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TO MY MOTHER.

NOTE.

I AM only too sensible how little the following folk-songs retain of their original interest and charm in being sung with so Western an instrument as the piano. The melodies themselves were written down as faithfully as possible just as they were sung to me in Persia, and in the accompaniment I have sought to avoid entirely our Western harmonies, of which the East knows nothing. The sounds of the curious Persian violin, the nasal reed and drum, or the more mellow eastern guitar, cannot be reproduced in the least, of course; yet I have tried—I fear with but very slender success—to give some suggestion of the rhythm and characteristic combinations of sound that are so striking in the originals.

But one needs the setting of the Orient to realize what these songs are: the warm, clear Persian night; the lamps and lanterns shining on the glowing colours of native dresses; the surrounding darkness where dusky shadows hover; the strange sounds of music; voices, sometimes so beautiful, rising and falling in persistent monotony—all this is untranslatable, but the impression left on one is so vivid and so full of enchantment that one longs to preserve it in some form.

My warmest thanks are due to Alma Strettell for the admirable English version of the words, and to Victor Beigel for his sympathetic and suggestive criticism.

B. F.

PARIS, 1904.

The following notes for pronunciation are necessary:—

ā	is like the a in tall.	q	is like a guttural k.
a	" " a " ham.	gh	" a guttural g.
e	" " e " let.	j	" our j.
i	" " i " him.	g	" " g in get.
ī	" ee.	ch	" " ch.
u	" oo.		

The *h* is always distinctly sounded except when at the end of a word.

The *r* is slightly rolled.

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The moon hath no hue like the hues on thy cheek, O my idol!
The moon hath no place—O thou idol of mine!—where thou art;
And I am thy lover, in all the wide world thy true lover,
My head for thy sacrifice yielding, my soul and my heart.
My worship, my wisdom and woe, are thy mighty caresses!
Thy off'ring, thy sacrifice, idol of mine, may I be!
Like thee in the world there is none, through the world let them tell it,
There's none 'mid the daughters of men may be likened to thee!
My soul, my religion—O thou of my heart the beloved
Come, come, thou beloved and beautiful, swiftly to me!

CHEHREH-YI-KHUB-I-TORĀ.

Very slow.

cheh - reh - yi - khub - - i - to -

-rā māh na-dār - ad, sa-na-mā! māh dar an - jo-man -

-at rāh na-dār - ad sa-na-mā! shif - te - at

shif - - te - at dar ham - eh ā - lam man - am!

ei beh fa - dā - yat, ei beh fa - dā - yat, sar o jān o

del - am! az bas keh nā - ze - ni - ni ā -

- fat - i - aq1 o dī - ni! sa-daq - at sham! sa-daq -

Musical score page 5, measures 1-4. The music is in 3/4 time, key signature is one sharp. The vocal line includes lyrics: "at sham! sa-na-mā! mesl-i-to dar ā-lam nīst! gar bo-". The piano accompaniment features sustained notes and chords. Measure 4 ends with a dynamic *p*.

Musical score page 5, measures 5-8. The music continues in 3/4 time, key signature changes to one flat. The vocal line includes lyrics: "-vad, mesl-i-to az nasl-i-ba-nī". The piano accompaniment consists of sustained notes.

Musical score page 5, measures 9-12. The music remains in 3/4 time, key signature one flat. The vocal line includes lyrics: "ā-dam nīst! ei jān-am! ei bab-am!". The piano accompaniment features sustained notes.

Musical score page 5, measures 13-16. The music is in 3/4 time, key signature one flat. The vocal line includes lyrics: "a-zī-i-del-am! bī-ā, bī-ā, bī-ā, yār-i-khosh-gel-i-man!". The piano accompaniment consists of sustained notes.

Run, run to me, run, bring me hither a kiss,
That my heart may know comfort again!
Come, come to me, come, and do somewhat—that this
Which we know of, be joy to us twain!
Run, run to me, run, and my heart, from thy kiss,
Shall grow clear as the sky after rain.

BODO BODO BODO.

