



If I Had But Two Little Wings

For solo Mezzo-Soprano

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3'00"

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If I had but two little wings
And were a little feathery bird,
To you I'd fly, my dear!
But thoughts like these are idle things
And I stay here.

But in my sleep to you I fly:
I'm always with you in my sleep!
The world is all one's own.
And then one wakes, and where am I?
All, all alone.

SAMUEL T. COLERIDGE

for Claire Sudarshan

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text by Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Lighthearted and Improvisatory ♩ = 80

pp *p* *pp*

1 If I had but two lit - tle wings

5 *mp* *p*

and were a lit - tle feath - 'ry bird,

8 *(p)* *f*

to you I'd fly, my dear! But thoughts like these are

12 *p* *pp*

i - dle things and I stay here.

Empassioned Longing ♩ = 76

16 *mp* *p* *f*

If I had I had but two

19 *mp sub.* *p* *mf* *p*

lit - tle wings and were a lit - tle feath - 'ry bird,

23 *f* *ff*

to you I'd fly, my dear, I'd fly, my

27 *pp sub.* *f*

dear! but thoughts like these are i - dle things

30

and I stay here.

Tentatively Joyful ♩ = 64

33 *ppp* quasi recitative

But in my sleep to you I fly:

silvery and shimmering

36 *p*

I'm always with you in my

39 *pp* like an echo *ppp*

sleep, in my sleep! the

42 *mp* gently floating

world is all one's own.

Groggy and Melancholy ♩ = 60

46 *p* *mf*

And then one a-wakes, and where am

50 *mp* *p*

I? Where am I? Where am I?

Lonely ♩ = 50

54 *pp* hollow

All, all a-lone. (n)