Two Simple Songs
Renaissance
in memory of Genevieve Burkman

Virginia Bachlund (1909-2000)

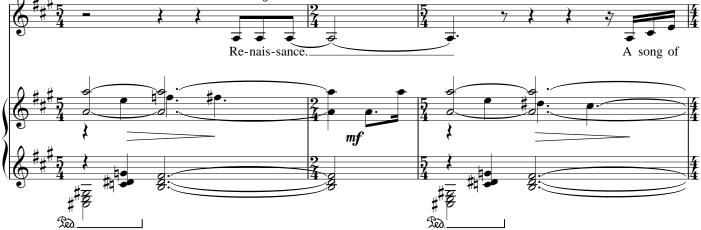Gary Bachlund

What is spring?

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Could

Lyrics:

I but know whence comes the pur - ple of a vi - o - let,-

Re - sur - rec - tion af - ter snow.

The daf - fo - dil sa - lutes me. I

stop and won - der why... ...why its yel - low

blos-som once more nods be - neath a still gray sky.

A tu - lip red is whis-per - ing of ma - gic in the

air. It trusts a se - cret, trusts a

pro- -mise of a won - der rare.

tempo primo

34 *slowing*

f   *mf*

℞ed.

37

Re-nais-sance.   A song of

mf

℞ed.   ℞ed.

40 *ritardando*   *tempo primo*

faith is stir-ring   deep in the   heart of me.   I

col canto   *mp*

43

sing and re - joice   in ex - ul - ta - tion   to   think that spring   can

46

be._____ What is spring?___ Re-nais-sance.

49

Re - - - nais - sance.___

52

Vi - o- lets... the daf - fo- dil...

55

ritardando

Re - nais-sance._____ Spring.

A Seeking Heart

Who are you? What are you? Where

are you? When I greet the new day in a

hymn to the ris-ing sun I see your pre-sence. Who are you? What

are you? Where are you? When I trace the veins of a ma-ple leaf, I

feel your pre - sence._____ Who are you?_____ When my gaze is held by a sun-set___ that

co-lors the west-ern sky, I see your glo - ry.___ What are you?_____ There is no

need to look a - far___ for in the rain - bow's ma-gic arc___ I see a won-der e-ver new.

What are___you?_____ I_____ am not wor-thy to name You,___

but I hold You_ in my heart and pray one day to know You._

Who are you?_____   What are you?   Where are you?   ...but I

mp   *mf*   *mp*

mf

hold You_____ in my heart_____   and pray one day to know You._

_____   ...to know You._____

circa 4' 00"