Not too fast.

bo-do bo-do bo-do bu - si be-deh,

bu - si be-deh, del-am ta-sal - lä shed!

le - i le - i le - i le - - i!

le - i le - i le - i le - - i!

p
bī - ā bī - ā bī - ā kā - rī bo-kon

kā - rī bo-kon yā - ru bā mā yār shed!

p
le - ī le - ī le - ī le - - ī

p
le - - - ī!

bo-do bo-do bo-do nā - zī bo-kon, nā - zī bo-kon, del-am ho-vei -

dā shed!

le - ī le - ī le - ī

le - - ī!

le - - ī!!

I would strike the comb, my soul, through thy hair,
 My soul, through thy hair,
 Ceaselessly, thou most fair!

Thou makest me mad for love of thee,
 And all men sick like me,
 All men like me
 Mad for love, mad, mad!

Constantly on thy face, O my flower,
 Thy face, O my flower,
 Kisses untold I'd shower!

Distraught thou wilt drive me utterly,
 All men distraught like me,
 All men like me
 Drunk with love, drunk, drunk!

Ceaselessly, O my soul, I would mark,
 My soul, I would mark
 Thy brows with wasmeh* dark!

I fear, lest all men endlessly
 Thou'l't drive to weep like me,
 All men like me
 Mad for love, mad, mad!

* A black dye used for the eyebrows.

KHĀHAM KEH BAR ZOLFAT.

Slow.

The musical score consists of four systems of music, each with two staves: treble and bass. The key signature is mostly A major (no sharps or flats). The time signature varies between 2/4 and common time. The vocal part uses a mix of quarter and eighth notes, while the piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and bass notes. The lyrics are written below the vocal line in a cursive script.

System 1:

- Key: A major (no sharps or flats)
- Time: 2/4
- Dynamics: -
- Text: khā - ham keh bar zolf - at,

System 2:

- Key: A major (no sharps or flats)
- Time: Common time
- Dynamics: *mf*, *f*
- Text: jān - am! zolf - at, har - dam zan - am shā - neh!

System 3:

- Key: A major (no sharps or flats)
- Time: Common time
- Dynamics: *p*, *mf*
- Text: tars - am pa - rī - shān ko - nī ba - si,

hā - leh har - ka - - si,
mesl - i - man ka - -

Meno mosso.

- si ____ dī - - vā - neh di - vā - neh di - vā - neh di -

Tempo I^o

- vā - - neh!
khā - ham keh

bar ru - - - yat,
jān - am!
ru - - - yat,

har - dam zan - am bu - seh! tars - am keh jei - -

- hun ko - ni ba - - si, hā - leh har - ka -

- si, mesl - i - man ka - - si! mast -

Meno mosso.

- ān - eh mast - ān - eh mast - ān - eh mast - ān - eh!

Shall I bring thee some beets, my life ?
On thy head bring a second wife?
O my dear, my dearest dear!

Shall I bring thee some fireworks bright?
A new mattress by thine to-night?
O my dear, my dearest dear!

Shall I bring cigarettes, my heart ?
Shall I bring thee to do thy part ?
O my dear, my dearest dear!

Didst thou see, cigarettes I brought?
Didst thou see that the work is wrought?
O my dear, my dearest dear!

MĪKHĀHĪ LABU?

Slow but gay.



mī-khā-hī la-bu bi - ār - am, sar - at ha-vu bi -

- ār - am? nā-nā-ī nā-nā-ī nā - nāī! mī-khā-hī mu-shak bi -

- är - am, quer - i - to do - shak bi - är - am?


 nā - nā - ī nā - nā - ī nā - nā! _____

 mi - khā - hī si - gār bi -

 - är - am, to - rā sar - i - kār bi - är - am?

nā - nā - i nā - nā - i nā - nā! dī - dī keh si - gār ā -
 - vord - am, to - rā sar - i - kār ā - vord - am?
 nā - nā - i nā - nā - i nā - nā!

My love, my love of the silver cheeks,
I have wandered wearily—
Come, come one night upon my breast!
O my soul! how will it be?
Ah, work a cure for my pain at last!
O my soul! how will it be?

