Poor World *Johannes Brahms* (1833-1897)

Ah, thou poor world, thou cheatest me,
That I confess unfeignedly
Yet in thee seek my pleasure,
Yet in thee seek my pleasure.

False world, thou art but idle show,
Thy splendor fades, as well I know.
Thy joys have briefest measure,
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Thy wealth, thine honours manifold,
In need, in death, no comfort hold,
Thy gold is caught but tinsel gold,
Be Thou, O Lord, my treasure,
Be Thou, O Lord, my treasure.

Choose Something Like a Star *Randall Thompson* (1899-)

O Star (the fairest one in sight),
We grant your loveliness the right
To some obscurity of cloud—
It will not do to say of night,
Since dark is what brings out your light.
Some mystery becomes the proud.
But to be wholly taciturn
In your reserve is not allowed.
Say something to us we can learn
By heart and when alone repeat.
Say something! And it says, "I burn."
But say with what degree of heat.
Talk Fahrenheit, talk Cenigrade.

Use language we can comprehend.
Tell us what elements you blend.
It gives us strangely little aid.
But does tell something in the end.
And steadfast as Keats' Erebus,
Not even stooping from its sphere,
It asks a little of us here.
It asks of us a certain height.
So when at times the mob is swayed
To carry praise or blame to far,
We may choose something like a star
To stay our minds on and be staid.

—Robert Frost

Echo Song *Orlando di Lasso* (1532?-1594)

Hola! What a good echo
Come, answer us! Come, echo!
Ha-ha-ha-ha! Now you are laughing!
Jolly good fellow! What's wanted?
Come, sing to us a song now!
One song! A good one!
O why? Yes, O why?
Then why not? Because I will not!
Why not, why not? I don't feel like singing!
Then be silent! So must you!
You lazy thing! I thank you!
Now that's enough! Let's go now!
Good-bye, then, Echo! You may rest now!
Silence! Do be silent! Hush, now!

Echo Quartet: Pam Weinheimer, Soprano; Cheryl Bristow, Alto;
Tim Brown, Tenor; Ron Cardeccia, Bass.

Part IV

Oh, Had I Jubal's Lyre *Handel*

Deh Vieni *Mozart*

The Singer *Handel*

The Last Rose of Summer *Von Flotow*

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