Salt of my heart! beloved Queen!
Thou, in the corner of whose eye
A hundred thousand longings lie!
My heart is sore for news of thee,
Look on my sickness— pity me!

DELBARÉ.

Slowly.

ākh!

del - ba - ré!

del - ba - ré si - min o - zār, del - ba -

- ré si - min o - zār, gash-teh am, gash-teh am zār o na -

zār gash-teh am zār o na - zār! yek shab bi - ā - yi
 dar bar - am, jān-am! cheh tour mi - shed? bo - ko - nī dar -
 - mān - i - dard - am, — jān-am! cheh tour mi - shed?
 yār ma - la - kī, nam na - ma - kī! keh dar

poco più mosso
poco più mosso

gush - - eh - yi - chashm - - at sad he-zār - ān

Meno mosso.

mosh - tāq! az del - am bī kha - ba - rī, az del -

- am bī kha - ba - rī, kon beh hāl - am na - zā - rī, kon beh

hāl - am na - zā - - rī!

If my beloved thou would'st be,
Then take no journey hence from me,
But hold me caressed.

And if beside me thou wilt stay,
Then do thou some sweet thing to day!
Ah! hold me caressed.

The season has returned of spring;
Then hold me caressed!
The perfumed calian* hither bring,
And hold me caressed.

May I become the sacrifice,
Love, of thy two gazelle-soft eyes!
Come, hold me caressed.

If I be slain— thee, love, I bless!
My life-blood for thy happiness!
Ah! hold me caressed.

* bubble-bubble

AGAR YĀR-I-MANI.

Slowly

p tenderly

a - gar

yār - i - man - ī tark az sa - far kon, bā - nu nāz dār!

a - gar to bā man - ī kā - rī di - gar kon,

2
4 a - gar 3 kush - - teh shud - am

2
4 3 2
4 3 2
4 3 2
4

c
khun - am ha - lāl - at, bā - nu nāz dār!

c
p
c
c

c
bā - nu nāz dār! a - gar kush - teh shud - am

c
f
c
c

c
f
khun - am ha - lāl - at, bā - nu nāz dār!

c
f
c
c

Suffer me to unfold to thee the story of my heart;
From seeing thee it turned to blood, it knew its destiny;
Alas! but it has turned to blood since far from me thou art!
Alas! my heart! Alas! my heart! Ah, my heart!

I am thy lover newly come— thou the beloved of me;
Nay, nay, but thou my healer art and my beloved in one;
My sickness and healing come, O love, alike from thee!
Alas for me! Alas for me! Ah me!

Oh, that repentance for these deeds thy cruel heart would move,
Till thou stretch forth thy hand, and touch my garment, suing for love!
Till it shall be “Belovèd,” thou— and “Lord and Master,” I!
My heart, I die! My heart, I die! I die!

*Thou to my heart the nearest,
Most beautiful and dearest!*

BĀ TO DEHAM SHARH.

Slowly and tenderly.

bā to deh-am

sharh o keh chun shud del-am: khun shud o az

di - deh ra-vān shud del-am; ā - qe - bat az

hejr - i - 'to khun shud del - am! vā - yi del - am,

vā - yi del - am, vāi del - am!

tā - zeh ne - gār - ā to ha - bīb - i - man - ī!

nei to ha - bīb - ī yo ta - bīb - i - man - ī!

az to ma - raz v'az to mo - dā! vā - yi man!

vā - yi man o, vā - yi man o, vā - yi man!

mf
ei keh az in kard - eh pa - shi -

- mān sha - bī, tā to ma - rā dast o beh dā -

- mān sha - bī, tā keh sha - vad yār - - i - to mou -
 - lā - yi - man! vā - yi man o, vā - yi man o,
 vā - yi man! az - īz - i - del - am, yār - i - khosh - gel - am! az - īz -
 - i - del - am, yār - i - khosh - gel - am!

The musical score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (G major), and a common time (indicated by '3').
 System 1: The vocal line begins with a melodic phrase: a dotted half note followed by an eighth note, then a sixteenth-note grace note followed by a quarter note. This is followed by a sustained note (half note) with a grace note, a sixteenth-note grace note followed by a quarter note, another sustained note, and finally a sixteenth-note grace note followed by a quarter note.
 System 2: The vocal line continues with a sustained note followed by a grace note, then a sixteenth-note grace note followed by a quarter note, another sustained note, and finally a sixteenth-note grace note followed by a quarter note.
 System 3: The vocal line begins with a melodic phrase: a dotted half note followed by an eighth note, then a sixteenth-note grace note followed by a quarter note. This is followed by a sustained note (half note) with a grace note, a sixteenth-note grace note followed by a quarter note, another sustained note, and finally a sixteenth-note grace note followed by a quarter note.
 System 4: The vocal line continues with a sustained note followed by a grace note, then a sixteenth-note grace note followed by a quarter note, another sustained note, and finally a sixteenth-note grace note followed by a quarter note.
 The piano accompaniment consists of harmonic chords. In System 1, there are three chords: a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. In System 2, there are three chords: a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. In System 3, there are three chords: a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. In System 4, there are three chords: a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note.
 The vocal parts include lyrics in Persian: 'mān sha - bī, tā keh sha - vad yār - - i - to mou -', 'lā - yi - man!', 'vā - yi man o', 'vā - yi man o', 'vā - yi man!', 'az - īz - i - del - am', 'yār - i - khosh - gel - am!', 'az - īz -', 'i - del - am', 'yār - i - khosh - gel - am!'.

MOSJDEH BEH BOLBOL DEHID.

Send tidings to the nightingale
That spring-time once again has come;
And flowers of ev'ry scent and hue
Together with the thorns have come.
O soul of me! beloved of me!
What shall I do for lack of thee?

A net of evil-fate they weave,
The tresses, dear one, of thy hair;
And sad the lot that he escapes
Who is not drawn within that snare.
O soul of me! beloved of me!
What shall I do, desiring thee?

MOSJDEH BEH BOLBOL DEHİD.

mp sostenuto

mosj-deh beh bol-bol deh-íd fasl-i-ba-här á - ma-deh,

Molto Adagio.

gol bā ham-eh rang o bu ham-räh - i-khär á - ma-deh! —

ei__ jän - am, ei__ bab - am, mī - khäm - at jän - am,

cheh sāz - am? sel-sel-eh-yi-mu - yi-dust

 hal-qeh-yi-dām-i - ba-lāst, har-keh dar in hal-qeh nīst

 fā-req az in mā - je-rāst! ei jān - am, ei bab - am,

 mī - khām - at jān - am, cheh sāz - am?

MAN AZ GARDESH.

I am drunk with the wine, with the wine of thy wandering glances!
What wilt thou do for my fever, that thy countenance I may adore?

O beloved! my doctor!
The love of thy face is become my lot and my portion.

Since the time that my heart on thy beauty I bound; O beloved,
Thou art become even as God. Alas! that I God might adore!

O beloved! my doctor!
The love of thy face is become my food and my portion!

I am drunk with the wine, with the wine of thy wandering glances.
O God! Thou art witness that God I indeed do adore!
O beloved! my doctor!
The love of thy face is become my life and my portion.

MAN AZ GARDESH.

Rather slow.

Musical score for the first section of 'MAN AZ GARDESH.' The music is in common time (indicated by '3') and key signature of one sharp (F#). The vocal line begins with a sustained note followed by a short melodic phrase. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line and harmonic chords. The vocal part ends with the lyrics 'man az'.

gar - desh - i - - chashm - - i - mast - i - - - to mast -

Musical score for the second section of 'MAN AZ GARDESH.' The vocal line continues with a melodic line featuring eighth-note patterns. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords. The vocal part ends with the lyrics 'to mast -'.

- am! beh tab - am cheh sā - zī keh su - rat

Musical score for the third section of 'MAN AZ GARDESH.' The vocal line concludes with the lyrics '- am! beh tab - am cheh sā - zī keh su - rat'. The piano accompaniment maintains a steady harmonic foundation throughout the section.

Musical score for voice and piano. The vocal line starts with a dotted half note followed by a quarter note and a dotted half note. The lyrics are "pa - rast - am?". The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and sustained notes in the left hand.

pa - rast - am?
ei ha - bib - am,

The vocal line continues with "ei ta - bib - am!" followed by "eshq - i - ru - yat" and "shud na - sib - am!". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords.

ei ta - bib - am!
eshq - i - ru - yat
shud na - sib - am!

The vocal line ends with "man az". The piano accompaniment features sustained notes in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

man az

The vocal line begins with "an za - mā - ni" followed by "keh del - bar" and "to bast -". The piano accompaniment consists of chords in both hands.

an za - mā - ni
keh del - bar
to bast -

- am, to par - var - de - gā - ri yo man haq
 (C:)
 — pa - rast - am! ei ha - bib - am,
 (C:)
 ei ta - bib - am, eshq - i - ru - yat shud na - sib - am!
 (C:)
 — man az gar - desh - i - chashm -
 (C:)

- i - mast - i - - - to mast - am kho - dā -
 - yā! ga - vāh - i keh man haq pa - rast -
 - am! ei ha - bib - am, ei ta bib - am,
 eshq - i - ru - yat shud na - sib - am!

OOF DELAM.

O my heart, O my heart and desire!
For the beauty-spot beneath thy lip my longing is on fire!
O my desire!

If thou wilt come to me, who knows what things may happen yet?
That which is great can grow no less, nor gladness grief beget;
O my desire!

O my heart, O my heart and desire!
For the rose that lies beneath thine eyes my longing is on fire!
O my desire!

OOF DELAM.

Slowly and softly.

sostenuto

oof del - am! beh khāl - i - lab - at mā - yel -

- am, del - am mi - khād! gar bi - ā - yī pish - am

cheh mi - shed? az bu - zur - gi chi - zi kam na - mi -

sostenuto

- shed? del - am mi - khäd, del - am mi - khäd!

p oof del - am oof jän - am oof del - am! beh zir - i -

sostenuto

- cheshm - at mā - yel - - - am! del - am mi - khäd!

BEH YEK NEGĀH-I-MARHAMAT.

One kindly glance can my soul entrance,
And wholly ravish me;
But the smile that dwells where thy red lip swells,
Only feeds my misery.
Have mercy, mercy, mercy, have mercy upon me.

BEH YEK NEGĀH-I-MARHAMAT.

Sad and slow.

beh yek ne - gāh - i

una corda

- mar - ham - at, beh yek ne - gāh - i - mar - ham - at, del - am ra -

- bu - di, del-am ra - bu - di, ze khan-deh hā - yi -

zir - i - lab, ze khan - deh hā - yi - zīr - i - lab, gham-am fo -
 zu - di, gham-am fo - zu - di! a-mān a -
 - mān a - mān a - mān! a - mān a - mān a - mān a - mān! a - mān a -
 - mān a - mān a - mān a - mān a - mān!

SHĀH DAR SHIKĀR AST.

The Shah has gone to the hunt to - day:
The spring has returned, and the flowers of May:
The shrubs around me with bloom are gay.
O Prince, thou didst well to come at thy lover's call!
Hold fast by thy saddle, dear, lest thou haply fall!

The Shah has gone to the hunt to - day:
The spring has returned, and the flowers of May:
The deer on the mountains are all at play.
O Prince, thou didst well to come at thy lover's call!
Hold fast by thy saddle, dear, lest thou haply fall!

SHĀH DAR SHIKĀR AST.

mf

shāh dar shi-kār ast,

marcato *mf*

hoi, hoi! fasl-i-ba-hār ast, hoi, hoi! gol dar ke-nār ast,

f

hoi, hoi! shāz-deh jān, khub ker-dī raf-tī! qāch-i-zīn bi-

mf

gir na - yaf - ti!

shāh dar shi-kār ast,

hoi, hoi!

fasl - i - ba - hār - ast, hoi, hoi!

ā - hu qe - tār - ast, hoi, hoi! shāz - deh jān! khub

ker - di - raf - ti! qāch - i - zīn bi - gīr na - yaf - ti!